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Tark is given a choice—between rescuing the woman he has come to love, or completing the task he set himself in the first place and regaining his voice.

Which will he choose?

You’ll have to read *Finding the Jewel* to find out

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Robin says

Evangeline Anderson: A Kindred Tales Plus Novel (Brides of the Kindred)

This is definitely a welcomed Plus sized Tales Novel and one of the best of the series. It starts out with a lot of humor, with the female, Chloe, being abducted by alien sellers. Then she is forced by them to lose weight in a “smart” house, so she’d be an ideal female to sell on the alien market. Behind some very funny scenes there’s a serious side addressing the ills of a society that prizes “thin” women as ideal and insensitively disregarding what is truly ideal in a person. Chloe, a pretty plus sized, pink haired woman has been subjected to “fat shaming” her whole life due to her weight “issues”.

This book has all the great elements of the Kindred books but it also pulled at my heartstrings approaching the challenges that make some of us different and how the world treats these people as well as how it affects their own self-esteem. Although there is not a horrible evil entity endangering the hero and heroine, the story line’s exciting crazy adventurous quest holds the readers minds and imaginations from the very first page to the last.

Tark, a Beast Kindred has suffered all his life with a severe stutter. Abused by his father for his impediment, he has withdrawn from society. In addition he feels his condition makes him undeserving of ever having a mate. Some characters really pull on my heart strings and Tark is one of them.

On his quest to find a cure for his stuttering, he finds himself rescuing Chloe from the aliens. Chloe, who happens to be a speech therapist, goes on this quest to help the big Kindred who has come to her aide.

Thru different worlds, dimensions, crazy adventures and sexy hot situations, misunderstandings between the two well developed characters, the author has gifted us with another wonderful escape into the Kindred world.

Cherie says

Finding the Jewel is the next instalment in the Kindred Tales by talented Evangeline Anderson. I love many books this lady can write and still produce unique stories that all tie into something within the Kindred community we have grown to love.

When I first learned that the heroine of the story was going to be a plus size woman locked in a house until she lost weight I admit I groaned and thought that Ms Anderson had lost the plot. Due to the faith I have in her writing abilities I knew I would at least give it a chance, and I am so glad I did! What a wonderful story, capturing both the torments most plus size girls have and yet making it into a piece of art.

Tark is equally as lost as our beautiful Chloe but in contrast is not happy with his issue. He believes that not being able to vocalise his words is a hindrance and the only way he can ever be cured is to find a precious jewel the priestess has told him about.

This story has lots of action, a relentless bad guy, our favourite Kindred folk, new lies, new promises of future stories and lots of sex!

Grab your copy today.

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

Kathi says

Entertaining and sexy Kindred Adventure!!!

Chloe is kidnapped by blue wormy thugs who lock her into a luxurious devilish mansion that controls her eating and activity. She feels like a hamster on an exercise wheel, and the nutrition pellet she is offered don't help. When a large Beast Kindred arrives on a quest for an item she begs him to take her with him as a slimy alien wants to purchase her from her captors .

Tarq is a handsome, muscled Kindred with golden eyes, almost movie star material. He has a strong stutter which has hindered him greatly in romance and life in general. Coincidentally Chloe is a speech therapist who immediately has suggestions which minimize his struggle. Chloe is attracted to Tarq, but knows a "curvy girl" would not of interest to him, especially after her captivity where her size was denigrated.

As these two work together to complete Tarq's quest, they become quite close due to the "couple's resort" where they must travel. Is this attraction real, or is it due to circumstance? Highly entertaining, super sexy and a story I can definitely recommend.

*** I am voluntarily leaving my honest review of this book ***

Marta Cox says

I'm so glad this author is still bringing us her fabulous Kindred guys. If honest I'd been a little dismayed at the thought of her continuing to diversify them too much as even though I know it's not hard science I still want to believe that perhaps everything she dreams up is possible. So this story about a beast kindred felt right to me as let's face it as gorgeous and loving as these alpha males are there's clearly only so many species that they could procreate with. Now that being off my chest what did I think ?

There are two major factors here one being the bizarre house that Chloe is cloistered in and then there's sweet, but frustrated Tark. Ok I need to elaborate obviously. Chloe is kidnapped by aliens seeking to cash in on the slave trade but they believed all the paparazzi items about how every earth female aspires to be rake thin. Chloe is never going to be a skinny Minnie but nevertheless the odd equipment they install does everything it can to starve oops sorry motivate her to be thin !

Tark suffers from what I would call a stutter. Raised by a family who clearly let him down he is at his wits ends to finally cure it. Can a prophecy about a jewel be his answer ? Following clues leads him to Chloe who coincidentally just happens to be a speech therapist ! Yep as a reader we guess exactly where that most precious gem actually is but it's not exactly as small as Tark thought !

