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A hundred years ago, the high sorcerer of Velensperia launched a swift and deadly attack against the draegans—a race of dragon shapeshifters who'd always lived in harmony with the humans. The draegans were all but destroyed, with the few who remained, scattered and in hiding. But after a century of cruel repression, a group of them have united and begun to fight back. Their leader, Keiran Hareldson, is determined to free his people from the high sorcerer's tyranny.

Gaige Rizik used to be the captain of the sorcerer's High Guard, and known for his lethal ability to hunt down his prey with no remorse. His last assignment was to infiltrate the draegan rebel's camp, identify the leader, and eliminate him. But the more deeply Gaige became entrenched with the draegans and their passionate, compelling leader, the more torn he became over his mission. Keiran sparked powerful emotions in Gaige and stirred a longing in him he couldn't deny. No one, least of all him, expected him to fall in love with the very man he'd sworn to kill. When he chose to defect to the draegans' side, his betrayal to the sorcerer came at a high personal cost. Left for dead in the sorcerer's dungeon, Keiran barely found him in time.

Now, the hunter has become the hunted. With the high sorcerer bent on annihilating every last draegan and all those who support them, a secret revealed from Keiran's past becomes their best hope for survival. From the deep forests of Velensperia to the ancient draegan stronghold of Kellesborne, only the strength of two determined men and their fierce love for one another stand between the people they protect and an evil conjured from the bowels of hell itself.

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Calila says

I loved this. It actually surprised me in places. Just when I thought the guys would be uncommunicative and ruin everything by not talking about their insecurities....they talked! And reassured. And it was great. I like the progression of the plot as well. I liked the new characters introduced. The twist towards the end and the new big bad was interesting. THE ENDING WAS NOT OKAY.

Claudia says

second review

I think.I love this book even more than the first

first review

speak about cliffhangers!!! and now I have to wait for the next book ...

at least as good as the first. LOve the world, the dragons and especially Gaige and Keiran. Gaiges characer is really developing and I love to watch

Vivian ?(????)? says

4.25

Better than the first with more action, hot sex (well, more of it anyway). It was a pretty engaging book overall. Again like the first book, although there was nothing *wrong* with it, it just doesn't quite cut the 5-star mark. I just feel that even though there is nothing I can point out that could clarify my taking off a star, it's just that I don't feel that it really is that *good* of a book to be able to make it that far.

I don't know. And even now I feel a bit iffy taking off a star even as I can't really point out anything.

Anyway, apart from that, I think it that Lords of Kellesborne is a fantastic book, and well worth the read. Recommended for those who enjoyed the first book, and just this genre in general.

**Note: It ends with a cliffhanger. A pretty big ass one too.

Christine says

I love a good dragon story and this one was almost as good as the first book. I think this one needed a bit more fleshing out on some of the character points but over all a wonderful book. I look forward to reading book 3

Fangtasia says

Stunning in the intensity of the feelings portrayed between the MCs, the author cleverly uses the usual miscommunications between them but resolves them quickly and believably.

I keep thinking this is similar but an adult, m/m version of "Lord of the Rings".

My only complaint? The cliff-hanger finish. But, I'm already reading the last in the series, Fires Of Ballian, absolutely obsessed with what happens next.

Ami says

The sequel of True of Heart (or Book #2 of The Draegan Lords series) is even better than the first book.

First because it is the length is longer, which gives me satisfaction of being immersed into the urban fantasy world of draegans and their fight against the evil sorcerer, Byram.

Second because there are a lot of development from both Keiran and Gaige as characters, including more stories regarding Keiran's heritage as the last Draegan Lord and his followers. It's an amazing world to follow, I feel like watching a whole season of *Merlin (BBC)* ... with additional hot lovemaking, of course :).

At first, the back-and-forth guilt inner-monologue session from both Keiran and Gaige annoy me a bit. It's nice to read in the beginning, but after awhile, this starts to feel like self-pity and trust me, there is nothing adorable about that. However, I'm glad that as the story goes, Keiran and Gaige take time to work on their issues, deciding not to keep secrets from one another, in effect make for good communication between the two of them.

I love the twist of Gaige's heritage in addition to some new characters being introduced. The ending is such a climax ... I'm happy that I read this after the third book is released because the cliff-hanger in this one will make me go crazy if I have to wait a year for it.

M'rella says

Too much drama for my personal taste. Do men even talk that much, especially about their emotional state? However, I love the plot and dragons in particular. Starting the next book :)

Jacq says

AUG 2008-Loved it!

Waited for sequel...Years years years!

From 5 stars to 1 damn Star!

Erin says

Okay, okay, okay. I'm actually giving this 2.5 stars and here's why.

I definitely didn't like this one as much as the first book. It's a middle installment and it feels like it. There was rising action and an interesting climax, but much of the book was reconnaissance and I wasn't thinking for a second we'd actually defeat or even interact with the main villain. This made the end very unsatisfying because now I feel obligated to read the third one when the second wasn't very amazing. I didn't get any closure at all, or even a cliffhanger to launch me into the next installment.

