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Sarazen's Claim, Book One



Synopsis

AUTHOR'S NOTE: In answer to all the very important comments, this is the professionally re-edited version, previously released on July 24th. This book is PART OF A SERIES. Not a HEA and not a Cliffhanger...somewhere in between. One hundred and fifty years ago the most powerful countries of Earth built and launched five ships. Ships meant to carry what remained of humanity out into the space beyond their known galaxy to find a new home. As a third generation botanist, it never occurred to Clary Starborn that she might some day be in charge of anything other than her little lab. That changed the day their ship was attacked by an alien species straight out of myth. As commander of the Sarazen armada, Tarek had seen some poor excuses for spacefaring vessels. The one currently being attacked by the Na'ah was to date, the worst. So primitive in its design, Commander Tarek was fascinated it had even survived the harsh vacuum of space. Or the time it had taken to launch it. The species was unfamiliar to him, but initial scans suggested the beings within were somewhat intelligent. Though the ship was outside Sarazen territory, it was his duty to eradicate the Na'ah wherever he encountered them. He had not anticipated that by his actions, the course of his life would be forever changed. By a soft, delicate being who studied flowers and trees. One scent, one touch, was all it took to be Claimed.

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Customer Reviews

Kind of alien romance mixed with shifter/fated mates, this turned out to be a surprising and enjoyable read. I liked that the h is a human girl, a tall and curvy redhead who's one of the few left of Earth, out in unknown space, searching for a new home. I liked how she and the H meet, and given that it's sort of fated mates, the attraction and the 'I claim you' is virtually instant. The H proved to be very smitten with h, possessive and territorial of her. Human in feature, he's tall, blond, has fangs and retractable claws, a killer Mohawk, and tattoos. Think pissed off lion meets snarly Viking, a "hot, scary, snarling alien man cat." There's dual POV, and I enjoyed having H's thoughts and feelings. The first part of the book seemed to move a little slow for me. I thought the second half picked up some speed, was more fun to read, as they all make it to H's planet. There's royal intrigue and political treachery going on, and it added some excitement to the story. Also, if you like to see the human h hold her own and turn into a total badazz chick, you'll like this part of the story. It was interesting how the h changed and became so much more. It was like, I'll show you who's boss, then bam, smackdown. She was submissive but also able to hold her own. The story ends with some unfinished business, but I wouldn't call it a cliffhanger. Just some overall storyline to continue in the next book about a different couple. My main complaint about this story is the editing. Along with the usual editing mistakes, there was a lack of clarity on who was speaking at a given time. Too many pronouns and not a clear antecedent, and not a clear transition in the dialogue. I'd have to re-read a sentence to see who was doing the speaking and who was doing the action. Mostly, though, it's enjoyable and has a nice feeling of romance and passion to the h/H.

What a great surprise! I bought this book because of the blurb (and I love scifi romances), truthfully expecting another cookie cutter and boring book. I LOVED this book! The characters were realistic, and the story just pulled me right in. The basics of the book is that there are 5 ships containing survivors from Earth's final days, looking for a new world to make into home. There have already been 2 generations born on these ships and because of tests some of the women are sterilized at birth (eugenics). We enter the story as one of the ships is being attacked by hideous alien's who are killing all the humans on board. The heroine is a botanist and she escapes in a shuttle. Being the highest ranking person in the shuttle, she suddenly is in charge of the others. Out of 30,000 on board only 30 humans are saved by another alien ship. The rest of the story is about hope, really. The new alien's offer to let humanity come to settle on their planet. Some of the aliens are "called"

by some of the human women, meaning they sense that they are their soul mates. I won't spoil the story, but the way the story goes on is really rewarding reading. I cannot wait till there is a second book!

This is a very interesting start to a series that hits the ground running. All the characters are interesting and you certainly feel the survivors plight as they try to make sense of the senseless. Unfortunately, as the reader, it was a hard book to get through due to the many awkwardly written sentences and paragraphs. Most paragraphs had multiple points of view with no clear idea who was speaking, and as such sometimes had to be re-read. There were run-on sentences and sentence fragments that took attention away from the very good storyline. As much as I would like to see what happens to the others I just don't know if I will get the next book if the writing stays the same.

I'd like to give this a better review; however, the typos, grammatical errors, punctuation errors, and paragraph breaks that make no sense throughout was so distracting that it took away from the story. The mistakes were a nightmare - every single page. If one is going to publish, an editor is needed, especially Isabel. Yes, the story was cute and imaginative but it would have been so much better without all those errors.

I do not see what the love is on this book. I kept thinking that even as long as this book was it felt like an outline of a sequence of events with some events fleshed out a little more than others. This book just ends. While it was not a cliff hanger it was very annoying. I did not hate this book but I wanted a lot more from it. Such good ideas but in my opinion just did not reach it's potential.

Loved this book. A great start to a series. Loved the world building. The last of humanity looking for a new home, attacked by a superior race and rescued by another. 33 survivors. The Sarazen are a warrior species of cat like shifters who value honor and family. Clary is a science officer who managed to rescue 8 of her crew. They are picked up by Tarek, the Commander of the Sarazen Fleet. Tarek's beast chooses Clary as his mate. The Sarazen's have true mates chosen by their beast and form strong bonds. Clary becomes the leader of the human survivors. A few other human females find mates as well. The time on the ship is spent learning about each other. Their are misunderstanding, miscommunication, and cultural difference to overcome. When they reach the Sarazen home world, treachery a Long time in the making is brought to light, and a faction that is threatened by the humans and how they bond to their mates. I liked that the human males also

found mates with the Sarazen females. Loved the characters and that while the story ended with questions still needing answers, the ending was satisfying. Looking forward to the next book!

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