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In the first book of the Draga Court series, Princess Adelina's coming-of-age party will declare to the worlds she is finally eligible to wed. All she wants is to serve her people and the crown with honor, but when a dangerously attractive prince from another galaxy - one who they all thought was dead - arrives with warnings of monstrosities and war, will her feelings put her in a position where she has to choose between her people and love?

The Draga Court series is a beautiful combination of fantasy and space opera set in a faraway future where humans have altered their genetics to save their species from their destructive natures. Dominance and rank weave a complicated dance among the galaxy's society where a true submissive has to find her place, and learn the true meaning of power and love.

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Anastasia ? says

Full Blog Tour Review on my blog

Let me just say, the cover is what drew me in! Yes, I totally judged this book by its cover, and what beautiful cover it is! This is the first book I've read from Emma Dean and it won't be the last! The world that the author has created is filled with many interesting and varying characters, I was instantly hooked.

Princess of Draga by Emma Dean is a new sci-fi series that I'm really excited for! A quick read, with lots of world building. In this world, humans have been genetically altered with a dominance gene. The world has an Earth-like feeling, but definitely not Earth.

The main character is the youngest Princess, Adelina. She's a submissive, which is odd for a royal, but everyone loves her. At this point she has reached a certain age and will be entering the public eye and formally presented to everyone. Therefore she has to be trained in the ways and wiles of a female. Courtesans a most respected group of individuals interact the many high-level persons. In Adelina's world politics go hand and hand with sex and pleasure.

It's well written and with a great plot and great cast of characters. The story was filled with thieves, spies, numerous aristocratic houses, a royal family, and the members of that time-honored profession courtesans. Individuals all bear a marker a marker of scent that identifies and categorizes each and every person. Mainly people are recognized as either dominant or submissive.

This was a good first book to a series! I'm really looking forward to reading the rest of the series! I highly recommend it!

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Cassie May says

Reviewed on behalf of 3 Degrees of Fiction Blog

My feelings concerning this book are confusing. I liked the setting, even though normally I'm not a Science Fiction reader, but this setting was not "alien-ish" enough to warn me off. I cannot really describe how the setting feels. A bit like a mix out of modern and regency. The earth as we know it isn't existing anymore. Instead there are other galaxies that are filled with life. One of them is the Draga galaxy where a king and queen with their children rule over the whole galaxy. All people have been genetically modified to install a dominance system that makes it easy to pull rank over those more submissive than you with the royal family being the most dominant.

All that submissive/dominant stuff was a bit confusing at first, even though there was an explanation in the beginning. I probably should have printed it out, just to take a look on it, whenever I was confused.

That being said I DID make a list with all the characters. Names, planets and of course what their intentions were as far as they were out in the open. It wasn't easy from time to time, because almost every character had some kind of hidden agenda that gave the whole book a game of thrones like feeling. That was also supported from the fact that the POV changed a lot during the chapters, so that you could "look" in more

than one head, while changing the setting and ideas.

The writing style was good, supporting the plot very well, but the “native” words sometimes threw me out of my concentration. I could guess the meaning of most of them from the context, but in my opinion they would not have been necessary.

The whole book left me a bit unsatisfied. It felt like a setup for a bigger stage feeding the reader bits and pieces of bits and pieces of a way bigger picture. Nothing was resolved at all and while I don't mind a series stretching over a few books, I would have preferred for at least one problem to be solved, tiny as it might seem. I'm still looking forward to the next book in the series, getting some answers for my questions

Katie Harder-schauer says

My review will be posted on or near release date and after it has gone live on my blog. This series has me very intrigued and there are a lot of things I'm quite curious about.

Nix Whittaker says

Okay let me start off with a bit of drooling. This book has a beautiful cover. The formatting inside with the Initial is a lovely curly font. There has been obvious care been taken in how this is all put together.

I wouldn't completely class this as erotica but the heat level is certainly there. Which anyone could have figured out as it does start with a courtesan with a client in the first chapter. The one thing the author did right that I often complain when it comes to stories that focus on the sex is lazy writing. This author is not a lazy writer. She takes her time to build up the tension and she lets you get to know the characters before getting technical in the details.