One of my biggest beefs with this novel is the constant and extreme dramatics. These boys are a lil' extra. The adjectives used to describe their feeling and reactions are super EXTREME. Things are exploding, piercing their souls, crushing them with guilt, tearing them limb from limb with FEELINGS. All the time. Every time anything happens, it causes a catastrophic roiling of emotions that sends their souls into spirals of agony. It's, uh, a bit much. I'm all for people, especially dudes, having feelings, but this is a goddamn roller coaster that I want to get off.

The two leads, Gaige and Kelan...Keinar...Kairan...sorry, I don't remember his name, or at least how to spell it, share a soul bond that allows them to speak telepathically, experience each other's emotions, and share visions and memories. I like the idea of soul bonds and it often works well in fanfiction, but fanfics have an advantage over novels in this regard. In fanfiction, the soul bond idea isn't new. It's been done to death and so instead of just HAVING a soul bond and that being the exciting thing, people have moved onto exploring the infinite varieties and ways to have a soul bond, as well as the problems that may come with. This allows the fics to be in depth, more considerate, and more critical of the soul bond trope. It's explored, mashed up, and remixed in interesting and unique ways. This novel doesn't do that. We're stuck with basic, straightforward soul bond stuff.

Part of the reason this annoys me is because it feels cheap, or like cheating. I mean this in regards to the author and how they write the characters. Instead of communicating, the characters just feel what the other is feeling and instantly understand. I'm not a fan of miscommunication as a plot device, but I feel like this goes too far in the other direction. Sharing pain through the bond isn't enough of a drawback to compensate for the various ways the soul bond overpowers the characters.

I also wasn't much of a fan of the string of sex scenes. They'd do it every five pages, then lament in between how they hadn't been alone together for ages. Find out you have a living grandmother? Let's handle the overwhelming emotion with a dose of sex in the woods. Guys, there's a war going on. Put on your pants!

The language used during the sex scenes was weird too. It was a strange mix of odd and distracting euphemisms one expects from a romance novel, blunt slang terms one expects from fanfiction, and then clinical, unsexy terms one doesn't expect at all. I ended up giggling my way through half of the sex bits and skimming the rest, just because they happened so often and I wanted to move along to the plot.

Plot-wise, there were a few things that legitimately took me by surprise. I appreciate that, especially since

there are many other cliché things happening.

I'm not sure if I'll pick up the third one. We'll see.

Jeanne 'Divinae' says

After this cliffhanger ending... I NOW find out that well there is a book 3, book 4 never happened. It has been years!!

So frustrated that I started an unfinished series. I am upset that I wasted my money on a book (which was very pricey for a kindle book) only to find out it will never end.

It's my own fault. I should have LOOKED before I began this series. But I didn't. And now I'll never know how it ends and it is a HUGE cliffhanger at the end of this book. Guess I'll have to come up with my own ending.

So, in this installment the truths about Keiran and Gaige are brought to light and it makes the rebels grow stronger. It helps bring together everyone and they have a chance to take back the land. As they look for a way to end the evil sorcerer, they find out another truth. How and why the sorcerer has been able to hold power and stay young.

Sacrifices.

We should have known.

But Gaige continues to have horrible visions(that aren't played out by the end of this book). How much are they willing to lose to win?

They work on gathering/spreading the word about finally going to war against the evil sorcerer. He is on his own now, since Gaige killed his long-time lover/father. Their bond brings more abilities to them. Their love is growing.

There is a new evil, something much more sinister than the sorcerer. In fact, it makes the sorcerer look like a pawn compared to this evil. Death.

In the end Death comes. (view spoiler) It is devastating and leaves you hanging on what will happen next. (view spoiler) There are hints of how to save everyone throughout the book, and I assume we'd find out in book three. But that won't be happening.

(view spoiler)

Bookwatcher says

I WANT TO RIDE A DRAGON!

Oh Yeah... I could be that ~~big boob bitch~~ lady riding the dragon!!!

No wait a second... this phrase could have another meaning!

I WANT TO RIDE A DRAGON!

huuuuummmm... ok, so I think both meanings are valid in this case, because KEIRAN is a hell of a dragon!

Quick comment about the story (without spoilers of the #1 or this #2 of the serie)

Ok, the first book let us know how can enemies be together ~~in hot sex scenes~~ to fight against a common enemy, the ~~son of a bitch~~ villain and incredible nasty high sorcerer Byram. The first book is a equal part story, were you will hear Keiran (the dragon shifter) and Gaige Rizik (the captain of Byram's High Guard) voices.

Lords of Kellesborne (The Draegan Lords, #2) is in my view much more focalized (thanks havens for that) in Keiran.

Will Keiran be a leader of the Drageans? How strong is he?

Will Keiran trust with all of his heart in his mate? Their union is possible?

Will Keiran ~~get more naked to made us happy~~ show his real love? How long is... oooooook (stop here or I can be banned of goodreads... he he he... but hey, how long is his... hummm... "tail"? It's a good question)

Anyway....

