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Years ago, Air Force pilot Jas Boswell believed she met the love of her life. She shared a mesmerizing encounter with a stranger after a terrible crash. As soon as rescuers arrived, the mysterious golden-eyed man disappeared. She has spent the last two decades trying to convince herself it was all a dream...

Once heir to a galactic kingdom, Rom B'kah is captain of a starship of derelicts and smugglers. He remains haunted by the memory of the "saving angel" he met during wartime and who vanished without a trace. His loyal crew thinks he has pined for this fantasy woman long enough. Then Jas suddenly returns to him and sets their lives on a collision course with destiny...

***** RITA® Award finalist *** Winner of 2 PEARL Awards *** Sapphire Award winner *****

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From Reader Review Star King for online ebook

E.G. Manetti says

I picked up The Star King on a promo expecting Scifi Romance (which it is), and was pleasantly surprised to find an action heroine. One with no paranormal or super heroine powers. Jasmine, a former US Jet pilot has a Twilight Zone-esque encounter with an alien fighter pilot, Rom, when they are both simultaneously shot down in battle on different planets. When their teams rescue them, they are torn apart to yearn for each other for nearly twenty years. They are reunited when earth is discovered by the galactic empire and the recently divorced Jasmine decides to go spacefaring.

Although it drags a little in places - certain plot twists could be seen coming for two chapters - all in all, it is nicely suspenseful with evil galactic terrorists, some fairly entertaining 'cultural clashes' and a grown up love-affair, Star King is a great summer read.

Lyndi W. says

ARE YOU FUCKING KIDDING ME.

This book. This motherfucking book, y'all.

The H/h have sex atop a giant snail while watching the sunset over the ocean.

I have written and deleted a thousand words in this review because I literally can't figure out how to express the feelings I am experiencing over this. But truly, words fail me right now.

Laz the Sailor says

Since this is a Susan Grant story, you know you're going to get a good scifi romance. The characters are strong and well-defined, the challenges are large but not over the top, and the sexiness will vary from tepid to hot.

This is one of the hot ones.

Jas is a delightful heroine, mature and feisty, she does what needs to be done to protect her family. Plus she'll fight back-to-back with her man against all opponents. Tears may be spilled, but it won't affect her aim.

This is the start of a series (3 so far), and I'll be reading the next one.

Sandra says

I gave this one 3.5*. I would've given 4* but it was just a bit too cheesy.

Definitely cheesy, but also fun, in a save the universe kind of way.

Our heroine, Jasmine is a fighter pilot over Saudi when she is hit by friendly fire, crashes and blacks out - to dream of - our hero, is Rom B'kah, heir to the known universe, who is also in a starfighter that crashes on a far off world and who watches his brother die. He also dreams of her, 'his Angel'.

Nineteen years later - they meet when Earth is visited by ET. She inveigles a trip on his starship and numerous adventures later they are fighting the same enemy as Rom faced before.

HEA ensues, of course.

Kathy Davie says

Good story. Needs to take more time with development of her character interactions. She could build in such great tensions between her characters and instead it's almost like she's sticking to the barebones of the outline.

Pearl says

Dull story, Dull main character. Just...pretty...dull

Monique Atgood says

This is the very first science fiction romance novel I ever read. It is my favorite of all time. I pulled it out and re-read it last week, and thought what a great movie this would make.

SYNOPSIS:

Aliens contact Earth. Only they aren't aliens. They're men like us. Turns out, there's a galaxy wide peaceful stable society. Earth is so far away, we went unnoticed. The aliens are eager to open trade with Earth. After the initial shock, they are allowed to land and commence trade negotiations.

Jasmine is a former military fighter pilot. Her career was derailed by 'friendly fire' and her personal life was shot to hell by a cheating spouse. Still, she made a career as a successful artist, but longs to have more. Anything. Then she sees HIM. The man of her dreams. Literally. She had a vision, after being shot down, and the man in her vision is on one of the alien ships. Jasmine doesn't wait around for life to come knocking, she makes a grand plan and executes it. And before you know it, she's hitched a ride on the Quilee with dream man.

Rom is a hero in every sense of the word. Cool. Spilling over with honor and sexiness, he's the exiled crown prince. He too had a vision of a woman, and when he spies Jasmine, his life is spun on a new compass setting.

Together they explore worlds, discover a deep love based on mutual respect, and work to save the galaxy from the greatest threat in 11 millinnia.

PROS:

This is my favorite sci-fi romance of all time. 'Nuff said.

The sequels!!! Yeah!

