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When Kelly Scott rescues a stranger from the gang that has chosen him as prey, she discovers Tau is unlike any man she has ever known.

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Netanella says

First line: *It was the worst part of the city to be in at 2:00 AM.*

When Kelly rescues a stranger in a bad part of the city, she didn't realize at the time that her decision would be a life-changing one. The man she rescues is not really a man, but a member of a team of aliens who have come to Earth to locate females suitable for mating after the destruction of their own home world.

This alien abduction theme is typical O'Connor, as are the themes of dubious consent (whatever that really means) and alien impregnation. If the reader can get over the initial rape-y scenes, the rest of the novel reads well, particularly as the alien, Tau, is gentle and caring enough not to be alpha all the time. The narrative stays mainly with the human Kelly, so the reader never really knows what Tau thinks. This device helps make the isolation that Kelly feels on an alien planet even more complete.

I enjoyed this book and will definitely read more by this author.

Ladymcbeth says

HEA ... good bookk, but the end is really easy !

Daisiemaes says

Wow...does Kaitlyn O'Connor write a bad book? (I blame Julie for this obsession) This is definately a must read by her. The relationship that grows between Tau and Kelly was built up perfectly, throughout the book. Kelly is a smart, strong heroine. She is NOT a shrinking violet AND I liked that she tried to make the best of her situation...regardless of the possible outcome. She is no victim...and she definately fights for what she wants.

Tau was a great hero. He's handsome (especially for an alien) strong, smart and has a gentleness to him that I really loved. Don't get me wrong...he's not a beta, but he isn't a bad-ass-all-the-time-alpha either. I thought he was the perfect mix.

I really won't get into the storyline much because I don't want to give anything away. Just know that you are in a for a treat with this one!

If you are offended by strong language and expicit sexual situations, this book is not for you. But girls...this one did get HOT at times...whew!!!!

Erin Kyle says

I loved this story, and I was intrigued the entire time.

I love Kelly and Tau.

The story was marvelously paced and well-written, with more plot than sex (shocker, since this is considered an erotic novel!)

Don't misunderstand me, there were a few sex scenes, and they were niiiiice, but I also really liked the story.

Will definitely be re-reading and, in the grand scheme of things, that's best recommendation I can make.

Helen Jessica Mays says

Wow really...

Think of a romance book scene that heroine tries to help an alien, they kidnap her. Bound her to a table face down, ass in the air. Hero is fucking her but hating it because he is disgusted that he desires an alien. At the same time, she is miscarrying her child, having an orgasm and falling in love. The guy in charge of the operation is yelling in his own language and telling her to cook for them even though their food does not require cooking, her fellow abducted human friends snickering at her saying that she wants to fuck everybody but nobody wants her, another guy is beating her by the way and some council guys are watching and saying that since she is black, so obviously has bad genes, and miscarried her child because of the beating so she should be dissected.

That was the scene I created in my mind while reading this book. Of course these did not happen all at the same time but they were so close that it felt like it. I am disgusted by the hero. He was supposed to be the "the lion". He is the disgrace of all feline family in earth and in universe. She is TSTL. My cat who never lets me to sleep enough since he needs to be scratched while he is eating his morning meal has more honor and more humanity then him. He kept saying her he saved her because he wanted to protect his cub, while knowing that because of his lousy and bumpy rescue she lost her baby.

But dont worry in the end the guy brought her tampons so it was all good.

I am sorry Kaitlyn O'connor. I have read almost all your books, I really love them. But really... That was gross.

Do you know how this book would be less offending and more romantic. After heroine brought the unknown alien to her home stupidly since he was not even injured, he rapes her repeatedly, brings some friends and they rape her too. Then they leave her be. While on their way home an astroid crushes their ship and they became tomato sauce on space. The heroine after recovering fro her injuries finds herself an ordinary man. An accountant, has a slight belly, not much muscles. But he is considerate and loves her. They have a normal sex life. Two in a week. They both get to come for one time each. They have two children. One boy and one girl. No miscarriages, no falling in love with horrible racist rapist liar fucking animal. No having multiple orgasms while being raped without even the excuse of magnificent foreplay since fucking catman only knows of rutting.

Jacqueline says

Just did a reread of this. Liked it just as well the second time.

A really good sci fi romance read. The writing was tight and the plot made sense. The characterization was interesting with the hero having to overcome some racist tendencies against the heroine. This was mostly a

story about a developing relationship with a sci fi background where ships and interstellar politics etc., were not important to the story. The hero was very caring of the heroine once he overcame his first reluctance. The heroine was feisty without being stupid. No menage in this one. There were sex scenes but they weren't the major thrust of the story. The love and trust that grew between the two was. A recommended SFR read.

Cynthia says

Terrible. Had an intriguing start (Kelly "saves" Tau from a gang mugging) and went all downhill from there. Off a cliff. Straight into a canyon. With jagged rocks and broken glass at the bottom. And snakes.

I'm almost mad that I wasted enough time to finish it.

Pamela(AllHoney) says

I enjoy this author's ability to pull in the reader. A satisfying sci-fi, erotic read.

Lyndi W. says

Jesus Christ, that's one of the worst covers I've ever seen. That dude is no way looks leonine.

Anyway, I was clearing out my Kindle and found this, decided to give it a shot without checking the blurb first. Imagine my surprise to find it's a story about Leonine aliens abducting and impregnating women from Earth. And they speak very little English.

