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Section K Replication Alluthan Clone, or Krac as he was now called, had one focus in his life; protecting the descendants of the Freedom Five who ruled Earth's council. Rescued by members of the family from a secret facility, he pledged to do what he could to always keep them safe. Things become personal when insurgents target a special member of the Freedom Five, Gracie Jones-Jefe and her family. When Violet Jefe is kidnapped, he swears to do everything he can to bring the precocious little girl, who is the image of her mother, home safely and kill those who took her without mercy. Captain "Skeeter" Lulu Belle Mann lives a life of freedom drifting from Spaceport to Spaceport in her short haul freighter looking for unusual treasures to add to her collection of mismatched prizes. On the Pyrus Space Station, she finds two treasures she has to have! One is the new navigation module she desperately needs and the other is a curly haired little girl with big green eyes that melts her heart. Never one to be denied what she really wants, Skeeter buys the first and steals the second. When sources lead Krac to the Lulu Belle, he finds more than he expects - a woman who fires his blood almost as much as she draws it. Krac's hands and life are suddenly full to overflowing. He has to capture the woman who is driving him crazy, protect little Violet, and keep them all alive long enough to deliver one home and the other to his bed. There is more than Violet in danger, though. Someone has targeted Skeeter and the Lulu Belle and they are just as deadly as Krac. Can he protect the feisty firebrand that has captured his heart or will he lose the only thing he has ever cared about to another of his kind?

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Crysa James says

Love this humorous Sci-Fi love read. A pink starship, a gray man, and a real-life dragon. And that doesn't even begin to tell this story. What an amazing adventure!

Angela says

Lulu/Skeeter is funny and a disaster. You know that friend of yours who is all sunshine and smiles but, in her wake is complete chaos in which they seem oblivious! She is an endearing character with whom you feel her joys and sorrows.

Krac's evolution in this book feels authentic. Even his interactions with Lulu's deadly dad are funny. Where you thought he was a somewhat one dimensional (an assassin period) in first book in the series. You find out his struggles and growth in this second book seem spot on while he comes to terms with the path his life is taking and that it is not exactly what he believed it would be.

I have read in some of the other reviews the aggravation of the "to be continued..." statement but, the Series has a main plot that seems to run through all of the books in the series while each book has a sub-plot involving the main characters in each book. I kind of like that and don't feel that it is a cliff hanger so much as each book is focusing on a pair while you continue to work your way through the big plot idea. Of course, as with any good book you want it to go on and so yea, I would have liked it to be just a wee bit longer. But, feel satisfied with the telling of this couples story while continuing on in the main plot's journey.

Perhaps we can just camp on Ms. Smith's virtual door and chant "please write faster!!!" I look forward to book three in the series.

Bottom line, I enjoyed this read!

Barbara? says

This is a reread for me...not sure how many times now. Krac was a great hero. And Skeeter, though an accident waiting to happen is a sweet, caring heroine. I love SE Smith's stories. I just wish we didn't have to wait so long in between books...

Eva says

This is the second book in a series, and I recommend reading the first book before this one. The author does a nice job of recapping the backstory in the beginning, but there are a number of things that would otherwise be rather confusing.

The summary provided by Goodreads above is pretty good, so I'll just give you an overview of what I liked

about the story:

What I liked:

The characters. Skeeter is cute, funny, and clumsy – now that I think about it, she somehow reminds me of a Labrador puppy. A lovable walking disaster. She's an aspiring artist but works as a freighter captain to please her adoptive father. She reconciles the two things by painting her ship a bright pink and spending more time decorating the cabins than doing actual work. Then she meets Krac: a gray-skinned, eminently logical, merciless assassin. That might not sound very appealing, but he's also an incredibly loyal friend with his own sense of honor. We get to read a lot of chapters from his perspective which I really enjoyed. He doesn't know a lot about women (being raised in a laboratory), so his attempts to understand Skeeter often made me smile. Sparks fly, their interplay is enjoyable and Skeeter's antics add a nice element of humor. The conflict with the secret society that abducted Victoria keeps things interesting. There are kidnappings, attacks, hijackings, murder and mayhem. By the end of the book, we have a better understanding of what the society's leader is striving for, but there are still a number of open questions for the next book.

What I didn't like:

There are a number of rather huge coincidences that the plot hinges on. I'm not a big fan of coincidences. Sure, they happen, but not that often and usually not to that extent. They jar me out of the story because I can suddenly 'feel' the author leading the characters in the direction she wants them to go. For me, the story loses its flow.

On the other hand, I'm not reading this kind of book for its logical plot and solid scientific basis. It's entertainment, pure and simple, and in that sense it does its job wonderfully. So I didn't let a few little inconsistencies bother me all that much.

Conclusion:

A thoroughly enjoyable book. Funny, entertaining, and a great way to leave the real world behind for a while. If you enjoyed the first book in the series, you will enjoy this one, too.

Hollie says

it was pretty good but the lack of a decent ending was disappointing

I really enjoyed the characters and fast paced plot but I must admit, the ending was quite disappointing. I doubt this will be a series I continue.