The whole 'born to be courtesan' bugs me but I blame Sharon Green for that. Also why not have it as a skill that someone worked hard to get instead of attributing it to some quirk of fate and genetic lottery. It annoys me because it traps the characters in their role. This is wrong as anyone can seek beyond who they are genetically meant to be. That is the excuse racists and sexists use to justify why people can't be part of their world. Despite these objections this novel does pass the Bechdel test and manages to do that in the first chapter.

This book reminded me of others like Gail Dayton's Rose series and Gena Showalter but mostly it brought to mind Jacqueline Carey. All of these authors are happy to have a lot of sex in their stories but they also don't stint on character building or world building.

I did skip a bit as the heat level was a little too much for me. There is certainly more there than just romantic hook ups as there is invasions, betrayal. People who are not who they seem to be. The cast is massive and the story convoluted.

I give this a four stars. Half a star off because of the undercurrent of genetic elitism that bother me. A little more off for too much heat and a little more off because there is really a massive cast. There is a reason I haven't read Game of Thrones. I know sacrilegious. There is certainly a lot there for people to love.

Jessica Robbins says

Royal Intrigue

This book is just full of plot twists on plot twists. We get meet Princess Adelina (and quite a few others) as she readies for coming of age day as well as the crowning of her sister. The problem is that was is coming and it is just full of intrigue. We get spies, lies, back stabbings, and even a love story all blended together. This is definitely political maneuvering at its finest. If you enjoy science fiction, intrigue, and more wrapped up in a great story then you really have to try this book. I really enjoyed it so I give it 4/5 stars.

Anie says

Received from Xpresso Book Tours in exchange for honest review

Far into the future humans have changed their genetics in different ways and populated many galaxies. Draga Galaxy is ruled by king, queen and their children. We mainly follow Adeline, who is third in the line for a throne.

Society centres around dominance and submission, people being born either way. Adeline is the only royal born submissive. Their is very interesting sub race of courtesans, that can be either submissive or dominant, based on demand. The setting was very interesting, populated galaxies, aliens (who have common ancestor). I wish there was more story about that, who that came to be, technology, who the society works. That could be very interesting to read more of.

There is a lot of characters in the story, it's hard to keep track of sometimes and a LOT of political intrigue, that I love.

It has a very good start and finish, the story drags a bit in the middle. Maybe not the perfect book for me, but I can appreshiate the storyline and writing (it is really good).

Kathleen Nichols says

I voluntarily reviewed an Advanced Readers Copy of this book

This was the first book that I've read of Ms. Dean and Ms. Ashe. The world that the authors have created is filled with many interesting and varying characters. The book has a plot within a plot with many characters that all want something from someone. The story was filled with thieves, spies, numerous aristocratic houses, a royal family, and the members of that time-honored profession courtesans. Individuals all bear a marker a marker of scent that identifies and categorizes each and every person. Mainly people are recognized as either dominant or submissive.

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and formally presented to one and all. She is therefore to be trained in the ways and wiles of a female. Courtesans a most respected group of individuals interact the many high-level persons. In Adelina's world politics goes hand and hand with sex and pleasure.

The little princess' life is about to become very complicated. Will she be molded into the model female? To whom will she give herself over? Is she going to do her duty or will she hold out for love? Can love really survive and grow in the complicated and shark filled waters of the Draga Court? I guess we'll have to wait for the next installment of this great saga.

Coco.V says

? FREE on Amazon today (12/2/2018)!?

Shari Kay says

personal preference...diff H in the prequel

Leslie Sanchez says

I was so excited when I started reading this book. I met the characters in the Prequel and was really looking forward to this book coming out. Adelina is supposed to be the submissive, third daughter of the Royal Couple of the Draga galaxy. But, she is so much more! This is non-stop action, betrayal, spies, and the threat of war. This book further delves into Princess Adelina and her uncommon demeanor, as well as how her siblings are affected by the threat of war and their father's illness. This is a fantastic story about life as a royal, military alliances, traitors, courtesans to the royals and maybe a bit of love on the side. There are several characters that I am so fond of and can't wait for more. I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book.

