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For Creel, all is right with the world. The dragon king, Shardas, and his queen, Velika, have made a comfy home on the Far Isles, and humans and dragons seem to be at peace. It's the perfect time for Creel to plan her wedding to Prince Luka. Well, it was perfect -- until Velika gets kidnapped, and Creel and Luka set off to save her. And if their most dangerous adventure yet wasn't enough to throw off the wedding, a bridal-gown fiasco just might do the trick. Creel wouldn't trade her friendship with the dragons for the world, but doesn't every girl deserve her happily ever after?

Dragon Spear Details

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Tiffany Baugh says

I've loved every book that I've read by Jessica Day George and this was no exception. My husband says that secretly I'm a 12 year old nerdy girl because I read books about dragons, but I've loved this series! It's been very interesting, funny, and clever. I really like the main characters and liked this book.

Eleventh says

The third and final book in the Dragon series by Jessica Day George. Probably my least favorite of the series. Shardas and the other dragons go to live on their own islands and have to deal with the other crazy dragons that live on the surrounding islands that seem to think that they can just take Velika and her dragon hatchlings. Because of blood and birthrights, etc. Creel, Luka, and friends flew out with the dragons to spend some down time and hang out with their friends and, as per usual, get pulled into the fight. Still beautifully written, as all of her books. It's worth a read; just not as good as the first two.

Paradoxical says

Of all three books, *Dragon Spear* would have to be the one I disliked the most. Creel seemed to be wedding gown obsessed (which bored me to tears. I know the wedding gown was important to her, but not to the extent that Creel showed), and the actual plot was messy. You could see the author try to inject some complexities into the situation, but instead of being engaging and well written, it was rather clumsy and needed better execution overall.

It's not all bad. For the most part, if you liked the previous two books you'll probably be all right with this one. The summary for this book makes little sense "...only to discover that Luka's father has set his sights on taking back the Far Islands from the dragons. Torn between her love for Prince Luka and her friendship with Shardas and Velika, Creel must make the most difficult decision of her life if she stands any chance of getting to the church on time."

There is very little of the king in this book. He doesn't even factor in the main plot in any way. And Luka never wavers in his determination to help Creel--there was never even any question from any of the characters that Creel was torn between her dragon friends and Luka. Basically the summary leads you into believing there's a storyline that doesn't actually exist.

The book could be trimmed in a good many parts. A lot of things could have been made tighter. The conflicts in the book don't feel like true conflicts, and they're rather one dimensional overall. It was rather disappointing. 2 stars.

Joelle says

Dragon Spear
Dragon Slipper's #3
By: Jessica Day George
5 stars

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Book Blurb/Synopsis-

As far as Creel is concerned, all is finally right with the world. The dragon king, Shardas, and his queen, Velika, have made a home for themselves on the Far Islands, and for the first time in centuries it seems dragons and humans might be able to live together in peace. So what better time for Creel and Luka to plan their wedding. But then Velika gets kidnapped by a band of rogue dragons in need of their own queen. And Creel and Luka leap to aid Shardas and rescue her--only to discover that Luka's father has set his sights on taking back the Far Islands from the dragons. Torn between her love for Prince Luka and her friendship with Shardas and Velika, Creel must make the most difficult decision of her life if she stands any chance of getting to the church on time.

Our Review

Possible spoilers

Book three in Jessica's dragon series.

Creel is now growing a little board with home and is looking forward to a new adventure. After becoming engaged to Prince Luka, Creel and Luka and Creel's brother set out to see her Dragons friends new home. After the last war that was one the King banished all Dragons from his Kingdom. So Sharda's and his Queen Velika set out to combine the other Kingdoms to find a place for all his people in addition to the new acquired dragons who became un collared in the last war most of them being controlled since the day they were born.

They find a place on the Far Isle's to become the new home of all the dragons. Sharda has promised Creel she can visit when things are settled for them and in the Spring returns for Creel and brings her for a visit. Her Dragon friends are there to meet her and her Prince to take them to their new home of her Dragon friends. Once they have arrived Creel is so overjoyed she is on cloud nine. Looking to her friends she has found that some of them have new mates and also new baby dragons and are happy with life.

