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Charlie is just trying to survive. After losing her fortune she flees her home planet and hides from her bloodthirsty creditors on a mining colony so horrible its residents just call it Hole.

Lynx is a Xorn, one of a feared race of non-humans known for their savage lusts. From the first instant he sees Charlie, he knows she is the only woman who can satisfy him.

Charlie wants nothing to do with the huge, muscular man with golden eyes, but in order to survive on Hole she will have to overcome her fear and make a bargain with the fierce Xorn-a bargain of desire, pleasure and pain that will force her to see herself and Lynx in a whole new light.

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## From Reader Review Charlie's Bargain for online ebook

### Angela James says

[ Yes (hide spoiler)]

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### fleurette says

This is a science fiction erotic romance. I haven't expected a lot and already reading other stories by Evangeline Anderson I knew there will be a lot of sex. Still, it was better than I expected. I don't mean the sex scenes, these were rather middling but the story behind them was actually quite well-built. For a short story the plot is really developed. And the characters are not only some shadowy people without past or depth like in the other erotic romances. However, in my opinion Charlie is a bit too scared for someone described as very brave. These was definitely one of these erotic romance short stories that is nice to read.

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### Holly says

HaHaHA! I'd forgotten how much I love these stories. High literature this ain't. But they sure are fun. :D

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### Lyndi W. says

DNF. That was disgusting.

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### Jennifer Rinehart says

I've already read a few other Evangeline Anderson books, so when I started this one I knew a few things about the style of story she writes.

First, the characters are fleshed out and real. She doesn't just tell the reader the hero is alpha and dangerous, she shows you.

Second, the love scenes are hot, I mean like a summer in Arizona and they are frequent. It's a small complaint, but I don't need that many love scenes to get that the hero and heroine are into each other, so I skim.

So, anyway, I didn't go into this book expecting Barbara Cartland or Debbie Macomber's style of closed door love scenes.

But with that in mind, there were a few love scenes that made me cringe. When I say cringe, I really mean that I set down the bowlful of corn flakes with sliced bananas I was eating and gagged just a little bit (no

puking though, thank goodness). My gagging was so loud that my husband looked at me with a frown and I couldn't tell him what was the matter with me, because he would tease me about it endlessly.

This book passed my naughty threshhold and sailed into kink land. Everyone has a kink land, some are bigger than others and everyone's is different. Mine has things like same-sex love scenes, footplay, copious amounts of bodily fluids and scented oils (I hate fragrances, so maybe it isn't so much a no no as a personal peccadillo when I put scented oils into my no no kinky land?).

Anyways, this book had bodily fluids, a lot of them, it was drenched in them, sodden, soaked, mushy, sopping, submerged and every other word you can think of that means, wet. So, if this is an erotic direction you can embrace, then this is the book for you.

Me, I had to reread The Hobbit until I calmed down.

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### **Ladymcbeth says**

Good story, with an alpha hero physically perfect for me ^^  
just to say the heroin is a little too shy for me, she is shy too much and too long !

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### **MelissaB says**

Decent book but the hero's need to taste the heroine's love nectar made me LOL. Lots of juices in this one  
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### **namericanwordcat says**

The species work was good and well as the emotions. However, more plot would have been nice and follow up at the HEA.

Spolier!!!!!!

My main issue with the book is the fact that there were rapes in the books. A barmaid who also sold sex (not the heroine) was raped twice. She was gang raped the second time. There was no pleasure but the rape was described erotically. And it was not. Also, even after the heroine witnessed the rapes of this woman and the woman was telling the truth about something she was doing, the heroine called her a whore. This was out of character and not to mention awful.

The makings of a book book and a good writer are in here. I am risking another book hoping the writer improves.

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## Gizzie says

Put your oven mitts on before you pick this book up to read because it's hot.

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## Heather says

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My kindle kept telling me that it wanted me to read this story. For some reason, even though it was Evangeline Anderson and I tend to enjoy her work even when it kind of sucks, I just kept pushing it aside. This weekend I wanted a quick and dirty read, and decided to give this story a shot. I was pleased when I learned from the description that it was sci-fi. What I didn't expect were rape apologetics disguised as a ridiculous and disturbing love story.

Here's the breakdown:

Charlie and her younger brother have lost their family fortune and are now living on a dangerous rough n' tough planet of exiles called Hole. Charlie works to support them as a bar maid. While working, she encounters a huge golden-eyed Xorn, a race of dangerous humanoid aliens "savage lusts" (LOL). Apparently, Xorn experience a 6 week period called "yearning" in which they feel overpowering sexual need. The only thing that can quench their desire are the sex fluids of another. Already I was raising an eyebrow. Kind of gross. Xorn also have the ability to mentally "touch" another, including being able to turn on a woman and make her "honey" gush like a fire hydrant. Ick.