It's a perfect balanced book, with a lot of shifter scenes (YEY! Loved it, and OMG I LOOOOOOOOVE dragons!!!!), fights, love, and adventure!

One of the best quality of this book is all info about other shifters, and be prepare... maybe also some elf can appear...

Another great aspect is about the ~~son of a bitch~~ evil sorcerer Byram. He is still a powerful menace, but there is something worst trying to destroy the Dragaens...

Hummmm... no, not that...read it to know what I'm talking about.

So, of course it's a 5 stars book and a little warn... the end will obligate you to read more... soooooo beautiful but OMG I end this book trying very hard to don't punch something... it's... it's.... can't tell... read it to know

Have fun reading it!

Lily says

Book two in the *Draegan Lords* series starts off right where book one ended. Gaige had been captured and treated brutally by Byram, the High Sorcerer of Velensperia, until finally Keiran was able to rescue him. During their escape Keiran is also injured. Now the men must recuperate, get back to their people and plan and be ready for the certain fight ahead. Byram now knows Keiran's true heritage and he'll stop at nothing to kill him and all of the other Draegans.

I really liked the continuation of Gaige and Keiran's story. This is a well written and interesting story with a dynamic and well paced plot. The story is rich in detail and is filled with memorable characters that feel real despite the fantasy theme of the story. The connection between Gaige and Keiran deepens in this book as they become true mates and Gaige's heritage comes to light.

As with *True of Heart* the supporting characters in this story are well written and interesting. In this book we are introduced to a few new ones, including one with a surprising connection to Gaige, and these new characters are all good additions to the storyline. There is plenty of action in this active, engaging story as well as times when the pace slows down and Gaige and Keiran are given time to connect and keep that connection strong and vital.

Another aspect of the story that I really enjoyed was Gaige and his developing talents. As he comes to accept himself fully he emerges as a true hero and an equal to Keiran. I loved the deepening connection between them and felt the author did a great job of showing the love and care between them.

Overall this is a fast paced and well written fantasy that features great characters and a strong and engaging plot. While I really liked the first book I was totally blown away by this one. I was hooked from the first page and the only thing I didn't like was that when I finished it I had to wait for book three to be published. Luckily for me I had waited to read books one and two of the *Draegan Lords* series until the third was almost out so the wait wasn't too long. I highly recommend **Lords of Kellesborne** as well as the first book, *True of Heart*.

Danielle Gypsy Soul says

Honestly I thought Book 1 was better. Both the MCs in this book were a bit too emotional for me. I'm all for alpha guys having feelings but it seemed like they were constantly on a super high or a super low. Extreme guilt or constant I love yous. Also not a lot happened in this book until the end and while I like some good sex scenes there just felt like too many in this book at odd times. Interesting cliffhanger though and since I did really love the first book I'll give book 3 a shot to see if it improves.

Nikyta *Miss Forgetful* says

How could it just end like that?! Ugh, cliffhangers! Lol.

I really loved this book. It was definitely better than the first one, *True of Heart*. I was hooked from the very

beginning and even with all the months that passed between reading ToH and LoK I was still able to follow the story and remember the basics of what happened in ToH.

I liked Gaige more in this one, though. He seems like a more trustworthy type of character now whereas before I was still kinda cautious of if he was actually good at heart or not. Keiran is still my favorite, though. Who doesn't love a fire-breathing dragon? I mean, come on! Lol.

LoK starts off where ToH leaves off in which Keiran takes Gaige to Kellesborne to recuperate from the injuries he got while being Byram's captive and getting hurt while Keiran goes to rescue him. From there it's basically non-stop action while the two get accustomed to being true mates, learning Gaige is half-draegan and his new found powers, trying to get back to the rebel camp and what happens once they return, and dealing with the added responsibility of saving the lives they can when Gaige starts getting visions. I absolutely loved it and I can't wait to read the third one.

Definitely recommended.

Elise ✕ a.k.a Ryder's Pet ✕ says

Well... I sure as hell hadn't expected *that* ending. It was a bit of a shock, as I had expected something else. It was a pleasant surprised, I think, though an horrible twist for the story. Overall, **the book had its moments**, though it was boring as well. And fuck, I was going crazy with all the *I love you's*. You love each other, I get it, but **I don't need to hear it *all the time***. Just saying. Though the ending makes you intrigued to continue, the series is still not the best out there and makes you...**not want to continue at the same time**. Who knows what my messy mind decides to do...

“You don't belong in this world. Go back to your shadows. You'll get nothing else from us.”

Quick basic facts:

Genre: - (Adult) Paranormal Romance (M/M)

Series: - Series, Book Two

Love triangle? - (view spoiler)

Cheating? - (view spoiler)

HEA? - (view spoiler)

Favorite character? - Keiran Hareldson.

Would I read more by this author/or of series? - Unsure.

Would I recommend this book/series? - Uhhh, I don't know?

Will I read this again in the future? - No.

Rating - 2 stars
