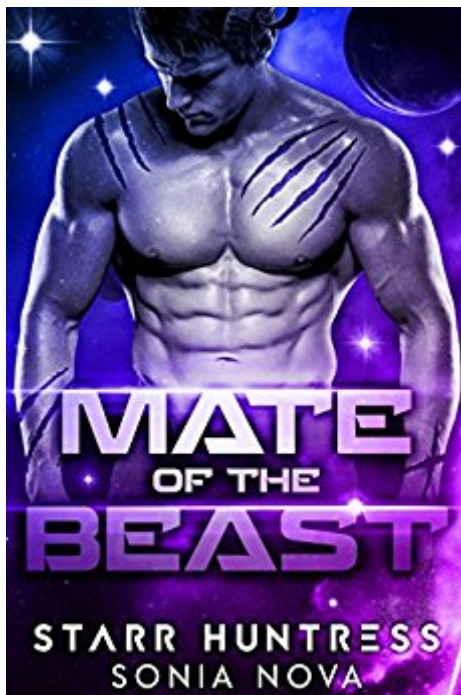


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Mate Of The Beast



Synopsis

She had always wanted an adventure in the stars—After years of working for the Alien Immigration Office on Earth, Alyssa has finally been sent on her first assignment in space. But what—s supposed to be a nice little peace mission soon turns into a nightmare. One where pirates might abduct her at any moment and she's assigned a lethally scary —but oh, so sexy —bodyguard!It doesn't help that the body he—s supposed to guard always heats up in his presence... He was an abomination... A beast... Tortured and trained to kill since the day he was made...Xarq has had it with bodyguarding jobs. In fact, he wasn't supposed to have them anymore. But one last job gets between him and his future military career, and he gets a tiny Earth female to protect. To top it all off, she is on her first mission in space, and his bodyguarding assignment turns more into a babysitting duty. Just perfect. But somehow, her oddly pleasant scent lures him in and he can't seem to get enough of her...And that's dangerous. He needs to focus on his job.Because that—s exactly when the pirates attack—Mate of the Beast is a standalone sci-fi romance with a HEA and no cliffhangers. Intended for mature audiences only.

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Customer Reviews

It was an ok typical alien romance type read. I am always going to remember this book for the word bulking. Used for the first time about 5 pages in, the authors clearly wanted to say the men were big 'hulking' bodyguards. Yes, men bulk up but bulking is not the correct description.

Xarq is an alien monster, a huge, genetically engineered soldier, he seems to be a mixture of different aliens, even human. His race was developed for fighting and were at one time enslaved, but now they are free agents and are mainly employed as bodyguards or paid soldiers. Alyssa is a young immigration diplomat, heading to a new planet, Agaria, in a Va'ii ship with space folding capability. Pirates are known to frequent the space around the planet Agaria. As soon as the ship comes out of fold space near the planet, they are attacked by Krezlian pirates. Xarq tries to fight them, while at the same time getting Alyssa to the shuttle craft and off the ship. Xarq is wounded and Alyssa is captured, too. They didn't quite make it. The Krezlian are the creators of the Ezak-X, of which Xarq is a member. They want all of the Ezak-X back, and are scouring the universe for them. Xarq and Alyssa are bound to each other somehow as crazy as it seems. In their holding cell, they become true mates. Xarq hammers Alyssa hard, over and over and she loves his hard alien man meat! YEHAU! Ride em Bareback, Cowgirl!

Wow - an unexpected find! It was a compelling read - while the plot wasn't something unique - its a format I enjoy. The characters acted in a way that made sense to me as did the development of their relationship. This is not a complex story & the heroine was a bit too young & innocent to be a

favorite. During the intimate scenes I would have liked the heroine to have focused more on the differences she found appealing or not appealing - the only real reference was grabbing his horns. His color, his skin type, his teeth & sounds could have been addressed more - along the lines of Poppy Rhys', M K Eidem's, Anna Carven or Ruby Dixon's early Ice Planet Barbarians stories. I hope this author writes more about this manufactured race of 'Beasts' finding their mates. I had borrowed this ebook but bought it after finishing it.

Alyssa is excited because she is starting her first mission in space or on an alien planet. Before the first meeting on ship, she is surprised that the head alien in charge of this mission brings so hot muscular men to her room. The leader then explains that there have been lots of threats to their mission and Alyssa would be assigned her own body guard. Alyssa is nervous but accepts the Ezak-X male assigned to her. Xarq isn't thrilled with his assignment guarding an inexperienced specialist. Ezaks are confrontational, militaristic and dominating of their mate., Alyssa stirs up some mysterious feelings. At first he thinks it might be annoyance with a new scientist but as time goes by other emotions become apparent. He feels both protective and possessive to Alyssa. Then their ship gets invaded by the enemy, the people who created the Ezak-X. Will Xarq be able to keep Alyssa safe and sound? This is a good book with some surprising twists. I liked the world building going on. I voluntarily received a copy of this story and this is my honest review

Underwhelmed by this one. The heroine is intimidated and frightened by the alien-experiment hero (great idea btw) but within 30 minutes she's feeling drawn to him, oh so inexplicably, and then she's noticing how sexy he is, etc. It all felt too easy and too familiar. I'm intrigued by alien/ human pairings in which the two exhibit a genuine sense of caution, reservation, even alarm, fear, and prejudice towards the other. (MThe romantic tension, the emotional pay-off, is watching the characters grow beyond these feelings, seeing these fears and prejudices transform into surprised respect, friendship, then love and attraction. (Good examples: Cottonwood and Ruth and Gron) Instead of that compelling and dynamic evolution, Mate of the Beast offers pretty standard insta-lust, wut-you're-my-mate, he's-so-rugged plot.

If you're looking for an alien romance embodying all the clichés, sprinkled with a few moments of real tenderness, this may be what you need. As you'd expect the alien "beast" is animalistic: driven by smell and animal urges. The human female is shown to be weak and out of her depth. Whether it is finding her way around the ship, running for pirates, or holding up once captured, she

depends on her beast. And yet, when the alien has given her all he can, saving them both is ultimately up to her. She must pilot an unfamiliar shuttle and find someone to provide rescue. Don't worry though: our delicate sensibilities will not be exposed to this display of competence. At one moment, she's struggling trying to understand the controls, and in the next, everyone has already been rescued. That said, it's not all bad. While the alien predictably is caring and good-hearted, his internal struggle is well-portrayed even if it is trite. While the female and her society do struggle with their stereotypes, she is empathetic and clearly undergoes real growth. While I could predict almost every twist and turn, I enjoyed the characters and their journey together.

I enjoy Sci-fi romance and this book is a prime example of one that is well thought out and well written. The character of Alyssa is a woman who gets her first assignment with diplomatic intent. She excited, but then she gets assigned a bodyguard to protect her while going to the planet they are visiting. At first she's appalled (and a little intimidated) by the guard who is a mix of species created by an evil species, but then he is just starting to become more likeable when the ship is attacked. They are taken captive by the very species that created her bodyguard. I won't say more because I don't want to spoil the story. It's a good romantic Sci-fi book. I voluntarily reviewed an advance copy of this book.

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