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From Reader Review Dark Warriors: A Dark Lands Anthology for online ebook

Diane says

interesting world set up

Reyiel Ananke says

The plot seemed easy and simple.

A race of alien warriors was in need of women as theirs couldn't conceive daughters and created a vortex between their planet and Earth, to hunt for women.

It could have been a good idea if the characters were realistic.

The men are supposedly very respectful of the women; treat them as goddess and fragile creature. They are the only ones to be a bit consistent.

A bunch of kidnapped virgins (as they have to be pure, or they are worthless) forced to marry an alien within hours of their arrival, with no choice what so ever, no romance neither. It is totally fine for them, they even plan to go and capture more of their female virgin friends to bring them to this new planet.

They are supposed to be virgins with character, that didn't find the man of their dream in earth because they are all creeps, weirdos, not manly enough...but an alien that just kidnaped you, told you you were only there to conceive girls and nothing else, and breed more female for the species is totally fine.

The enemy is another kingdom that is doomed to disappear because they are all "twisted" and prefer to lay with men...the plot was very very homophobic.

The only good points that could have saved the book were totally ignored...a new land? The matriarchal hierarchy? A new specie?

I was very disappointed by the end and by the development of the situation.

Zoe says

I really love the Darkland series. Incredible.

Porche says

A few conflicts between stories and grammar issues but overall ok.

Madeline says

I saw this book for free online at Amazon.com and thought hey, why not? It's part of the Dark Land series I already started, so I downloaded it. I intended to keep it to read later on after I'd read the other 3 books prior to this one, but I ran out of 'on-hands' books I had in my kindle to read & started it. I'm glad I did.

There is a virus that is affecting the women of the Dark Lands from bearing female children for years, and they are in very short supply of women. A group of warriors or soldiers, set out to Earth (the other realm from their world) to recruit women to an 'Academy', sort of like for the Army where they pay for your studies & such, or so they think; and really it's to recruit them for the Haunt men to pick a wife, to bear female children. Somehow they've got the technology in a pill, like a form of birth control, where once implanted in the women, they will bear only female children for the next generation.

One of the women recruits is Vana, short for Helvana. She is feisty! I like her character a lot. Once taken back to the Dark Lands, they are basically told they are to choose a husband and bear them female children. They will be courted of course, by the Haunt men, but their job is to have girl babies. Well, Vana doesn't like this idea too much; she wants to have a say in the gender of her child. She does things that women just DO NOT do in this community like going into their gym to practice her martial arts, which women are not supposed to train in any way - it is frowned upon; she also makes her way to the kitchen to help, and oddly enough women aren't allowed in the kitchens in this world. (Can I go stay there? Lol). Her captor, Dagon, is King of the Beats, and begins courting her and trying to win her affections. ..and eventually he gets it! She is a strong female character and is a good match to Dagon's warrior instincts.

The second Part in this anthology is book 6 of this series: Beast Wars. Starts off with Dey & Luna, two friends who like tomb raiding; hunting for treasures. They are caught by Keg and his men and warned to keep from doing such activities again or they'll be punished. Of course they don't listen and the next time they are caught, Luna is punished by sending her to spend 3 years with the Beasts, and no contact with Dey; and Dey is banished for 1 yr but the other 2 will be 'shunned' by everyone, or go to live in the Swamps by herself, with a 'shunning collar' around her neck, so they can still keep track of her after the term is served. With only her looking out for herself, she chooses the Swamps. I give her credit because she survives it. Away, after the 3 years passed, Dey & Keg cross paths in the Swamps and Keg ends taking her back to his home. It was cool to find that Keg is Dagon's adoptive brother and in turn Vana's adoptive son (by her being married to Dagon, of course). Dey tries to escape only to be caught by Keg once again; so while she is not happy to be there, she tries to adapt. In the meantime Keg slowly but surely makes her swoon for him and wins her heart. They marry in their traditional way, which basically consists of sleeping with each other and exchanging their promises to each other of love forever. I don't have a longer review for this book, I guess cuz the previous one stuck more with me, although I liked both strong female roles in each. You'll enjoy these two stories, I think. It's cool to see characters from previous books and learn how they are intertwined in the story. All in all, I enjoyed both. =)

Estara says

This review concerns only Dark Lands 5, the first story in this duo edition, because I wasn't willing to read anymore after the first story and am not going to read any further books by her.

What I liked:

- a heroine who makes the best out of her situation, who adapts to new customs and won't give up, who has a heart for children who have no parental figure (especially no mother, because the lack of women is a root cause of the plot), who finds the solution for the biggest problem of her new people with her old skills and is willing to be fairly forgiving for wrongs done her.
- Respectful and hot sexy times with virgin barbarians.

What I didn't like:

- the fact that the old trope of maiden kidnapped to another planet by virile Barbarian and made to be his bride (Thorns of Barevi or Restorer would be two Anne McCaffrey examples of that plot, both more female-empowering than this book to my mind) was used in the 50s way: woman, you better accept that you have to pick ONE of the men and you will NOT have male children no matter what you do, and you will be content when the right man has made love to you enough and you will uphold the status quo and feel disgust in the long run for the women who haven't accepted their fate as soon as you have, but because you are queen now you can give them jobs that will make them be content with their lot. And when your hubby tells you he has to steal some more women from earth, you sigh and start bargaining that they at least have some leeway AFTER they've been stolen away from Earth.