Kristi says

The book started out as a slow read and then ramped up to warp speed! Waiting for the second book in the series will be torture but I am so glad I read this book. All the twisty plot lines, complex major and minor characters . . . whew!

Alex (Briennai) says

Even though I spoke highly of this novel when I wrote my short blurb for the blog tour, I don't quite agree with what I originally said. I rushed through this book the first time before I realized that I was going to be completely unable to write my full review on my cell phone. After the trip, I basically forgot everything and

had to read the book again. On my second time through, I noticed a few issues that I hadn't picked up on before.

For starters, this book seemed a bit messy to me. There was the main plot, but somewhere in the middle of the book, I felt that it had been lost. Originally, I thought that Nadyah was the main character. This confused me as we slowly switched to an Adelina-centric plot. Once we got into Adelina's main story, things smoothed out a bit. This rough start ended up making me more confused than it was worth.

Then when the story actually started, it took me a while to actually get into the main character. I wanted to like her, but I just felt no connection whatsoever. This followed me throughout the entire book, and it made me read even slower as I tried to find some way to connect with her.

The world was unique, but another thing I missed in my speed-read was the fact that the description was very lacking in certain areas. I was able to understand how the dominant/submissive system worked, but the simple description of environments and certain scenes was just not there.

The plot moved semi-smoothly, and I did enjoy the romance between Adelina and Nash. My overall opinion of the book was that while it wasn't horrible, it definitely wasn't the best fantasy-romance novel that I have read. The small things that I noted above did irritate me as I read, but the story wasn't that bad. I do want to read the next book in this series to see where it goes next, and hopefully, some of these minor errors will be fixed.

This world is definitely interesting and it reminded me of Alpha/Beta/Omega dynamics in a story. I rarely see full romance novels with this sort of world, only fanfiction. This definitely made the story for me.

I would recommend this story to people who enjoy fantasy-romance novels and who don't mind a few irritating parts along the way.

I received an advance copy of this novel and this is my voluntary review.

Birdie O says

I love a good political intrigue, trying to figure out who is allied with whom and who is plotting against whom makes my head spin in delightful ways...so when this book was just brimming with intrigue, I was hooked! Assassination plots and treason and espionage abound in this well-crafted tale of a galaxy far, far away. In fact, this is so well-crafted that it wasn't until the very end that I could even see more than 1, maybe 2, of the guys who might be in her harem...and even then, it's still a slight chance, given the other goings on in the court! Dean does a fantastic job of weaving this tale so that you're left begging for more. I can't wait to see how all these threads end. Also, kudos for the steamy scenes not centering around the MC and allowing her story to play out while giving the readers something to sweat on.

Debbie says

Independent reviewer for Archaeolibrarian, I was gifted my copy of this book.

A bit of a slow burner, long build up kinda book, this one!

It reminds me a little of reading Game of Thrones, NOT in the content, not at all but in the way the stage is set with many players, who have their own agendas. Many players who have a say. Many players who did NOT get a say too!

But my overwhelming reaction to finishing this was, I missed something. Something was missing and I cannot figure out what.

There is a book before this one, Royal Guard of Draga, but reading the blurb, it isn't what I'm missing. I think what I'm missing is more history of Draga, more about the original invasion of the Neprijat monsters who have returned to take over the galaxy. We get bits and pieces, but not enough for me to get the whole picture, the whole history. Maybe that will come with future books, I dunno. That's just how I feel, and ya'll know I love to share how I feel!

I did think it would be a little more on the explicit side, given how we are introduced to Nadyah and why she is in court with Adelina, but it isn't overly.

It's a GOOD book, well written from lots of those players, it just didn't grab me and it took far longer for me to read the 276 pages than it should have. Maybe book two will be better. Off to read it now!

A good solid 3 stars

****same worded review will appear elsewhere****

Chrisette Trevino says

I got this book as an ARC in exchange for a voluntary review. Adelina is third in the line for the throne of Draga. The author has created a fantastic universe full of people who's dna has been changed for them to survive on different planets. The characters are real and emotions run wild as the story is told. Every hope is for Princess Adelina to find her mate in Prince Nash and for her sister to allow that to happen.
