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***Space opera. Not a romance.

Destroyer or King, which prophecy will prevail?

Rafe thought once he found all the artifacts, he'd finally understand, and the prophecy would set him free. Instead, he finds himself leading what remains of the Rhomanii clans into the far reaches of the unknown, looking for...he doesn't know what. But the pirate in him sure hopes it involves treasure.

So much is riding on this gamble he's taking, and the voices in his head aren't helping matters. Compounding the problem? Not everybody wants him to succeed.

What will happen when they reach their final destination? Will this be the start of a new Rhomanii life, or the end of everything they've ever known?

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Diane Selander- maglioli says

Unexpected Ending

Omg! This last book in this series really took me by surprise. As usual Eve Langlais makes you laugh, makes you go oh my, throws in sexual banter and play all while telling a very descriptive story, but this time the ending was a total shock!!! Wow!! I didn't see that one coming!!

Jordana Ross says

Why would you do this?

I doubt that Eve will read this, but just in case... I am so disappointed with the last 20 pages. I really feel betrayed and manipulated and wonder if you had a brain fart along with your editor and agent. This book and the previous books in the series were very well written and had a great story and awesome characters. Even though I wanted to throw my e-reader against the wall when I finished, I realize that this is solely because of my expectations, so I am giving 5 stars. I am so mad that I can't see myself rereading this series.

Glitter Glidden says

Like Thor meets Star Trek.

Samantha says

Rafe ends up with Annabelle as a disembodied entity. Emma is going to end up with Mikhail and is pregnant with Rafe's twins. The kicker is they stole a set of twins out of Emma's womb and have nefarious plans for them. That's how you end the series?! Are you fucking kidding me?!

Angt says

Not your typical HEA/3.5

My emotions are all over the place on this one. I was expecting the typical HEA and that is not what the author gave us. The series started out lighthearted with a lovable rogue and sassy earth girl and could have easily ended after the hero and heroine overcame the standard roadblocks to happiness. But it didn't end that way. I raged, cried and screamed "why, why, why?" for some time after I finished the book. These characters were my friends and this could not be their ending. Then I started thinking a little more coherently. If this had been one of my standard sci-fi reads the ending wouldn't have bothered me so much. It was the

expectation of the usual HEA versus the actual ending the author gave us that lead to my emotional reactions. And that's not actually a bad thing in a book. I do like that an author in this genre could surprise me.

M. Stockinger says

Seriously!?

I love just about every book Eve Langlais has ever published but the ending to this series is down right horrible. I truly hope things get better for Emma and Rafe. That's not to say that I don't feel for Mikhail too...but I can't even find the right words to describe how disappointed I am with the way this ended. I feel betrayed for investing emotions on the characters in this series based solely on the ending to the fourth and supposedly finale of the series.

Bambi Unbridled says

I am sad that this fun and entertaining space odyssey romance series come to an end... it's been a wild ride! There have been some major twists and turns that hit me out of left field, and King is no exception.

Rafe, The Chosen One, is finally on the path to the lead his people home to the lost Rhomanii planet. Emma and Mikhail are along for the ride and following Rafe's lead by necessity. That doesn't stop Emma from being a ridiculous damsel in need of saving... but she amazingly still hasn't gotten on my nerves. I found her horrid helplessness amusing most of the time. Mikhail is still the odd man out, which made him a sympathetic figure. He is pining for Emma, hated by his people, and trying to understand a confusing relationship with his brother.

Not only are we following Rafe's path home (including challenges along the way), but there is also a little mystery to solve. Something is not quite right with Rafe and Mikhail... and it's not just the voices in their heads! The rivalry between the brothers has its ups and downs, but we saw more instances of cooperation in this final installment.

So many things happened unexpectedly in this series and this book in particular - and they seemed to come out of nowhere. I have seen some people complaining about how the series ends, but I kind of liked all the unexpected weird stuff. I felt like it fit in with the ambiance of the kitschy sci-fi trope. I have admired Eve Langlais' imagination and creativity throughout this series. The technology, aliens and planetary installations were so interesting and fun... and I loved the oversexed humor of our twin heroes. I hope she writes more series in the sci-fi/space opera trope.

I voluntarily reviewed an advanced copy of this audiobook that I received from the publisher, Tantor Audio.

Melanie says

My review and an extended sample of the audiobook are posted at Hotlistens.com.

So, this is the final installment of the Space Gypsy Chronicles. This has been a hard series to review because if I go into what is going on in this story, it will give away spoilers for the previous books and I don't like to do that.