The Star Prince (about her son Ian - also Magnifico!!!)

The Star Princess (about her daughter Ilana - a super novel that takes place on Earth!)

This novel and the sequels deal with step families, and Step parent adoptions. I love that the families fit together so well.

Oh Oh Oh! The Cover! Yeah, you like it too!

The universe Grant created is WOW!

The Treatise of Trade, the glue - the document that holds the galaxy in peace and is their governing document is such an incredible idea. The 'pure bred' ruling class the "Vash" have physical characteristics due to 11,000 years of carefully controlled marriages. The idea that 'divorce' is an unknown concept in the Vash society. The realism of very real problems of fighting outside enemies, and internal traditions that mire the galaxy into being so woefully unprepared.

WOW. I love this book more each time I re-read it. Be sure to buy all 3 novels.

Mary Dallenbach says

I really liked this book. Its hard to find good Sci Fi romance. I think this was was really well done. Sci Fi romance usually takes us into the future. The idea that extraterrestrials visit us in modern times was fun. I liked that Grant weaved a story that takes place in our modern time and also takes us to other worlds. Jaz was a great character. She was well grounded and focused as you would imagine a mature woman to be. She had a painful past but it didn't define her it made her stronger. I could relate to that. Rom was to die for as you would expect of a strong, protective hero. But I especially loved that he fought against his instincts and upbringing to be what Jas needed him to be just as she fought against the hurt of her past to be what he needed her to be. This was a fun ride with some charming cohorts along for the fun. Definately a 5 star for me. Now to go see if Grant wrote a book for Gann. (really crossing my fingers for that!)

Lizzy says

** 3.5 stars **

It all started with a dream... When Jasmine fell from the skies as her F-16 was derailed by 'friendly fire', she dreamed of an unfamiliar world and of a golden-eyed stranger. They linked in this surreal mirage, and Rom visioned an Angel that saved him to later be abandoned alone to his fate.

I just revisited Susan Grant's Star King, and enjoyed all over again this book that starts with force and continues with a journey to a faraway galaxy, in a nice balance of romance, adventure, political scheming and warfare.

I loved Jasmine Hamilton and Rom B'kah. She is a gutsy heroine full of enthusiasm, he is a loyal and passionate hero. They finally meet when aliens contact Earth, and she pursues her dream. Both are fighter pilots and carry the weight of their troubled past, their losses and life experiences. It's great to read about a mature couple for a change.

I loved to see their romance build up; despite their differences (she is an *trivial'earth dweller*', he is the exiled crown prince); all the self-doubt both sustained from the last 20 years. He had lost a great deal; she had suffered her own afflictions. They complete each other. They make a great couple, jointly are able to reach for each other as they battle together against a terrible enemy that could destroy both their worlds.

There are star battles, political machinations and two worlds coming together in a period of instability. Very entertaining and enjoyable science-fiction romance, highly recommended!

Tara van Beurden says

This is the first in the trilogy that Grant wrote before her Otherworldly Men series (which I read last year) and whilst this was still an enjoyable space romp (and I love me some space romping!) the inspiration for the later series was starkly obvious. The religion used as the basis for society in the Otherworldly Men universe is an evolved version of the one used in this trilogy as is the fact that the religion is used in the manner it is. Moreover, the personas of many of the characters bear striking similarities to the later series. Now working my way through this earlier series, I'm kinda glad I started reading the later series first, because I don't think I would have enjoyed it as much had I come to it after reading this series. Having said that, it's still an enjoyable read. The characters are fun, there's a good dose of spaceships shenanigans, the sex scenes are strong without being pornographic and there's minimal use of over-the-top lovey-dovey dialogue that usually haunts romantic novels. I would still definitely recommend it to other sci-fi/rom-com fans.

Rhode says

Maybe it's not so bad if you've never read any decent science fiction. But if you have, this will seem truly awful.

Shannon says

I enjoyed this and will definitely be reading the other books set in this universe. Susan Grant manages to

convey a depth of feeling in her writing, and her books contain an element of humor that really works for me. It's also obvious that Grant knows what she's talking about regarding being in the Air Force. I'm not sure if she actually was, though I think I read that this is, in fact, true.

The characters here are for the most part good. I liked that Jasmine is a little older than your average romance heroine, and for the most part she acts like it. Her experiences as a soldier come in handy, and I was glad that she was given the chance to shine in this way.

Rom, too, was a great hero. At least, I thought he was pretty sexy in a Han Solo sort of way. I liked that the anger he felt at his assumption that Jas had betrayed him lasts for only a short while and he soon becomes fascinated with the woman that she is, not the one his mind has made him out to be.

