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From Reader Review Siren's Call for online ebook

Olga Godim says

I love this writer. She is reliable. Every time I pick up one of her books, I know what it will be about. I know I'll enjoy it. I know it will be a few hours of pure escapist reading. And I know there will be no cliffhanger at the end. She writes series, yes, but each novel is a stand-alone, and you could read them in any order.

One aspect some reviewers complain about is that all the books of hers are similar stories, about the same characters but with different names. I agree, and it's comforting to me to read just one more story about them. Her alpha males are always considerate and vulnerable. They never try to rape/abuse/dominate the heroine. They don't drink or do drugs and they don't have a criminal past. They are heroes and every woman's dream.

Her heroines are courageous and feminine, solving their own problems but ready to offer their soft female heart to a deserving guy.

The guy and the gal are always equal partners, and that's what attracts me the most. In this particular story, a part of the author's ongoing futuristic romance series, there are singing dinosaurs and mysterious islands, villainous alien artifact dealers and underground jungle, and of course, the charming dust bunnies.

As always, it was a pleasure to read. I adore dust bunnies.

Linda says

3.5 stars

This series is a guilty pleasure. The books all follow a similar formula--smart spunky woman, powerful and often grumpy alpha male, one or both leads with unusual talents that somehow complement each other in solving the mystery, adorable dust bunny--but it works for me. This one followed suit and was marred only by a little too much "I'll never get married" stubbornness on Ella's part along with some choppiness of the plot and some out-of-nowhere bad guys.

Even so, it was a quick and fun read. Just right for light summer reading.

Cheri says

I want a dust bunny!

Elaine says

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Review:

Goodreads calls this series Rainshadow. It is also part of the Harmony series. None of that matters. Those of us who read and love this series KNOW that they are all actually “the dust bunny books.”

Early in this series, the author introduced a companion animal, not a pet, called a dust bunny. They have stolen the show for me in all of the books. Yes, I love the human characters, their talents, and the romance that evolves between them. But the books just wouldn't be the same without the dust bunnies.

In Siren's Call, Ella has a talent we haven't seen before. She has an affinity for music . . . especially alien music and she can use it to disable and even kill. There are fairy tales about Sirens, but everyone knows they don't really exist. For Ella's sake, everyone has to keep believing that.

Rafe has suffered a major psyburn and believes he is going insane. His talent is gone and although he wants Ella, he knows he has nothing to offer her. It's only a matter of time until he is committed to a mental hospital or dead.

However, Rafe is a Coppersmith and his family's corporation needs a strong music talent to protect people from the dinosaurs in Wonderland. Yes, I said dinosaurs AND Wonderland.

Doesn't it sound great?

I had my suspicions about the identity of the bad guy, but not until the very end. It's always a good thing when I can be surprised.

This book could easily be read as a standalone, but there is so much backstory I recommend the entire series starting with Bridal Jitters. This first book in the series does not have a dust bunny, but it is wonderful anyway. If you really get hooked, there are additional books that take place in our past and during contemporary times which interconnect with the dust bunny books. I recommend them all.

This book was sent to me by NetGalley in return for an honest review.

Cocktails and Books says

This review was originally posted on Cocktails and Books

Singing crystal dinosaurs, a passionate affair, and adventure awaits Ella Morgan and Rafe Coppersmith in another action packed Rainshadow adventure.

Ella is a strong talent, officially a musical one, but she's more than that. I loved that she was pretty powerful and that Rafe looked to her and respected her abilities. I also loved that she didn't just roll over and say love me when he showed back up in her life. Especially when he doesn't have the best explanation for why he never showed back up for their date.

The dust bunnies, especially Ella's, make a lot of appearances and bring the hijinks I've come to love from them. They almost steal the book as always.

This is a scifi romance with a heavy leaning on the science fiction side but it is also a fiery and passionate romance between Ella and Rafe.

I definitely recommend this addition to the Rainshadow series, and look forward to more adventure and dust bunnies in the future.

Reviewer information can be found under the Tags section of the post on our site.

Celine says

Singing dinosaurs, dust bunnies, and a dash of romance. A fun science-fiction story that is easy to get into.

The setting is Rainshadow, on planet Harmony. Aliens have left the planet long ago, leaving behind ethereal cities and mysterious technology that some humans can use. Ella has a talent - she's a Siren, and can sing paranormal harmonies that kill. That doesn't make her much suited for dating, until she meets Rafe, who knows what she is yet isn't repulsed by it.