What I absolutely hated:

- a plot thread I see as RAMPANT unapologetic homophobia: the enemies of the nation that has selected and abducted the right sort of Earth women to make their gene pool have female children again, were the reason why the virus existed that destroyed this nation's ability for women to have girl children (leading to futile attempts of women having 14 or 15 pregnancies - all boys). However the virus escaped and had the same effect on their women (women they have been treating as high class whores and broodmares anyway): now enterprising chemist Vana has found a cure, she is willing to share it with the enemy nation.

But, woe, where Dagon's nation went without and sheltered the women in harems and put them on the pedestal, as long as they didn't step off it and fulfilled their role, the enemy nation didn't treat their women better and *the men started sleeping with each other!!* Just a few upright people, among them the leader of the nation, held out.

So at the end Vana and Dagon are quite satisfied (and it is explicitly confirmed) that even though the new information is given to the enemy nation, because they are all now degenerate they only sleep with each other and die out.

Quotes from the text:

It's the coming war with his kingdom that concerns me more."

They'd moved behind the thrones and into the private hallway leading to their chambers, so their conversation remained discreet. Mindful of that, Vana asked, "What do you mean? Do you think they'll be angry? I mean, if they...I mean, with other men..."

Flustered, she broke off.

Dagon's world weary resignation showed in his glance. "Just because they've learned to debase their bodies doesn't mean they won't desire women, if they are offered. Unfortunately for them, they won't get the chance. Our laws and beliefs won't tolerate giving pure women to a

twisted culture."

As for their enemies, Nikon's twisted nation, they eventually grew old and died out, unable to produce issue. Perhaps that was justice and mercy enough.

L-D says

This story was a free download with two stories that I already own. I think this is a good series for free.

Flirty Reader says

I liked the cover, that's about it.

Claudine says

This ebook was chosen as one of my in-between reads while waiting for release day and my pre-orders. I was quite surprised with this free anthology read by Autumn Dawn. While the subject matter of the story is not a normal choice of my reading material I have been impressed enough to possibly purchase the earlier stories of the Dark Lands series but will be sure to purchase future books. Dark Warriors: A Dark lands Anthology contains book 5 & 6 of the series, sci-fi romance.

Ghost in Her Heart: Dark Lands Book 5

The quintessential geek, Vana had never had a lover. The ultimate warrior, Dagon had never had a wife. Thanks to a rift in space, she's about to become both.

A virus decimated the female population of Beasts, surviving females only produced male offspring. As I haven't read the previous books of the series I am not sure why this virus would be released because it effected all females of this world. Because of this shortage of women the Beast men decided to go to Earth to take back chosen women to marry and be implanted so that they can only produce female children to help repopulate their planet. It wasn't the writing that won me over it was the story concept, I really enjoyed Vana's character when she discovered she was removed to an alien planet and the men of the planets reaction to the strong defiant Vana. Dagon was the stubborn alpha male ruler character, it takes a few tests and trials for these two characters to come together but there was never any question of that not happening after all it is a romance even if it was suppose to be sci-fi. Vana was a scientist back on Earth and decided once she accepted her new life that she was going to find a cure for the virus plaguing the women's fertility and eventually she does with consequences to herself.

Beast Wars: Dark Lands Book 6

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Keg is a younger brother to Dagon from book 5 and also the adopted son of Vana because Beast women produced so many male children trying to have a female that they didn't care for them and abandoned them.

Dey is human symbioant, she is host to a liquid metal type of creature that protects her and can heal her if injured. Her treasure hunting was mainly in protection of her friend Luna. Keg was sent there as a spy to keep and eye on Luna and Dey. Luna tricks Dey and gets herself caught, as Luna is part Beast she is exiled for 3 years to live with the Beasts and Dey is sentenced to exile in the swamps for a year because of association and shunned for 2 years after returning to her settlement from exile. Dey becomes bitter and do not return at all but because of the war she becomes a hunter of the Beasts.

Keg knew Dey was the female for him but could not act on it while investigating her and Luna. When Dey was exiled Keg gave her a transmitter to put on her collar if she got in trouble he would come for her. He figured she would activate the transmitter after a few days but she never did. Keg spent a lot of time searching the swamps for any sign of Dey but never did find any. He had given her up for dead until the day she showed up in a swamp village while the Beasts were rounding up the female women and children. Keg knew he would never let her go again. Dey ends up going with Keg as a captured female and eventually become his wife once she overcomes her distrust of him.

Both of these stories wouldn't be rounded without their villains. Dagon and Vana's villain ends up harming Vana and eventually gets caught and executed. Dey has her own villain, a Beast squadron leader. When she seen what he and his troops were doing while capturing a village she decided to hunt them and kill them off until there was only 4 of them remaining. Dey's villain is an important part of the story once she captured and living in Keg's family home.

Kathie (katmom) says

This doesn't show the book cover...but it is fabulous!

I enjoyed both of these stories very much. What a great world Ms. Dawn has created.

I will most definitely be reading more of Autumn Dawn's works!

♥? Dorsey aka Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says

Tara Neale says

What an amazingly rich world Ms. Dawn has created for this series...and strong heroines to match the strong heroes. I loved it!

Janice says

Ghost in my Heart - SONY

Lee says

Love love love!!!