This particular Xorn, named Lynx, is a powerful man who owns multiple bars. He knows more about Charlie than she thinks; for not only does he secretly stalk her at night (not like that's creepy or anything) he also knows that she's the one for him even though they haven't had a conversation ever, because he's magical and awesome like that. His desire for her is overwhelming and he can't resist molesting her with his mental touching abilities. He causes her to gush like a fountain, which scares the crap out of her, and makes her even more resistant to him. Knowing he has no chance of wooing her the old fashion way, ~~our incredibly smart Xorn hero contritely asks for her forgiveness and explains his nasty personal problem, asking for her help~~ JUST KIDDING GUYS. That would be just a little too close to smart and normal, and we need to keep this book down and dirty. Instead Xorn tricks Charlie's brother into a \$40,000 debt, knowing that she will sacrifice herself to keep him from having to work in the planet's deadly mines, to pay it off. This is when Lynx lays the truth on Charlie...well, minus the tricking her brother part. He tells her that he needs her honey to satisfy his needs for 6 weeks. At first she refuses but Lynx's overwhelming need to claim and own Charlie completely, pushes him to manipulate her for the safety of her brother. She gives in but chickens out at the last second and refuses to comply. Once again Lynx shows her how much he loves her by fulfilling every woman's fantasy: Being raped on a gynecologists table. Lynx causes her body to feel pleasure against her will as he takes her honey by force, while she cries and begs him to stop. It's super sexy and romantic. Oh and there's also a nasty little gang rape scene in here somewhere, in which another bar maid gets whored out against her will and passed around the bar. This scene didn't sit well and was very disturbing, especially when I don't expect to see that kind of thing from this particular author. It came off as gratuitous and it certainly was not sexy.

Following their first encounter, Charlie finds herself unable to stop thinking of the forbidden pleasure she felt

while being raped. She begins to have Stockholm syndrome-ish feelings for him, even though she tries to tell herself that he's not a good guy, that he took her by force. Still, when she returns to him for their next meeting, she has dinner with them and they connect. She willingly gives him what he needs afterward, but a sudden wave of desire overcomes her and she feels the need for them to go all the way and have sex. He tells her she is now feeling the "yearning" but much sooner than he had anticipated. It's too dangerous for them to have sex or for her to go down on him (for some stupid and contrived reason that is never fully explained). Instead he says, he will bone her in the booty. Because of his huge size and girth, Charlie freaks out, unable to fathom taking him in that forbidden spot. Instead she semi-tricks him into taking her the old fashioned way, which he does but in the process he forms a life bond with her and must take her in the booty anyway. She refuses, but you know the drill. He forces her, inspite of her promising to never forgive him. Don't worry, he was crying the whole time. At least he was sorry.

Inspite of being anally raped, and them having only one real date, Charlie realizes that she has real feelings for Lynx. **And she theorizes, even though he took her by force; it's not like he didn't need it bad.** He was feeling the yearning after all. But her ex fiancé suddenly reappears in her life and says he wants her back and he'll pay off her debt. She goes along with it, leaving Lynx to marry the other guy. Lynx is desperately in love with Charlie and gives her a final speech about how he'd do anything for her (though apparently that doesn't include not raping her. He has to do that because of his overpowering need for her. Otherwise this wouldn't be the sexy, erotic, story that it is.) but she won't have it. She leaves to marry her boring fiancé, while Lynx is left behind to die alone. Literally; for once bonded, Xorn can't be apart from their mates for too long or they shrivel up and die. There is no explanation for why this would be. I guess separate vacations would be impossible. Anyway, long story short, Charlie realizes she really loves Lynx, and also that she does have a fortune left to her after all, through an estranged aunt. How fortunate! She returns to Lynx finding him cold and lifeless on his deathbed. She revives him through the magical powers of her vag honey, and they re-enact the bonding sex ceremony to seal their bond forever. HEA, the end.