Siren's Call is the second book I've read by Jayne Castle and I definitely see a pattern here. Castle's hero's are steadfast men with a secret or two, but nothing too dramatic. Her heroines are ladies with dreams and goals, usually have a business of their own, and aren't very reticent in going for what they want. Castle's characters and stories are comforting. Nothing too bad happens, just enough to create some suspense. The romance gurgles along nicely without any overly contrived happen-stances keeping the hero and heroine apart. The science-fiction/paranormal element is fun, easy to understand, and just interesting enough to provide a nice backdrop for action.

Siren's Call is probably best described as a powdered sugar doughnut that features so prominently in the story.

Danielle Gypsy Soul says

4.5 Stars! Siren's call is the latest book in Jayne Castle's (Jayne Ann Krentz, Amanda Quick) Harmony series. This book brings us back to Rainshadow which is a subset of the Harmony series. This is a fun, quirky series that I really enjoy. Each book is a stand alone but some reoccurring characters do play small roles. She also has some info that you pick up on if you read The it isn't necessary to have read those books.

This book centers around Rafe Coppersmith and Ella Morgan. Rainshadow has a dinosaur problem but as with everything else on Rainshadow there is a bit of a twist. The dinosaurs have psychic abilities to lure their prey (humans) through some type of siren ability. Fortunately for Rafe Coppersmith he knows just the Siren (Ella) to handle the job. Unfortunately, there is a little bit of bad blood there considering after he met Ella he promised to call and then never did. Rafe has been a little busy dealing with a psychic burn, a psi-fever and the loss of his talent ever since something went wrong when he was working in the catacombs. However his family is depending on him to fix the problem on Rainshadow.

Siren talents are very rare (and have historically been the bad guys) but Ella has done her best to keep her talent a secret. She hasn't had many long term relationships due to her talent. Although she isn't sure she wants to work with Rafe when he offers her a job she can't resist.

I really enjoyed this book. Both Rafe and Ella were very likeable and of course you have to love the dust bunnies. Lorelei, the dust bunny in this one was as cute as ever and I loved her obsession with the bridal veil and powdered donuts. The romance and suspense were well balanced and although these books are a little formulaic, you know what you are getting when you pick one up and I for one am happy about that. There are going to be fun characters, a little suspense, romance and some amusing dialogue. This is a fast paced story with just enough action.

There were a few well written sex scenes that weren't overly graphic but added to the story. This book has just the right amount of fun, romance, intrigue, double crosses, a red herrings and of course two people who don't think they have a chance at happily ever after falling in love.

I'll keep enjoying the Rainshadow Series!

Marta Cox says

Welcome to Harmony , a world that's a paranormal nexus. Psychic talents are commonplace in this land that was previously explored by aliens. Yes you read that right aliens did indeed explore Harmony and their experiments on it's flora and fauna have left behind untold riches but not everything is safe and the unwary can get badly burned!

Ella is a Siren but it's a talent that many consider to be dangerous so she guards her secret well. When a client (a dust bunny no less!) leads her into the catacombs Ella discovers an illegal trade in alien technology which lands her in a whole lot of trouble. Luckily Rafe is on the case and together they manage to bring down the arms dealers but not before Rafe guesses just what Ella is. When he shows up three months later with a job on Rainshadow Island that Ella's particular talents make her perfect for she's not immediately

convinced that getting involved is a good idea. Even more curious though is the fact that Rafe is clearly suffering from serious psychic burnout and just how does it all connect to events taking place on Rainshadow Island?

O wow such a lot is going on in this story. I've read a few books previously by this author who writes under several different names but this particular book just took me by surprise ! Alien technology, singing dinosaurs (I kid you not!) a world that whilst fantastical actually comes to life on the pages . Now add in a fast paced , action filled plot and a romance that feels believable because hey if you've nearly been killed wouldn't you want to celebrate life? This couple do just that in truly harmonious style! I really enjoyed learning more about Ella's gift with music and whilst she's maybe softer than some heroines when she needs to step up she never hesitates. As Rafe struggles with his psi burnout and increasingly loses touch with reality there's one thing he is sure of and that's what's happening between him and Ella is very much real and no one is getting between them!

I realise this is part of a series but I had no trouble understanding what was happening . I really enjoyed the plot and it had me guessing just who was behind all the skulduggery . If honest Lorelei (the dust bunny) was my favourite character as she is just such fun but it's a wonderfully crafted futuristic world with suspense and a paranormal twist. I look forward to reading more about those who live on Harmony and I am very curious to find out what else exists in this amazing world.

I was gifted a copy this in exchange for an honest review

Jacob Proffitt says

Very serviceable contribution to the series. I don't recommend starting here and if you like the series, you'll like this one.