She as brought some gifts for her friends as most of them hoard a collection of their own so she has brought

a gift for them to bring smiles to their faces. She finally meets Shardas and Veika the Queen and King of Dragons and then learns that the Queen is carrying eggs and there will soon be a new queen in the making and is so overjoyed with this wonderful news. She has news of her own she is getting married and since her family is a family of dragons what a perfect place for her wedding.

Once settled in the King and Creel get down to business of catching up and is given a tour of the new Island of the Kings new home which turns out to be paradise after all. After an exciting day Velika and Creel decide to go to the Queens cave for a nice nap where Creel sits and chats with her Queen while sewing her new bridal dress and dozes off to. Once awakened she hears a noise someone is kidnapping herself and her Queen. They are taken to a remote part of the Island where they learn other dragons have been living and are slowly becoming extinct.

They learn they have kidnapped the Queen because she is needed for her eggs to begin a new and save their people. But ,Velika is going to give birth very soon so Creel needs to put a plan in action to save herself and her Queen.

Alas the adventure begins.

What a cute and heart felt story. This is the conclusion to the three book series. The characters are lovable and intriguing and you can't help but want to keep turning the pages to see what happens next.Creel starts to think that she might be cursed and if she will ever make in to the altar with all her mishaps along the way that keeps you laughing throughout the book bringing a smile to your face. I just love this authors series it was a lot of fun to read about.I am wishing there had been this series when I was growing up as I would have fell in love with this series and with it would have brought great enjoyment in reading as a girl. One series to be read over and over again.This ones a keeper.

Virginia says

In the third installment of Jessica Day George's dragon series, Creel and her prince charming, Luka, visit the dragons' Far Island home just in time to witness the abduction of Queen Velika. They set off to help Shardas and a handful of dragons rescue the queen from a band of strange dragons with evil intentions. To make matters worse, when they find her, she is about to lay a clutch of eggs, and can't be moved.

Dragon Spear is an exciting adventure with a plot that kept me guessing and delighted with every new development. I loved visiting the dragons' new home along with Creel, and was so immersed in the story I could smell the smoke and feel the heat of Velika's volcanic prison. A satisfying ending that brought tears to my eyes topped off a thoroughly delightful read. A must-read for fantasy adventure lovers of all ages!

Jessikah says

3.5 Stars.

I am a big massive Jessica Day George fan, and while this book tied the series up in a few ways which I will

not give away, I felt it lacked a certain spark and freshness that the first two had.

Some characters felt tacked on as there was little build for them in previous books. As predictable as it may have been, I admit I would have liked to see Alle find love with Creel's brother. Again, this may have been predictable, but that kind of feel good addition I could have lived well with.

There is nothing wrong with this book... I liked it and I enjoyed it. Shardas and Velika and the rest of the dragons were cool. Creel was awesome. There seemed to be a bit more talk than action here. I just didn't LOVE it the way I loved the other two in the series.

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

This is the third book in the Dragon Trilogy, and probably my least favorite of the three. Don't get me wrong, I actually enjoyed the story and thought it was a good book. It just didn't capture me the way that Dragon Slippers did. It was a fun story, I loved being reunited with all my favorite characters again, and watch as they go through yet another unbeatable obstacle. I love Shardas and Velika, as well as many of the other dragons. George goes into a lot more detail about dragon history/culture that I thoroughly enjoyed. I am not usually a huge "dragon lover" but these books have converted me. I was glad to see Hagen (Creel's brother) more in this book and think it would be awesome if George did a spin-off series with Hagen as our lead!

Cover Comments: I like the book covers, especially the dragons. However, they always make Creel out to be twelve, instead of 18+ that she actually is. I know this book is targeted to the juvenile audience, but I think all three can appeal to all age ranges and wish that they had depicted Creel a little older. Still cute covers though.

Chrisanne says

Good for a younger age than I. I'm pretty sure my 10-year-old sister would like it. I'm probably just overly critical for saying that everything always seems to turn out right and no one really grows.

The Winter Rose says

This is the 3rd and final installment of the Dragon Slippers series.

In this adventure, Creel visits her dragon friends in their new home on the Far Islands.

When pregnant Velika, Queen of the Dragons, gets kidnapped, Creel and her friends must try to rescue her from a lost tribe of dragons.