The couple help each other at a couples retreat unlike any I've heard of with Tark learning to use his voice which I thought was insightful and encouraging to others who struggle. Yes there's the usual sexy shenanigans with weird aliens, peculiar food and disappearing clothes. Best of all though two people in tune with each other and what more could I ask ?

Sexy and funny and a must read for fans of the Kindred

This voluntary take is of an advance copy and my thoughts are honest and I believe fair.

Racy says

Another great book by Evangeline Anderson.

I just love reading about the Kindreds. When it come to the Kindred there is not one I do not like. They all have something about them that makes them unique and they all have a heart of gold. But I do have to say the Beast Kindred is one of my favorite and that was what Tark was.

Tark was one that had some struggles and these struggles caused insecurities and frustrations. His struggle was that he stuttered. As we read about Tark we get to see the hardship this brought to his life. For this he was on the search of a jewel that would take his stuttering away.

The one thing I love about these stories is the author does an amazing job writing the female character to go with the Kindred and Chloe was that. Chloe battled with there weight. She felt unworthy of men. She felt looked down up on. So I can only imagine the nightmare when she found herself kidnapped by aliens that wanted her to lose weight. Well more like forcing her to lose weight. Each piece of this house like place she was staying at had to be a nightmare.

I laughed so hard when Tark was going through the house that Chloe was being held captive at. I pictured these fist pumps from Chloe with each thing Tark destroyed..lol So funny. Here Chloe was feeling like she had no hope to find herself getting a spark of hope when Tark arrived.

Tark and Chloe will go on an amazing journey and self discovery. There are some pretty steamy parts and so very touching parts. I loved how Chloe was the key to Tark's happiness. She might not could heal him of the stuttering but she could should be his light in a dark tunnel.

Great story and glad I got a chance to read the book.

Donna Hokanson says

Action, adventure and very entertaining

This story is about Chloe, a female that get abducted from earth by alien traffickers. Then is imprisoned in a smart house that's trying to make her lose weight to be more like what the aliens think is supposed to be the ideal woman size.

Tark, a beast Kindred with a stuttering problem, pretends to be a buyer so he can search for a prophesized jewel that will cure his stuttering. In the end saving Chloe from being bought only to have her help him on his quest to find this jewel.

Things start to get very interesting and unlike anything before. This is an action packed and very entertaining self-contained story to read. Love this story.

Sophia Triad says

Main characters: Tark & Chloe Deems

Type of Kindred: Beast

Although Tark is a Beast Kindred, he has grown up among Twin Kindreds because of his father's job. All children had their twin to play with, except him. As a result he always felt lonely and he never felt loved. Moreover all his life Tark has had a debilitating stutter. He suffers every time he needs to talk and this according to him is a major issue in finding a mate and settling down.

A prophecy by a Kindred priestess informs him that he needs to find a specific jewel in order to correct this problem.

And this is how he meets Chloe.

Chloe is a full figure girl with pink hair and sparkling personality. She has been kidnapped by aliens slavers by mistake. They actually preferred her skinny friend. So, the ruthless slavers have put her inside a Smart House (somewhere in space) which is designed to make its occupants to lose weight. So limited food and lots of exercise for little poor Chloe who is totally miserable because she loves food and she loves her curves.

Tark visits the Smart House because he thinks that the jewel is hidden somewhere in there. When he meets Chloe he feels lust for her immediately, because she is exactly the type of girl that he likes. She is an "Elite", as this type of girls are called in the Twin Kindred's planet. Unfortunately his stuttering problem and the fact that he thinks that she is too good for him does not help. Nevertheless he helps her to escape and later on she will hell him with his jewel quest.

I think there are two types of Kindred stories:

- The dark ones which most of the times they include some kind of abuse towards women and in the end you feel that justice has been served and all bad guys have been punished. And...
- The fluffier, funnier stories which make me giggle constantly from the beginning until the end.

"Finding the Jewel" is a lighter story. Sweet and lovely with the usual gross parts that you meet in the kindred novels (my god...this Raz-puts' lunch!!!). But still it is naughty, sexy and funny.

Bubbles The Book Pimp says

another instalment from the brides of the kindred.

This one focused on Chloe a plus sized girl held prisoner inside a 'fat shaming' diet house and Tark a beast kindred with a speech impediment. On a mission to find a jewel to help him fix his broken voice... he stumbles across Chloe who is actually a speech therapist. Tark is focused on an immediate fix and accepts Chloe's offer to help him find the jewel.

Whilst I adore this series and the concept for this book, it just didn't hit the spot for me. I'm trying to figure out why and I think it's a combination of the focus on the fat shaming house... now BBW is not a new thing for the author, and I'm gutted to say that the heroine wasn't convincing as someone who 'embraced her curves' coupled with the events on the clone planet (gella bed) and the whole 'angst' around it...for me it fell a bit flat of what I was hoping to be a fantastic read.