Ella was a bit stubborn in her insistence that she'd never find someone compatible even though Rafe was *right there in front of her being compatible*. Which got a bit tiresome. But I liked them both well enough that I was game from the start.

The plotting of this one was also a bit random. As was the one completely unnecessary PoV shift. But again, nothing drastic enough to drag from my enjoyment of the book.

So yeah, it's a 3.5 rounded to four stars, but I'm happy with that.

A note about Steamy: Standard for the series as well. Two and a bit (as the first and last both fade to black after the emotional payload is delivered while the middle one is complete).

Jilly says

This is one of those books where I read 90% of it and then set it aside. Actually, Kindle set it aside by being all weird. It was time to put this baby to bed, so I bit the bullet and finished those last few pages online. I hate reading on my computer.

Maybe I'll wear a hat tomorrow. Change things up.

This series is a strange little series about humans in space who have developed psychic abilities for some reason. Also, there are bunnies in space. I love bunnies, so how could I resist?

<http://asu-chan666.deviantart.com/art...>

Bunnies are so adorable!

Each book has a romance and a mystery. The romances are always insta-love and the mysteries are always Scooby Doo-ish. And yet, I have read them all. I'm on to the last one after this. I have a serious issue about finishing series.

An intervention would be nice. Please bring chocolate.

In this book we have a real live Siren. She can kill a man by singing to him. Now, I didn't know this was a super-power, but I am kind of glad to hear it. You see, I can't carry a tune. People back away from me when we are singing at church because I may suck, but I still belt it out. So, I now understand that this is my great power. I need to go find some sort of leotard to sew an S onto and a cape. Definitely a cape. I like to cover my ass.

Sigh. Fine. Then, a kimono or a long vest. Seriously, not a fan of showing my ass.

Our Siren girl meets a guy who is having a psychic breakdown and hallucinates. The perfect couple!! He asks her out for coffee and then doesn't call for three months. She knows that a good man is hard to find, but if she can't even get a psycho to call her, what are her odds of finding a husband? Then, he suddenly shows up at her office and wants to hire her, and immediately people are trying to kill her.

“Does it occur to you that all we ever do when we go out is run from bad guys?” “One of these days we’ll do coffee. I swear it.”

Yeah, yeah, yeah. And, Santa will deliver this magical coffee on his sleigh, right?

There is a lot of crazy stuff in this book, including **magical, singing, alien dinosaurs**. You read that right. So, if you have been missing magical singing alien dinosaurs in your life, you now know where to find them.

And watch them be violently killed.

Dear Lord!! Have mercy! He's already dead, you monsters!

Melindeeloo says

3.5 stars. I like Castle/Kretzn' Harmony books, they are formulaic, but for me that wasn't a bad thing because coming in to Siren's Call I knew I'd like the leads, I knew that they would be equals/partners and I knew that there would be a nice little sizzle to go with the mystery.

It delivered on all that in an enjoyable way.

Cruth says

Author: Jayne Ann Krentz writing as Jayne Castle

First published: 2015

Length: 323 pages

Setting: Around 200 years in the future on the planet Harmony, cut off from Earth. In Crystal City and on Rainshadow Island.

Sex: Very explicit, infrequent

Hero: Member of the Coppersmith family.

Heroine: Siren.

A nice addition to the series with a nice story and a nice romance. Easily accessible future-fantasy with a light mystery.

Harmony:

"Although the first few Harmony titles make no direct mention of Arcane, paranormal ability is evident on Harmony and references to the ancient Society are made in SILVER MASTER and DARK LIGHT. Harmony has now officially joined the Arcane series. In OBSIDIAN PREY (August 25, 2009) you will meet the Sweetwater family, descendants of the mysterious Sweetwaters who first appear in RUNNING HOT. The Sweetwaters are a family of professional assassins who occasionally work for Jones & Jones. Some things still haven't changed..." Krentz @ Harmony faq <http://jayneannkrentz.com/f-a-q/>

Book 0.5 Bridal Jitters - Virginia Burch and Sam Gage

Book 1 After Dark - Lydia Smith (Ghost Hunters #1)

Book 2 After Glow - Lydia Smith (Ghost Hunters #2)

Book 3 Ghost Hunter - Cooper Boone and Elly St. Clair (Ghost Hunters #3)

Book 4 Silver Master - Celinda Ingram and Davis Oakes (Ghost Hunters #4)

Book 5 Dark Light - Sierra McIntyre and John Fontana (Ghost Hunters #5)