As for the secondary characters, they were less impressive, though my favorite by far is Rom's bodyguard, a great big hulking berserker named, of all things, Muffin.

I also really liked that the sequel baiting wasn't terribly obvious. There aren't really any characters who show up in the book screaming, "Look, look, I'm hot and tortured. My book is next! Buy it now!" Also, I liked the definite empowering of women message that was rather subtly drawn in the book. If it weren't 1:00 in the morning, I might want to analyze it in more detail, but suffice to say it was nice to see that Rom worshipped and adored Jas, and she in turn got to reclaim her sexuality, which is a theme I love.

Now for the bad. First, as I mentioned in my last post, sometimes the characters did veer a bit into wish fulfillment territory. When Jas thinks that it's incredible that Rom loves her stretch marks, my eyes rolled. No doubt in 20 years I will totally swoon over that scene myself, but I'm too young to appreciate it now.

Also, the villain? Well, TV tropes would call him a knight templar. At one point, he even gives out an evil laugh. (Note that tvtropes.org is a huge time suck, so I highly encourage you go go exploring.)

There were also some problems with pacing. The beginning was lovely, the middle drrrrrrrrrraaaaaaaagggggggggggged, and the end finally picked up speed. I would have liked for some of those issues to have been ironed out a bit better.

Overall, this was fun. It's not rocket science (heh heh, rocket science? In a sci-fi romance? Aren't I clever?) but it is a lot of fun. Recommended if you can look over the pacing and the villain.

Al "Tank" says

Okay, I'm not a romance fan. Well, I do read one writer who does a good job of spinning a yarn.

I started this book expecting a science fiction story. When the romance side started taking center stage, I decided to stop reading it. I even made some noise to that effect here on Goodreads. The next day, I picked up my Kindle to delete it, but decided to read a "bit more" to see what happened to the current "situation". Before I knew it, I was immersed in the story and couldn't get out. (HELP!!!).

Suddenly, the story was over and I was reading the author's bio and the teaser for the next book in the series. I blame the author. Her writing is just TOO good.

Now, even though this is the first book in a series, the story is complete. It looks like the next book is about related characters, but the main situation in the first book has been wrapped up nicely. Still, I have this maniacal desire to buy the next book.

The story is set in the future and the characters do indeed run around the Galaxy in their adventures. But it is definitely a romance. It follows the "standard" romance formula (yes there is such a thing, but it's not written down anywhere). There's a hunk who's an "A" type personality and a "strong" woman who melts whenever he's around. Romance fans will love it.

One surprise: the female "lead" is a fighter pilot (F16s) in the beginning of the book. It turns out that the author, Susan Grant, was an Air Force pilot and currently herds jumbo jets for a living, so she knows what she's writing about. I'd suspect that writing keeps her sane while she's laying over in a motel room in a strange town that she's already explored on previous layovers.

Now, there are a (very) few science errors in the book that her story editor didn't catch, nor her copy editor. But they don't really detract from the story itself.

I'm still not a romance fan, but I could very easily become a Susan Grant fan.

Lover of Romance says

Jasmine, on her fighter jet, crashes down and then she sees a man..a stranger one who is compelling and becomes forever in her memory. Since then, Jas has never been satisfied with her relationships, for she is always looking back to him whose memory has been burned in her mind forever. Rom, once a heir of the B'kah, is looking for adventure and the one woman who has haunted him day and night. Now he is planning on finding her, even if its in a remote system and in the 'frontier' no less. Jasmine, aches for this stranger who haunts her and calls out to her, so when she see's that he is on TV, she knows she must find him, never realizing that finding him would change her life forever and that he would awaken a love so powerful that she would stand by his side for all time...The Star King is the second book in the Star Series by Susan Grant. This is the first book that I have read by this author, and I am falling more and more for the futuristic/sci fi romance. I haven't read many of them...but I have found quite a few treasures and The Star King is one of them. I just loved everything about this book... I loved the idea that Jasmine is older than most lead heroines are in romances....there was also a freshness about this story and there was the exciting and ever on the role kind of plot, that had be engaged throughout the story. The characters were so likeable, and there was such a sizzling heat to the side of the story....that had me on fire till the very end!!!! A Winner!!!

My Favorite Quote

He needed her with a desperation born of his precarious position at the edge of death, wanted to make love to her while he possessed the strength and passion of life. Her pleasure would be his salvation.

Coco.V says

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