I won't say any more because no spoilers but will as always keep my eye out for the next instalment in this series from the author.

Thay says

Note: I haven't read the book, this is a comment on the blurb and whole premise of the book.

Huh. That blurb. Where do I start? My eyes literally bulged out of my sockets comically when I read it. Seriously, a Smart House for fat people to lose weight? Wouldn't it have been easier to abduct thin people? The abductors could make a faster profit! LETTUCE AND CELERY?! I hate the ignorance it shows in the challenges and triumphs of the weight loss journey. This kind of mindset is dangerous and misogynistic. Long term and sustainable weight loss is achievable by a lifestyle change, moderation and a calorie controlled diet. As someone who has been on the diet yoyo for half of my adult life, I've had the best results by engaging with professionals and INCREASING the amount of food I ate in combination with a training plan and a good support system. But back to the blurb... it just doesn't make sense for space capable abductors to use a smart-alec talking scale, that wouldn't compel people to lose weight as negative talk doesn't motivate anyone to lose weight. Also, a regular scale will only tell you what your gross weight is, not the composition on your weight (lean mass vs fat content). It is actually common to gain weight through lean mass (muscle) while losing fat and going down in dress sizes when on a diet and training plan.

I know that BBW is a popular genre in romance and when I read it, I don't focus on the dimensions of the female but more so her choices and actions. Nonetheless I find it amusing that the hero is always jacked like a fitness model. So it's okay for the female to be chubby but the dad-bod isn't okay? Double standards much?

I'm a massive fan of Evangeline Anderson but she has a very distinct flavour in her writing that you come to expect: plus sized heroines, macho heroes, scorching sex scenes, an awesome adventure and a truly satisfying HEA all packaged in some strong writing.

Unfortunately there are themes in her writing that I've come to accept: big ladies who 'own' their curves but will still bash lean people with negativity, heroes whose Kindred 'type' reputation will proceed them, a back and forth first sex scene that is juvenile and cringy and a confounding obsession with cupcakes (why not mix it up with donuts, cheese or something healthier like humus or mangosteen?!). I've also noticed a recent trend towards exhibitionism and resorts/wellness spas/couples retreats/other locations that require some kind of kink activity but that's more of an observation rather than complaint.

I am really disappointed in the premise of this new book as I love to read about less than perfect heroes but I am more disappointed in the mindset Evangeline Anderson has taken in her more recent books. It's a hard world big people have to navigate through, but successful authors like Ms Anderson who has such a massive reach can contribute a positive narrative to the challenges of large people. Instead of writing a hate novel on the diet and exercise machine, why not write about powerful heroines who succeed despite the challenges in their life. I'm sick of reading of big girls who are losers - dead end careers, nothing going for them and no positive relationships in their lives. How about the big girls who are leaders in their fields, who love their jobs, contribute to their community, have healthy relationships and are strong role models to the people around them? They don't have to be someone super accomplished, but I've always believed that a woman's true beauty comes from her sense of self worth, confidence and her generosity in sharing her beauty with others. Please Ms Anderson, please create positive female characters for females that doesn't focus on the shape of their bodies, but what they represent and can do for women.

I'm certain that this book is awesome as most of Evangeline Anderson books are, but I'm going to sit out on this nonetheless on principle. Instead, I'll patiently wait for the next offering with anticipation.

For all my sisters out there struggling with their weight and health, as someone who has made to the otherside but still struggles with fitness, change is hard. Don't focus on an unattainable dress size but instead focus on small changes, better habits, loving yourself more, celebrating your small successes and not being so hard on yourself when you fall off the bandwagon. Limit your contact with toxic people and find a support nerwork who appreciates all that you are! xo

Jeanne Johnston says

Twenty-five books in and this "writer" still doesn't have a command of the English language. A king "reigns." You "rein" in your emotions just like you rein in your horse. This isn't rocket science. ?

Otherwise, it's the same old story with different names. Should just take these straight to porn vids because the stupid story doesn't matter and it's all about the sex. That's the caliber of the writing here.

Karen Voitik says

>Book Review – Finding the Jewel

>I am an independent reviewer. This book is the 9th in the Kindred Tales series and ends in an HEA. Tark is a Beast Kindred with a terrible stutter. He is told that a Jewel will heal his speech. Tark takes the prophesy literally and doesn't think that maybe a person could also be a jewel. He runs across a captive, Chloe, in his searches for the jewel and saves her, taking her with him to the next place he needs to search.

