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From #1 New York Times bestselling author Iris Johansen comes a classic tale of opposites attracting—and finding love in the most unexpected places.

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## **The Golden Valkyrie Details**

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**arabica jay says**

**Gamruk says**

Sedikhan serisine ba?lad?m. Niyeysse Sedikhan diyince aklıma sidiklihan gibi bir anlam geliyor:)))) buunu gozardi ederek cikan tüm kitaplarını okudum serinin.

2 sini sahaftan almistim zaten, diger 2 sini de sahaflardan alacagim ama simdilik dayanamayip pdf olarak indirip okudum. Sevdim seriyi yaa, beyaz dizi kivaminda ama biraz daha iyisi diyeyim.

Kurguları gayet güzel. Klinikler çok olmakta ama karakterler özgün. Özellikle de Sedikhanlı olup Tektaş stiliyle yetişmiş Cöl adamlar? baya baya iyiydi yani ❤

Serinin ikinci kitab? Tehlikeli Ask en sevdigim hala. Ben omrumde boyle eglenceli nuri alco kivaminda prens gormedim ahahaha:)) adam karizmaydi simdi kabul edelim hem de yetenekli bir ressam ♥

Gerci 1.kitap yani Alex'inki ciksaydi bence onu ilk siraya koyabilirdim;) buradan ilgili yatinevlerine de sesleneyim ?u seride de bir el mi atsaniz ne yapsaniz ki???

**Bü?ra Bal says**

Saçma sapan bir kitapt? bana göre. 5 cümleden biri çocu?un ne kadar çekici, kad?n?n ne kadar seksi oldu?unu anlat?yordu. K?z?n yakaland??? k?s?mda gözlerimi devirdim zaten böyle saçma sahne ömrümde okumad?m. Be?enmedim.

**Janset says**

Bay?ld?m bay?ld?m bay?ld?m! Özellikle erkek karakter çok ?eker çok tat!.Can?m.K?z?m?z Honey (evet

biliyorum) bir özel dedektif.Prens Rubinoff'un odas?ndan gizli mektuplar çalmaya "çal??mas?yla" ba?l?yor olaylar.Ard?ndan Prens'in özel korumas? olarak i?e al?n?yor.Yani anlayaca??z tam bir "kaçan kovalan?r ili?kisi" Ba?larda Honey aram?zda sadece i? ili?kisi var dese de nereye kadar? Lance?n giri?imleri,Honey'nin inkarlar?yla aralar?nda görünenden fazlas? oldu?u ortaya ç?k?yor.Ve diyaloglar harika e?lenceli! Bu ilk Iris Johansen kitab?m ve bu zamana kadar baya?? bir ?ey kaç?rm??m.Zira Sedikhan serisi insanda ate? etkisi yarat?yor! :)

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### **Chitra \*CJ\* says**

“The Golden Valkyrie” is the story of Honey and Lance.

Honey is a PI, who invades Prince of Sedikhan Lance and his cousin Alex's room, being hired by his psycho ex, for what turns out to be false reasons. As she leaves, she ends up intriguing Lance, who then uses Government pressure into hiring her as a bodyguard. Them falling for each other while she protects him, and vice versa is the story.

The hero was a little bit annoying. He's OTT domineering in the first half (annoyingly one minded about bedding the heroine even when she says no), and lusts after her like a hot dog. Then suddenly he's a painter and an artist, then he's angry and then passionate. Very borderline in his behavior.

The heroine was OK. She was supposed to be this brave kickass professional, but easily gave into chemistry now and again.

Did like the scenes in their island though, and the book does get way better in the last half when the hero is not being a creep- but then it was all spoiled by the heroine giving up power to the OW and running. I mean, you promise to stay together till death and then give up. \*insert eyeroll\*

Safe

2.5/5

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### **Pat says**

This is not one of Johansen's better books. The main character Honey Winston is not believable as a PI, nor is the plot very interesting.

