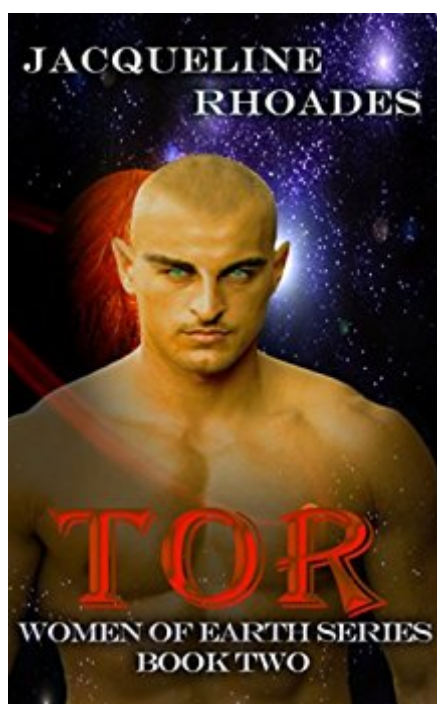


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Synopsis

Always feeling overshadowed by her pretty and outgoing sister, quiet and self-effacing Wynne Donazetto's dreams of college and building a life of her own were lost when Earth was invaded by two warring alien forces. Earth changed, but Wynne didn't. Seven years later, Wynne is still living in her sister's shadow. She's comfortable there... until her life explodes along with the starliner she's travelling on and she ends up in the arms of a sexy space-aged smuggler called Tor. Tor's life revolves around his ship and his crew and both have been taken from him. He'll do whatever it takes to get them back, even if it means sacrificing himself. Meeting the woman of his dreams is a complication he doesn't need. Together with Tor and his eclectic alien crew, Wynne sets off on the adventure of a lifetime to retrieve a stolen spaceship and its cargo of kidnapped Women of Earth. Along the way, she'll discover a strength she never knew she had and a love that will change her life forever.

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Customer Reviews

Tor is the second book in J. Rhoades "Woman of the Earth" series. It is not necessary to read book one in order to understand this one, but it would increase your enjoyment of the book. Wynne Donazetto has always been the shy sister, who stood in awe of her older sister's verve and

adventurous spirit. Although Wynne has always wanted another life, she has found herself settling into a role of a motherly figure to some orphaned children after the Earth was invaded. Wynne has quietly supported her sister and brother, and is delighted that their life is happy and they have found their way in the new world order. However, Wynne yearns and dreams for more. Wynne is now journeying to her sister's new world to be with her while she awaits the birth of her first child. However, on board with Wynne is an assortment of women who are actually following the tradition of "mail-order" brides. These women are journeying to a new planet to find husbands who will care for them and hopefully, make them happy. Tor's world was also invaded, and he lost a great deal, but he has put a life together that involves smuggling and piracy in outer space. His spaceship and his crew are the great loves of his life, bringing him excitement and security. Tor boards Wynne's ship with the intention of stealing and smuggling the "brides", as mates are in short supply in several planets of the galaxy. However, the group of pirates that Tor has aligned himself with betray him and steal his ship, his crew and the cargo of brides. During all the commotion, Tor grabs Wynne to save her from the pirates and they make their escape in space pods. From there the story delightfully begins as Tor is determined to save his ship and crew, dragging Wynne with him every step of the way.

In the second entry to her Women of Earth series, Jacqueline Rhoades launches into the stars with a Firefly-esque story of survival and revenge. Tor is the Godan smuggler who snatches Wynne off a bridal market transport that has been attacked by space pirates. Oddly, though, he acts more like a savior than a crook, and with her connection to a powerful Godan family and a strong sense of righteousness, Wynne is nobody's biddable market bride. Though entertaining, this book suffered from a lack of originality. Tor is the ex-soldier smuggler with a heart of gold. Wynne is the hapless maiden who captures his heart. The plot is multi-pronged, with Tor trying to reconnect with his scattered crew and reclaim his stolen ship while simultaneously trying to get Wynne back to her family and find the missing brides. As George Lucas and Joss Whedon have taught us, the best rogue starships are crewed by a bunch of misfits. Rhoades has penned her own memorable crew, albeit they don't exactly have a ship for most of the book. Truca, Ish, Poly, Nix and Chubo are fully realized characters with backstories. Ish and Poly, in particular, provide comedic relief. Mohawk provides the off-color commentary. Truca is their rallying point. All together, they are a delight despite being so typecast. I ranked this book 3.5 stars, rounded to 4. Where this book falters a little is in the need for a copy editor, the utter predictability of hero Tor, and the disjointed plot transitions. Tor was fine; he just wasn't memorable. However, I loved that he admired from afar Wynne's quiet

and sincere ways before he even knew who she was. There is a lot of travel in this book.

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