>Chloe is plus sized and was kidnapped by aliens who wanted her thinner. She is imprisoned in a fat-shaming house where the appliance both ridicule and try to cheer Chloe on in her forced weight loss. Having a scale call for you and a fridge show you treats you cannot have yet is really funny. Chloe's self-esteem takes a hit due to her captivity. Tark already has low self-esteem due to his stutter. The couples retreat that Tark and Chloe visit to look for the jewel is super-hot and romantic, as usual in the Kindred stories.

> This book is appropriate for an adult audience. I am giving this book 5 stars. I felt this story was funnier than previous books in the series, but also the most touching, as Tark is so protective and romantic.

Frances Law says

A jewel of a story!

Chloe Deems is a pretty plus sized girl who is a speech pathologist who gets kidnapped by mistake by some Commercians. They actually wanted her tall model like girlfriend. Be size Chloe is not what the Commercians believe is the ideal weight and figure for an Earth female she is put into a luxurious prison and subjected to torture! Yes, torture! There is a kitchen but she cannot access anything to cook. There's a fridge and cupboard that talk, in fact nearly everything in the house talks, but all they say is that she must lose weight while displaying goods that she cannot access. Even fruit is not allowed! Only dry pellets that contain all the vitamins and minerals that she needs. It doesn't seem to matter, she still cannot lose weight. She has always been accepting of her curves until now but, after being told day in and day out that she is not thin enough, her self esteem is at an all time low. To add insult to injury they don't even supply clothes that fit! They are all at least a size too small.

Along comes Tark. Tark is a Beast Kindred who has grown up on the Twin Moons. To him Chloe is the ideal female; what the Twin Kindred call an Elite. He is visiting the Commercian's station because of a prophecy telling that he will find a jewel there that will cure him of his stutter. When he doesn't find it he rescues Chloe as he is leaving.

Of course it isn't that simple and things get more complicated as time goes on.

I have to say that WE had again written a fast actioned, very lusty romance that is also very funny! I had to groan at Tark and Chloe's blindness. In fact, I'd go so far as to say that they were pretty dumb!

No matter, this is a light, fun story to read and a must for Kindred fans.

Daria says

I actually liked the storyline and the world the author created this being the first book I read in the series, I felt it was a standalone so I didn't miss out on anything not reading the others yet.

Detailed and descriptive and other unique secondary characters. Tark was pretty awesome I really like what the writer did with him. Chloe, on the other hand, wasn't my fav character and would have been a good reason for me not to finish the story. I just thought her character was overly whiny and silly acting. But I did finish the story itself is worth reading and how it all comes together.

angelblue says

Ahhh... I love, love , LOVED this book!! I've always been a huge fan of the Kindred series and one of the reasons why I love it is because the author isn't afraid of writing about main characters with differences. Not everyone is perfect. We aren't all size 5's. Everyone has scars and imperfections of some sort. Some people have a disability, they may be blind or deaf and some people have survived abuse. What I love about this series is that the author doesn't shy away from creating heroes and heroines that readers can relate to.

Chloe is a plus sized girl who is kidnapped by aliens. Commercians to be exact, and if you've read the author's AMI series you would know exactly who these jerkhole guys are. Since they screwed up by abducting the wrong girl, they decided they may as well work with what they had. So they put Chloe in a smart house to help her lose weight since she wasn't an ideal weight to buyers. The whole house was basically a fat camp on steroids. All the appliances monitored her weight, diet and exercise non stop. It taunted her with what she couldn't eat and nagged at her constantly to exercise. It was pure torture. Both mentally and physically. Poor Chloe! But what I loved about Chloe is that even though she was a bigger girl, she owned her curves. Sure the house gave her a serious dent in her self confidence it didn't destroy her. She was still sassy, brave and resourceful.

Tark, Tark, Tark. He is by far my all time favorite Kindred. Not because he was a big, sexy bad ass. But because he was a big, sexy bad ass with a stutter. Yes, he wasn't the usual perfect hero matched up to the imperfect heroine. I love this!! He had his own issues and insecurities that he had to overcome. He didn't think that he was good enough for the perfect "elite" Chloe because he was raised to believe that he was flawed and no woman would ever want to be his mate. He broke my heart. They both did. Chloe because she was doubting her beauty and appeal to Tark and Tark because of his insecurities. Both were judged because they didn't conform to societies standards but there was never a more perfect couple together. Tark worshiped Chloe for her beauty both on the inside and out and Chloe who loved Tark for who he was while helping him overcome his stutter.

Great characters, awesome story, engaging, exciting and lots of panty melting scenes. Grab this book and devour it like I did. I can't wait to see what's next in the lineup!

Lauren says

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I would have given the first part of this book four stars but I really did not like the second half. There was so much second guessing and then it was so forced that I just did not end up liking the relationship between Chloe and Tark.