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### **Tory says**

This showed up as a recommendation in MYSTERIES.

I should have seen that Iris Johansen is a romance writer. Likely a great romance...if you like romance novels.

This book typifies what I dislike about romances - they are grotesquely sexist. They save the 'little woman' from weak and stupid acts. In this one, the woman is happily lied to and even drugged and kidnapped. No problem.

She has unprotected sex, but no problem, it would be an honor to carry his baby..even as a momento.

She of course is a 24 year old virgin and he is a playboy, having sex with different women every day.

Everyone is beautiful and tall and fit. The men are rich.

And the day you meet someone and feel a spark, you live happily ever after.

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### **Lover of Romance says**

Honey Winston is a private detective, with her finances struggling, she knows she needs a good case. When a woman comes to her asking her to find some letters for her, Honey is more than willing considering the reward involved. So Honey sneaks into Prince Rubinoff's hotel suite, hiding beneath the service cart, however since she is allergic to cigar smoke, she is discovered and forced to reveal her true reason for her being there. However Lance is viewed on the media as a royal playboy his nickname being "Lusty Lance". After being discovered she is then blackmailed into serving as his bodyguard, having been made aware there is a threat on his life and that of his friend Alex. When they head to a remote island, Honey doesn't realize that she will be in close proximity to Lusty Lance who has developed a unique fascination with her. A fascination that develops into a relationship with aspects neither of them expected to find in one another, one where love and commitment thrive.

I have just loved reading this Sedikhan series, and I just love this author, especially through Audio. This is a contemporary romance novel written by Iris Johansen, who is one of my favorite romance authors to read from. We have Lance, who is a talented artist, where only he and a few others know of his rare gift. He hides who he truly is with a exterior of a play boy, where inside he yearns for love and a family. When he sees Honey, a beautiful Valkyrie who stirs up his emotions like no one ever has, and vows that she will be his. Honey has a duty to protect Lance Robinoff from the danger that threatens his life, but somewhere along the road they are both headed on, Honey realizes that there is a lot more to him that she ever realized. That she is falling in love with the one person she doesn't know if she can trust with her heart. This was such a lovely riveting story, filled with witty interaction between the character, a exciting plot and a well written story that is portrayed well with the audio story that makes the story come alive for the reader and listener. I am definitely looking forward to reading the rest of this series!!!

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### **Alex is The Romance Fox says**

So, here we are on the 2nd book in Iris Johansen's Sedikhan Series....and what can I say???

It's more like a Mills & Boon story....our feisty heroine, Honey (I kid you not!!) Winston is a PI and is on a job to get incriminating letters for her client from the gorgeous and sexy and zillionaire Prince Rubinoff...oh yes, this is a contemporary novel!!!!

She gets caught and the prince falls under her spell....okay, she's this tall and gorgeous women with long flowing white-blonde hair...thus the name Golden Valkyrie...and she's cheeky too!!!!

The hero....swoon ...swoon....is more than what the paparazzi say about him. He's not really a man-whore...well, let's just say....this guy sleeps around!!!! But wait, underneath all that ...he's really a deep and talented artist....and insecure...yes, he's an incredible painter but is afraid of what the world will think of his work!!!! You don't believe that's possible???? Well, neither did I!!!!

But look this is fiction and anything is POSSIBLE!!!!!! Anything is BELIEVABLE!!!!!!

So he and his cousin, Alex Ben Rashid, who is also a man-whore with a penchant for red-haired women...he strongly tells Honey that the reason for that is not because of his love for his cousin, Lance...oh that's Prince

Rubinoff's name (what a naff name for a prince...yes, I know it's short for Lancelot...what in this day and age!!!!...okay...fiction...fiction..) who has auburn hair...they are not GAY!!!! The reason Alex likes the red is because he feels safe with Lance!!! What!!!!!!

Okay....let's get away from that and get back to Honey and Lance's love story!!! He takes her to his private island, discovers she's a 24 year old virgin...not kidding here.....spends his days and nights painting ....and more painting. She finds his work ASTOUNDING...AMAZING....of course she does!!!