It was really quite bizarre, trying to understand what the guys were trying to say with their choppy English. The story seemed to rely heavily on explanations of fairly mundane things, with very little time spent on character development and having Tau and Kelly warm up to each other. I would have loved to read a scene where Kelly attempted to teach Tau some common English words or phrases they may use with each other on a regular day-to-day basis. Even though no character was developed very much, I knew the basic personality types and winged it.

My only complaint is about the first two sex scenes. I know people will use the phrase "dubious consent", but I personally feel that hog-tying a woman and having sex with her after she pleads "Don't" is rape - regardless of whether or not she had an orgasm. It did *not* endear me to Tau in any way.

There **may** have been a continuity issue... I thought Tin had claimed Lovey and she had miscarried due to his "rough play", but then at the end, it says Tau delivered Lovey's baby. Maybe it was a second pregnancy? I dunno.

I didn't really want to like this story due to the "dubious consent" and difficult English, but in the end I guess I thought it was alright.

I'd recommend this for those that didn't get pissed off at attempting to read "Flowers for Algernon"...

Omega696 says

I didn't like first part of the book, but from the moment they landed on Tau's planet things got more interesting. It was a nice read even if there were loopholes left at the end of the story.

Lyn says

I would have rated this 5 stars but the ending felt rushed. I wish the story was at least another 25 pages longer. I loved the H and h and the cast of characters. I loved that the author made this story feel real by keeping the language barrier going and showing progression. I really wish the author would make this into a series.

Nenya says

*dnr, never-to-read, but i'm giving it a shot.

*H impregnates h; skipped over those two scenes.

*omg!! alien men come to earth, pick up 4 women, and accidentally, the h.... and guess what, she had 'bad genes' aka 'not blonde'!! ugh. i don't mind it when aliens are oohing and aahing over pale gold hair, but i have serious issues about 'dark hair = bad genes'.

*also, i'd rather not have alien bad guy paired up with an innocent earthling :| (Tin and Lovey). (Tin is the one trying to 'claim' Kelly as well, since Tau doesn't want her as mate)

*oops. apparently Lovey isn't much of an 'innocent' earthling. guess Tin's behavior had to be justified somehow. (lovey accuses kelly of trying to seduce Tin and Kinko).

*hmm... other girls gang up on kelly, and she physically assaults sheryl to get them to leave her alone. first part: happens all the time! (girls ganging up against one member to promote solidarity within group). second part: not exactly a good, viable option in most cases. but hey, if it worked for h on alien-world, more power to her.

*so, to rescue the h, H first lets things get out of hand (aka, did not mate her), and when she's taken away to a lab to be dissected, he cuts off the fellow's hand... and now if the attacked guy dies, H will be held accountable... sheesh.

* *Testosterone didn't seem to be a good conductor for complex emotions*
uh... blech

* *Tin shrugged off-handedly. Osit knew very well that his woman had lost her cub because their love play had gotten a little out of hand*

Tin and Lovey... ugh

*Here's the thing, parts of the story are actually good. The main plot for instance. Actually, that's pretty much the only thing :|

*Okay, so the story got a lot better in the end. The court room drama was well done. And the book ends on a good note (I kinda forgot why I disliked it! ;))

Spuffed says

Not my favorite from this author but I did find the whole progression of the relationship interesting and I'm always a sucker for surviving the wild type of stories and this made me give a 4 star rating to what have been a 3 star rating.

I read this weeks ago so I can't give a typical review but will highlight points I remember.

1. Like Carolyn F. stated in her review, I appreciated that this wasn't an insta-love type of book. It became gradual and that's unique in the genre. It felt more realistic despite being sci-fi erotica/romance. I liked how the couple grew together and the struggles they encountered.
2. When you think there's no hope, things change and you get all one could ask for.
3. There's a survival among the wilds feature to this book which is something I particularly love and this Chick held her own. She's a survivor and I found that to be done in a realistic way and completely admirable.
4. Ending was a little abrupt for me but most of O'Connor's novels are that way. You just have to look past it.

Overall: An enjoyable read and a little different in the lack of insta-love which will appeal to many. I recommend it!

-Spuffed, *"Half stars are for pansies and one gif is plenty."*

Katrina says

There are several things about this book I found totally unpalatable:

1. Does not matter how you swing it, a non- consensual sex in my book is called rape. The fact that it happened twice in the first part of the book and on both occasions our heroine was deliberately restrained did not sit well with me at all.
2. The way women who, while placed in unimaginable situation, turned on one of their own under guise of self-preservation was totally off-putting: call me naive, but I have a better opinion of humans.
3. The character of Kirsten - why, oh why did we had to have Bimbo in Space? Was she supposed to be a comic relive? Was she supposed to be a counterbalance to show how smart our heroine is, even when her decision to take a complete stranger home was the most idiotic thing this police Cadette could have done? Personally, I found Kirsten character cringe - worthy and totally redundant.

4. The racial discrimination - it seemed that does no matter what planet you come from, blonds are still a flavor of the month, year, decade, galaxy etc, and darker skin/ darker hair is not desirable.

These are the major points. The two stars is because I found the premise interesting and the writing STYLE easy. The content - that is another matter.

Carolyn F. says

This author sure mixes it up. This is the first of her books where the hero is not instantly attracted to or even wants the heroine, but feels he'll just do the minimum so she isn't hurt. Well, it all blows up in his (and mostly her) face and so they have to try to keep her alive. Great book, gradual romance even though the first sexual encounter happens pretty quickly.