CC says

Gotta say - I think people will either love or hate this book. Depending on what they think of Lula Mae. I loved her. To me she was lovable in all her clueless naivete. She had boundless enthusiasm for life and I thought she was fun. However, I can certainly see people thinking her TSTL and thereby not liking the story.

I also want to point out that I think Skeeter may be one of the worst ever heroine names! Although the reason she likes it is cute.

Krac was also pretty awesome. Mostly because he was so very inexperienced in relationships and in wonder of all that is Lula Mae (note that I cannot call her Skeeter).

There are so many cute and funny moments in this story that I enjoyed. I loved the heroine's relationship with her adoptive father. I can totally picture everything. I also loved the little girl. What a cutie!

But alas, I cannot give it 5 stars. Why? Because it just ended...no real ending. I am sure it was because there was supposed to be an ongoing story, but I would have expected more closure for the couple in THIS book. Plus since this was published in 2015, there has not been a published sequel yet.

Raine says

It's been a while since I read Gracie's Touch so I re-read that one first before I started this book. I'm glad I did because it helped me remember some of the characters in the first book.

There was a part in the book where the (youngest?) Jefe brother had previously encountered Skeeter (Lulu Belle Mann). It was a bit of a humorous moment. I thought it was great that Skeeter was a klutzy character and Krac in complete opposite is a cold-blooded killer who is methodical and never makes mistakes. I really like the whole opposites attract chemistry. I think this makes for a great relationship.

I especially love that her adopted dad is a character similar to Krac where everyone else sees him as a villain or monster, but Skeeter thinks he's like a cuddly-bear (like Krac) and makes her feel safe. I also like the little idiosyncrasies that she has like her reaction to blood and the dances she learns (especially the Maori one she does at the end!).

The only thing I didn't care for was even though this story wrapped up with the hero and heroine getting together there is a continuing plot threading through the series that hangs in the end and travels on to the next book.

I'm not sure when the next book will be out so I know I'll have to re-read both the first and the 2nd book again before I start on Roarrk's Revenge (the name of the 3rd book). I'm excited to learn about Roarrk & (I'm assuming) Anastasia. Anastasia seems like a heroine unlike Grace and Skeeter. She sounds like she will a kick-ass-take-no-prisoners type of heroine and Roarrk had better watch out!

Varied Books says

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Betty Lambert says

This book was awesome. I love all of S.E. Smith's books but this one held my interest from the very first page. It ran the gambit, suspense, guilt, passion. Really felt for the two of them. This is Krac and Lulu Belle Mann's book. Krac was focused on protecting the descendants of the freedom five who ruled Earth's council. He was rescued by members of a founding family of the freedom five. Lulu Belle drifts from space port to space port looking for curio items and pieces of art. She gets targeted for something they say she stole. Very interesting book. Highly recommend.

Sunami says

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Puna says

This book could have been so much better if Skeeter hadn't been such a hopeless case. Seeing the best in people and the universe doesn't mean you are an idiot but so many authors write female MCs that way. :-/

Skeeter was a disaster, wanting to make her dad proud of her by being a freighter captain but she couldn't pilot the thing without crashing into a warship or nearly hitting a number of asteroids. About half way through she got with the H and was actually was ok. But that only lasted for about 25-30% of the book, towards the end she went dumb again. When an alarm goes off on her ship she didn't know it was the security alarm and didn't bother to check it out, assuming the system was broken. Even though the last time that alarm went off the ship had been breeched. TSTL She seemed like a spoiled rich girl that didn't actually have to do anything, or use any brains she might have had, cause "daddy" would take care of it.

Ruth Hambley says

Wonderful I really enjoyed this instalment of the Zion warriors series Krac's personality really shone in this book well worth the read. I would recommend this one very much.

Pam Nelson says

4 Krac's Fireband Stars

I enjoyed this book, not as good as book 1 but I did like getting to see Krac get his HEA.

Skeeter is just the one to take one Krac, she sees what other do not. And she sees who and what Krac is and that he needs someone who sees him for the man he is.

I loved that Skeeter got to speak to her father and tell her what she really wanted.

And that her father listened without judgment. I loved this!!

We did get Gracie and Kordon too so that was a bonus <3

Loved the narration! <3

You don't have to like my review but its 100% my opinion, and I am allowed to have it.

'Q' aka CoCo says

Great light read

I love S.E. Smith when I want a fun, light, sexy read and I wasn't disappointed. my only complaint is the length of time between series books. it had been so long I had to reread Gracie's Touch to remember everything but that's a fun, quick read too so no worries. I will say this one didn't tie up all the loose ends. You're left wondering about the threat of war and whether Krac will have to play his part in it. I'm sure all will be explained in the next installment -- I just hope we don't have to wait as long for it this time.

Cindy says

Great book about a special man.

I like what he can do and how he discovers his human side thanks to Skeeter.

Also I like Violet in this book and how she brings them together.

Great read, fun, emotional and sexy.

Looking forward to read the next book in this series and more from this writer.