I get the feeling that Anderson was trying to produce a story similar to that of *Claimed*, but it didn't come across well at all. The heroine was written too prudish while the hero came across as a rapist. Well...he was a rapist. I'm sorry but there's no getting around that. What galls the crap out of me though, is that there are literally lines in the story where **the heroine excuses the rape, because "he NEEDED it."** WTF. NO. Anderson should know better than this. That is never ever ever acceptable. No means no means no. Maybe Anderson thought that she had written a scene that was more dubious consent than rape but she failed. There was too much crying and reluctance on the heroine's part to make the scenes enjoyable. These scenes made Lynx's character irredeemable in my opinion, and the supposed romance between them consequently, seemed more plausibly like Stockholm syndrome than love. Whats more, I'm finding that Anderson seems incapable of thinking outside of the story tropes and character archetypes that -she is stuck-in. Except for the rapist part, Lynx was far too similar to Teague from *Planet X* and Baird in *Claimed* for my liking. A big, dark haired, golden-eyed animalistic man with an overpowering need to claim his one and only soulmate; and a reluctant, boring heroine? That describes most of her work. I'm looking forward to the day when she evolves a little bit and does something different and maybe a little more challenging. Maybe like actually build a loving relationship between two characters rather than forcing them together with rape or some deadly or stressful situation which brings about the "I love him" revelation from the heroine. I know it's hard work Evangeline, but most relationships are ;)

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## **T00zday says**

I really enjoyed this book. It is porn for women. Total erotica. Very \*stimulating\*. Don't buy this book and expect Brontë.

You can read the synopsis so I will spare you that repetition.

I did see in several of the reviews that a few readers were very put off by the 'rape scene'.

\*\* No one's sexual fantasies are the same. Some of us are even into what might be considered KINKY fantasy material. Rape fantasies are not uncommon. Bondage fantasies are also not uncommon. \*\*

The author includes both of the above in this book, & she does it in a way that does not glorify violence towards women.

I personally found the author's imagination & writing to be \*quite\* enjoyable. The fact that she wraps up every character with an enjoyably happy ending is just icing on the cake.

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## **Sofia says**

I didn't hate this book, I honestly didn't, but seriously? It was so boring and it had an overdoing-it happy ever after.

First issue: it was more boring than reading a biography for Kristen Stewart, and we all know how boring she can be. At least that's what the television said, I don't know how accurate that is.

Anyway, the book was really disappointing. I wasn't disgusted by the scenes in the book, the things in the real world, our world I mean, are much more disgusting and horrifying than anything that has happened in this entire story. The main girl character, I'm not even gonna bother remembering her name for the simple reason that I can't and am too lazy to go check for it. She was stupid and naive in my mind. She literally didn't think.

Then her brother, he is an even bigger idiot. You get a couple of wins in a card game, then you challenge the big alien dude and poof! You've lost everything and are now in a massive dept. Nice job, kid, you did well.

Her alien-stalker-to-be-boyfriend was okay. Well, I don't know how you'd describe him, he isn't like overbearing alphas, but that was the only word I could find for him. I guess he really does love her and such, but this whole thirst thing going on with him is pretty dumb. Again, this is a story that is missing detail, but I'm not gonna bother arguing with that because I'm not intrigued. I don't think I ever was.

The rape scenes weren't rape just so you know. The main definition is the "unlawful compelling of a person to have intercourse." He didn't do that, he licked her and she just started bawling like a baby. She knew what she was getting into. She's even scene is happen.

Then the ending was horrible. He's dying when she finds him, so she gives him her 'honey' to give him life

back. You have to read it to understand why it was so horrible, and like other fairy tales. Don't get me wrong, I cab read a few fairy tales every once in a while. This book was boring, don't get it. One star is the final rating.

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### **Carmen says**

I have a weakness for Beauty and the Beast stories so I had no choice but to enjoy this tale. In keeping with the age old tale and enbolding it, this story has very strong themes of erotic coercion. Some readers will be disturbed by these themes while others will like the eroticism of them. It is an overtly sexually explicit story which leaves little room for "romance" If the story is lacking it is in the absence of an emotional connection between the H and h.

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### **Has says**

I thought I would be getting a hot and heavy but fun sci fi romance. Instead I got a tale of a heroine who is down on her luck and working as a waitress whose hooaha could compete with Niagra Falls. An alien hero who has a gyno instrument and that allows him to 'drink' from the fountain of lube and is part of his mating ritual. And semi rape voyeuristic scenes of another woman being forced to do a menage. It wasn't sexy, and it wasn't even campy fun. May do a full review later.

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### **Rosebud says**

Futuristic fantasy feel erotica read heavy on the erotica.

Has a descent story line that I loved with a LOT of erotica. The fantasy tag is the premise the author used for the alpha male hero Lynx to have poor innocent human Charlie have prolonged sex over. That was quite a stretch to believe. No spoilers but if you can believe that such a theory is real the overall story is pretty good. There's also some scenes of dubious/non consent, public sex, and language in this book that some readers might find objectionable but don't involve the central characters. I personally was ok with all that but wanted to put it out there.

The outcome is predictable but if you like a raunchy read involving alpha dangerous men finding their mate in an unusual fashion and a lot of seduction and sex thrown in, you'll definitely like this book.

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