Needless to say, the story of Rafe and Emma, Mikhail and the rest of the Rhomanii comes to an end. There is a lot that happens in this book as the Rhomanii finally find their way home. The path on the way home isn't without its difficulties. Also, home isn't what is expected either.

There are many things that are brought to life in this final story. Pretty much all of them, caught me by surprise. The ending really caught me by surprise. I'm still not 100% sure how I feel about it. On one hand, I'm not happy with out this ended. On the other, the ending really kept me on my toes. Often, I've gone into the end of the series with some idea of how things are going to wrap up in the end. That didn't happen with this book. I give props to Eve for throwing a huge curve ball at the end.

Narration

After reading comments on my previous review with Chandra Skyye, I realized that I beat her up a little too much in my review of her narration. I think the issue that I ran into was listening to two series with this same narrator. It had me listening to her with two completely different stories and hearing similar voices. When I was listening to just one series at a time (with more time between each book), I found that I was used to her and enjoyed the narration. Two series, with the books being released closer together, I found that it was just too much of the same voices. I'm going to stick to one series at time with this narrator from now on.

**I like to thank the publisher for providing me with a copy of this audiobook in exchange for an honest review.

Amyiw says

OK, there is a warning that this is a space opera and not a romance. For those wanting the erotic and scifi romance of the first book, go look somewhere else. This is no longer about getting taken along on a space ride and attaching to the alien and vice versa. This has a other man (OM) 3rd party, twin brother, who we have felt for but want the main character to continue on. Then there is the ship that is jealous.

I sorry if I offend here but, I hate how Rafe treats Emma when she tells him about the ship. Emma warns him multiple time of several things, yet he discounts her. I started having Rafe issues from book one but... I let it go. This isn't the HEA that you might want but I liked how it ended, to an extent. I liked how it wrapped up. And I thought there was a little humor to go with the space opera ending too. It was really good but don't expect a HEA OK.

Lucy Farago says

Her best story EVER!!!!

Epic story, loved it.

XxTainaxX says

I am trying to be fair here on a review for a book whose ending I absolutely HATED. In fact, it supplanted "Me Before You" for my '#1 Most Hated Endings'. Needless to say, before writing this, I needed to take a step back to clear my head and emotions. Especially my emotions. I was fully invested in this series and I felt gutted.

After processing for a few days, I thought to myself: *who the hell are you to dictate what the ending SHOULD have been?* The author throws convention out the window in this last book and she is brave for doing so. **No, I didn't like it. Yes, I was mad.** Ultimately though, she evoked quite the swirl of emotions from me. That takes talent. I cared enough about her characters to be affected by what happened to them.

The story picks up where the last one ended, with Rafe leading the voyage "home". The plot was steadily paced and there were a few surprises I foresaw before the doozy of an ending. The characters had me hooked because they were truly unique with what they brought to the story. The imagery is the strongest of all the story's elements. The world that Ms. Langlais created was very detailed and I could tell she put a lot of thought into the mechanics of it.

This really should be read as a series to really understand the context but it's not impossible as a standalone. Though, I caution not to set your hopes on a particular ending as you definitely feel this more keenly if you've invested your time into the rest of the series. Trust me. I don't think I can handle another one of these any time soon, but I can't bring myself to regret having read the series.

Safety: It's hard to cover this without giving the plot away so I will say that there are no lines crossed until the end. No rape or abuse.

Marishka says

[after everything we went though with this couple they didn't end up together at the end. No HEA. (view spoiler) i guess i should have trusted my instincts when all that bullshit happened in book two and quit.... (hide spoiler)]

Cryst Smith says

Hated the ending...

Totally and completely hated the ending. So much it will be a long time until I read anything else by her.

gremlin says

The author did liken this series to a rollercoaster ride, and I was trying to figure how all the main characters would end up happy, but that... that I wasn't expecting, and wasn't particularly happy about.

This one has a lot of weird stuff tossed in there, most of it right towards the end. Though I read most of this author's stuff, I'm not sure I'd read more in this universe.

Natalie Weir says

Oh my GOD!! WHY EVE WHY! I mean I get that it was kind of happy, as in everybody got something, but no! Just no!! I cried my eyes out! It was a fantastic book and I literally could not put the entire series down, but no!!

Rafe: He was meant to get the girl! Not the AI. He never got to hold his babes.. and Emma! Oh my gosh.. the poor girl! Falling in love with a space pirate, to lose him while pregnant with his babies. Mikhail got the girl in the end, and yes it was bitter sweet, but I swear Miss Langlais, I'm totally billing you for my therapy!

Thank you. for being an amazing author, but you owe me a box of chocolates and some wine now dammit!