Book 6 Obsidian Prey - Lyra Dore and Cruz Sweetwater

Book 7 Midnight Crystal - Adam Winters and Marlowe Jones (Arcane #9, Dreamlight Trilogy #3)

Book 8 Canyons of Night - Charlotte Enright and Slade Attridge (Rainshadow #.5, Looking Glass Trilogy #3, Arcane #12)

Book 9 The Lost Night - Rachel Bonner and Harry Sebastian (Rainshadow #1)

Book 10 Deception Cove - Alice North and Drake Sebastian (Rainshadow #2)

Book 11 The Hot Zone - Sedona Snow and Cyrus Jones (Rainshadow #3)

Book 12 Siren's Call - Rafe Coppersmith and Ella Morgan (Rainshadow #4)

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Lakshmi C says

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? Kimberly says

Ella Morgan is a rare music talent and when a dust bunny pleads for her aid, she manages to help the furry fuzz ball but it also exposes her secret to Rafe Coppersmith. He claims he will keep her secret, asks her out for coffee and then never shows....

Months later Rafe shows up in her offices to hire her. He needs her very special talent to clear some catacombs known as Wonderland, on Rainshadow Island. They are trying to mine these catacombs but they have been overrun with dinosaurs. Yep, I said it dinosaurs! Ella has a secret, one that has left her with a string of unsuccessful dates. She is a rare-talent, a Siren who can sing men to their death. Men usually run from her, but Rafe has secrets too. Intrigued by the job and if she is honest the man himself she accepts the job. Soon the two are thrust into danger as someone or something wants them.

Castle provided a suspenseful tale that kept me curious and opened the door to more adventures with hints of a secret city. The action was intense and our couple found themselves trying to escape capture. The clues, villains and betrayals were well crafted as we learned about two groups. One wants to stop alien-technology and the other wants to possess and control it. I loved that Ella was a Siren and her talents were interesting. We met a new adorable dust bunny named Lorelei who has an affinity for donuts. Siren's Call is heavy on the suspense/mystery aspect but the romance weaved throughout was delightful. We get banter, see growth and enjoy a few lightly detailed moments with the couple. It was fun seeing them share their secrets and trust each other.

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Sandra says

Ella Morgan is a Dream Analyst from a prestigious musical family, she's also a Siren, but don't tell anyone. On the World of Harmony, many things are the same, and a whole lot are very different.

Ella is surprised by a desperate Dust Bunny, and goes down into the catacombs to offer assistance. There she frees 6 more dust bunnies from alien tech experimentation and in the process is found by Rafe Coppersmith who discovers her secret, and asks her out for coffee.

Of course, something bad happens to Rafe and he doesn't show. Three months later he turns up and wants to hire Ella to stop the singing dinosaurs on Rainshadow Island.

There are various kidnapping attempts, a murder, protestors, a mysterious criminal organisation and traitors, and a very determined Dust Bunny with a veil, named Lorelei.

All-in-all, a very good addition to both the Harmony & Rainshadow series.

Jessie Potts says

I love these two characters together, and of course who doesn't love the dust bunnies? You can read this as a stand-alone if you don't mind filling in the blanks, but honestly, you should start at the beginning — this series (and side series) is fun! Plus, it's on audio, and who wouldn't want to hear Rafe on audio?

INTERVIEW WITH JAYNE ANN KRENTZ

What's your favorite song to sing?

Jayne: I'm no Siren, so you probably don't want me to sing. But when I'm in the mood, I can do an interesting version of Old Time Rock 'n' Roll (Bob Seger).

What type of "talent" would you have?

Jayne: Actually, I wouldn't mind being a for-real Siren. I would only use my talent for good, of course.

To read more of the interview head over to the HEA Blog!

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/happyev...>

CD {Boulder Blvd} says

It's been a long time since I read a Jayne Castle book, but I was looking for a change from my normal read and this just fit the mood I was in. There were some parts of her world building that got on my nerves (Amberella vs Cinderella reference, etc.) as she tends to go off the deep end on her themed worlds. In this book there were too many amber and crystal themed items. Sometimes it got to be a little much, but for the most part I really enjoyed the characters, the plot and the world that was created.

On another day I may not have rated this a 4 star read, but today it really worked for me.

Erin Burns says

The dust bunnies are here! Seriously, I adore Jayne Castle's (AKA: Jayne Ann Krentz AKA: Amanda Quick) dust bunnies and her Harmony world. This is book 12 in the Harmony Series and either book 4 or 5 (depending on how you are counting them) in the Rainshadow part of the series.