Personally, the first and second book resonated more with me than this one. There was certainly nothing bad about this one, but it just didn't hold my interest the way books 1 & 2 did. That said, overall it was a fun read and a satisfying closure to the trilogy.

Heather says

Dragon Spear by Jessica Day George
Bloomsbury, 2009

Reviewed by Heather Moore

Dragon Spear is a delightful third installment of the Dragon Slippers series. In book three, Creel and Luka go on a mission together to the new colony of dragons—the Far Isles. If you’ve read the other books in the series, you’ll know that Creel has a special relationship with the dragons. And although the creatures aren’t welcome everywhere and reasonably feared by most humans, Creel has managed to become their closest friend.

Yet, when the queen of the dragons is abducted by a warring dragon faction, Creel heads after them. In the wake of her adventures to free the queen dragon and her collection of newly hatched eggs, Creel must sacrifice something most precious and dear.

Young readers will find this series light-hearted and endearing, as well as older readers like me. Other books by Jessica Day George include: Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow, and Princess of the Midnight Ball.

Ahmed Ejaz says

This book is my least favourite in the series. It's enjoyable upto some extent. But still the first book, Dragon Slippers, is my favourite in the series.

OVERVIEW

Queen of Dragons, Velika Azure-Wing, has been kidnapped by a clan of dragons. They are in need of queen because their race is dying. They want the blessing of the Queen. And they also think that they deserve the Queen more. Creel has to forget his marriage with Prince Luka to help the King of Dragons, Shardas the Gold, to get back Velika.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

=> I loved all the dragons in this series. Shardas and Fineul are my favourite. Velika is also one of my favourites.

Shardas was very well written. I liked that whenever he talked to Creel his tone was friendly. And to others his tone was bossy.

=> This book is great in the matter of history of dragons. That's the very development in this series by this book.

=> Pretty good part of uneventfulness is the trait of this series. I couldn't stand some parts which were too dull in the series. But this book made little improvement. Very little. Not upto my satisfaction.

=> You know I used to appreciate first person POV in books. Very much. But since the day I read Eurona duology, I am feeling that I am losing my love for this. 3rd person POV was soo perfect (*the only thing which was perfect in that duology*) that I began to love it. And this book has made me to loathe 1st person POV. Because Creel's narration is boring to death. I didn't feel this aspect in the previous books of the series.

=> Dragon Slippers is the name of the series. Well, I think it doesn't suit the last two books of this trilogy. I know it's author's work, and I am no one to object it. But still it didn't make sense to me. Because slippers appeared only in the first book. Not in the entire series. (*I didn't consider this point while rating*)

=> This series little bit feels like Enchanted Forest Chronicles series. But The plot of this series is more mature.

Overall, it's a pretty good series. I would recommend it to dragon lovers.

?3.5 Stars?

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Elinor Loredan says

This installment in the Dragon Slippers series is more about negotiation and the difficulties with diplomacy than about adventure, though there are certainly some action scenes. I find this shift in main focus innovative--rather than having a ton of fighting and struggles, there is a lot of tension-laden dialogue. The three books in the series have a nice progression: the first introduces dragons, how they are mostly gentle and even friendly to humans when respected as intelligent, reasoning beings and not controlled; the second shows further how they can be manipulated to serve the purposes of humans or other dragons; and the third shows differing values among the dragon race, opposing views of how they should live and treat their rulers.

Creel, as before, inspires diligence, strength, and bravery in the face of troubles, with plenty of distinct personalities around her. Luka is really too gentle, adoring and thoughtful to be true! The efforts to portray him as such are a little overdone at times, but I can still believe in him.

Meredith says

EEEEEE!!!! I was so excited to get back into the adventure of Creel, Shardas, and Luka. And I wasn't disappointed. The first book is still my favorite, but I was amazed at how fun and different this adventure was from the previous ones. A very satisfying ending to a wonderful trilogy.

Valerie says

I flip flopped a lot on what to give this book a 3 or 4 since there are no half stars but I decided on 3 because I enjoyed the books leading up to it and I liked how Creel's story ended but I was disappointed about a few

aspects.

This one didn't have as much embroidery or sewing going on like it did in the last two but it did present itself in Creel's wedding dress and of course to help save the day-more or less, not exactly.