Eventually do the deed!!!! And voila.....the prince falls in love with Honey and is prepared to give up EVERYTHING for her!!!! In between Honey's deflowering, there are some bad guys who arrive on the island bent on assassinating both her prince and his cousin!! Did I mention that she's being hired by the US State Dept to be these two guys bodyguards??? Of course she gets the villains...what a brave kick-ass heroine!!!! Did we ever doubt that!!!!

OMG...it gets even better!!! There's this German princess...not very gorgeous...wears glasses, fat, bad dresser...and is totally in love and dedicated to marrying Prince Lance because their two lineages are just perfect.....arrives on the island and within minutes persuades poor old Honey that she must give up the prince for his own good!!!! German princess is the right one not some poor and unknown PI with a terrible name like Honey that just does not make it as Princess Honey!!!!

And being the most idiotic heroines of all time....she leaves the poor prince and disappears for the next six months. The prince is heartbroken and misses her.

I must admit that I laughed through most of this book. It was so ridiculous that I actually was looking forward to the next page...I had to find out what would happen next!!!!

Okay, this book was first published in the early 80's and there are a few scenes that are out-dated...check the disco Honey takes the two boys to!!!!

However, I finished reading it because I was blown away by the outlandishness of the storyline!!!!

And I think I may just continue reading the series.

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### **Poonam says**

#### **2.5 stars**

I have read few other books from the Sedikhan series and liked them.

I have actually read The Trustworthy Redhead and the hero from it made his first appearance in 'The Golden Valkyrie' and that's the reason I decided to go for it.

Frankly this book was a bit of a let down compared to the other books of this series (that I have read till date)....

Our hero Prince Rubinoff is more of a Beta hero. He is supposed to have depth to him and he is not just the flamboyant playboy that the media portrays him to be. Our heroine- Honey is a P.I who later on acts as Prince Rubinoff's bodyguard.

But here's the thing, I never got a tough strong vibe from Honey, the title was just for the sake of it and didn't feel real in the story.

As per me the whole bodyguard angle was just to make the story interesting but was very under-utilized. **She could have literally been a housekeeper for all that it mattered.**

The romance was very tepid and something that you will read and forget after sometime. **It's not a story that will stay with me for very long.**

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### **Julie (jjmachshev) says**

"The Golden Valkyrie" is a re-release of a 1983 Loveswept Iris Johansen title. The story is very much a product of its times, but still fairly racy for those days...Just don't expect any realism and you'll be okay. For Johansen fans, she explains that this was the first book where she tried to be humorous...

She's a Private Investigator, he's a prince. She's a virgin, he's a playboy. They meet in a very interesting way, and, of course, fall in love. Sweet story with a very HEA.

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### **Erin says**

More trashy romance novels...

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### **Ambre says**

I am kind of new to the genre, so find myself grabbing things fairly randomly from the library. This falls under "authors who try to write capable female characters but either don't know how smart women act or know but think it won't sell." The gist of it is that a woman is supposedly smart and sensible, yet falls for every stupid trick, cries at the drop of a hat, and is completely incapable of maintaining professionalism in the presence of a hot guy (she doesn't choose to throw caution to the wind, she has no choice in the matter-her hormones win the game). Unbelievably insulting. If you are writing for modern women (and sorry, 1983 wasn't THAT long ago, existed then as well) make them with functioning brains, please.

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### **Chantal ❤? says**

This was cute story and parts of it were good but it was more exciting before they got to the bedroom. The taxi scene was hotter than there first time for sure. She was just a little too easy when she knew his rep and he made fun of her all the time. Sorry but I can't endorse that in a hero. He gets points for coming after her and drugging her into the costume on the ship. Cute but not awesome.

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## **Nancy says**

All I can say is it was entertaining... Didn't know this author wrote such trite stories. Very disappointing.

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