I honestly don't know about that blurb. I mean I guess it describes the book, it just doesn't describe it like I experienced reading it, if that makes any sense. I don't think I ever even bothered to read the blurb prior to making this post, because I knew I would be reading this book, because the thing that seems to be frustrating readers at this point in the series, is one of the things I am enjoying about it; you know exactly what you are getting. And right now that just seems comforting to me. And as always there are fun little nuggets for the intrepid reader who go across genres and pen names. And I love digging for them. As Always, you don't have to cross through everything to enjoy the books, but since I do, I will make mention of a few of the cross-links because those are fun for me, so reader beware.

We are back in Rainshadow this time, with the newly discovered Wonderland catacombs, and freaking alien engineered dinosaurs. Yes, you read that right, dinosaurs. But on Harmony, everything is twisted a little bit, and these dinosaurs cast psychic lures like the Sirens of old Earth legend. Fortunately for Rafe Coppersmith (descendant of the same Coppersmiths from Krentz's Dark Legacy series), he knows just the Siren to handle the job. Unfortunately, there is some acrimony there. There is also some concern, because even among the Arcane Society, Sirens are pretty typically considered one of the monsters.

With good reason, as reading through past series, they have pretty typically turned out to be villains. But that is one of those switches I appreciate in Castle/Krentz/Quick's works, she's not afraid to do some twisting of skills and types within her own framework. She may flip the script, but it still makes sense within her worlds' logic. I also appreciate the care she takes in crafting the physiological and psychological effects of the talents she designs, they almost never feel like they come from out of no where. Assuming humans had evolved into psychic beings, I can see her talents making sense within that schema.

As for the story, it was just plain fun. And Lorelei with her accessorizing may be the cutest dust bunny yet. Of course I always say that, but it is always true. Siren's Call has kidnappings, intrigues, double crosses, red herrings and of course two people falling in love. Yes it is a formula, but the difference is in the details and I love how she tweaks the formula for each set of characters and their needs and capabilities.

No it is not groundbreaking, but as I said, it is fun, and I think I'll continue to enjoy these annual trips to Harmony for as long as she decides to take us there. Even despite the fact that Harmony is getting to be a little filled up with all the old world gangs that came across the Curtain.

On another note, I am still hoping for two books to come out, Quick's third Ladies of Lantern Street, and Krentz's third Dark Legacy. I know she doesn't owe them to us, nor do I think she has promised them, but trilogies just seem to be her thing; one which I have come to depend on, and I think there are circles to be closed here.

All Things Urban Fantasy says

Review courtesy of All Things Urban Fantasy

Whenever I see a new Rainshadow series book come out I admit I get a little excited for more dust bunny adventures. I know, I know they are the sidekicks/adorable pets of the main characters who are fabulous and tough and everything I'd want in a heroine. But I love them. These little creations are slightly intelligent tiny balls of fluff with teeth who help out the main characters in their own adorable way. Okay, my gushing about dust bunnies is done for now. On to the actual review of the SIREN'S CALL.

SIREN'S CALL is an eerie mystery set on Rainshadow island. The description of the weather on Rainshadow really helps make the book feel haunting. This is a place of fog, strangeness, and great mystery. You really get a sense of the danger people face even visiting this place for a short time. I love the paranormal creatures Ella and Rafe encounter on the island. They are really unique and quite scary.

I really enjoyed how Ella and Rafe are equals in their abilities and in their relationship. Ella's talent as a siren is really unique and seeing how her powers are used was very cool. It's refreshing in a way to read about characters who aren't really too far out of their depth and can handle themselves competently in a paranormal romance. Both characters have their pasts and issues to overcome and deal with them in a mature reasonable

way (more or less). I liked seeing them connect and grow together and solve the mystery of how to stop singing paranormal creatures in Rainshadow.

For its eeriness and mystery SIREN'S CALL is a rather fun and quick read. It's a magic filled paranormal mystery filled with alien artifact dealers, singing dinos, mysterious organizations and of course....dust bunnies!

Tinnean says

I can pretty much trust Jayne Ann Krentz/Jayne Castle to deliver a decent story, although truthfully I'm not always blown away by her Rainshadow series. This book was one of the better ones, with a heroine who had a fantastic talent that enabled her to protect herself very handily. I do have to say I would have liked to see more of Ella using her talent--I'm greedy that way. And of course Rafe, the hero, was a hunk. There were the usual twists and turns which were mostly satisfying, but left me questioning the professionalism and capability of the security personnel, even though those gaffes were necessary to move the plot along.

Another excellent character was Lorelei, the dust bunny. This has to be one of the cleverest creations JAK has come up with.

All in all, an enjoyable read, which you can tell by the fact that it only took me two days to finish it.