It didn't feel as dire to me even though it probably could've. Sure things are pretty bad and I did want to know what happened but in a more curious way than **I just *have* to know!** I enjoyed reading it though and liked how all the characters played into the story.

Creel seems pretty much the same, spunky and caring. Luka is still quite a fine honest guy. We see a lot of dragons as well as different people (cultures). Dragons are showcased even more in this one I think. They are given more history as well as more dimensions like a sort of code of honor for them and even a different culture to the one presented in the prior two books.

In the end you could just leave it at the second book but I wouldn't sway anyone from reading Dragon Spear.

Brianna says

My 10 year old self: I only read part of this book, but I can still review it and say that I put it down because it was SO BORING! It was also very confuzzling. There were way to many characters. You may try this out if you really want to, but there are so many other good books that I have reviewed that are WAY BETTER. Try something else.

Reading Vacation says

Review

Dragon Spear is the exciting finale to the Dragon Slippers trilogy. Characters I have come to know are joined by a band of tiny rogue dragons on a mission. These mini dragons are stubborn, proud, and quirky – while the Feraval dragons collect luxuries, these new dragons collect PEOPLE. So weird!

Nothing is simple as Creel and Luka plan their wedding. Rather than dealing with some played-out-love –triangle, these two deal with dragons trapping them in a pit and a wedding dress that refuses to stay neat and clean. Jessica Day George works humor into this love story with great success!

I loved that the Feraval dragons were just as important as the humans in this series. In fact, at times they seemed to be even bigger to the story than Creel. Wouldn't it be great to have a band of dragons as your body guards and friends?

For a dragon-inspired series, these books are surprisingly light-hearted. They are beautifully written and I am so glad I read them.

Rating

5 Loved

Cover Comments

This cover is way more colorful than the first two covers and it's cartoonish in a good way. I liked that we see Creel, one of her dragon friends, and the precious dragon eggs. Check out that big spear – you go Creel!

Denae Christine says

Though I still the first one was definitely more fleshed out, more 3-D, the second two have done credit to JDG and her characters. They're still funny, adventurous, and unique. The characters are well-rounded and not too complicated (like, the dragons are very typical, just with singular hoards). The world is very big, and JDG tells the reader all he/she needs to know about this vast place as the story unfolds.

In this one, Dragon Spear, I love Creel's dedication to her wonderful dress. Yet, since this is a fiction story, the reader can easily guess something will go wrong. And it does, but in ways the reader couldn't guess.

There were a few points I wished JDG would've expanded on, like the rescue missions and sneaking around. She skipped over a lot of that, telling instead of showing in real time. It made it less stressful, and less eventful, and faster, and less interesting for a few of those, even if nothing did happen.

Emily Collins says

I am somewhat sad to be finished with this book, because it certainly was an excellent series. In terms of Luka and Creel, I am very glad that she did decide to make this final book because I did want to hear how all of that would work out, with Creel's crazy aunt and all. I am also so happy that Velika is with children in this volume, as I did so hope that there would be another heir to the dragon throne (which, it turns out, is the plot of this book). It doesn't take place in the same lands as the other books do, but instead our lovely main characters find themselves in a whole other world, which I think might be somewhere around Cuba, with a whole new set of dragons and a whole different type of hoard.

I would just like to say that I am fascinated with trying to figure out what every country in this book really is. For instance, there is a language in this book that refers to an animal called an "unayama," which I am sure is really "una llama" or "one llama" and therefore they are somewhere near Spain or Mexico. I'm sure that she's taken languages and customs from real places and I just want so desperately to figure out what places they are! I may have to reread it just for that.

Kathleen says

This is a fun conclusion (at least, the author claims that she's done with these characters) to a fun trilogy. We learn more about Creel's world, more about the dragons and their lore and history, and we finally get to see Creel's happy ending, in spite of annoying relatives, sacrificed clothing, and selfish, prideful dragons. We also get to see Velika show that she is truly queenly, and that made me want to stand up and cheer. What a great lady. Thanks, Jessica, for letting us watch Velika come into her own.

Jessica says

Reading aloud to my son, June 2011.

This book, for the record, is rather pushing the top edge of what I would think of as middle grade. Just FYI: there is a wedding, several fights to the death, and a gooey dragon birth scene. Not sure how much my son really "got" of the ending. He's six, but he really wanted to know what my books were about.
