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Book 1.1 of the Sarazen Saga

This book is part of a SERIES. It could be read alone and enjoyed as is. Suggested to be read following Book 1, Sarazen's Claim.

There is a happy ending, but as this is part of a SERIES, the ever after part comes later. Not a cliffhanger so much as a continuation.

Having gone from invisible engineering personnel, to one of the few remaining human survivors, Andi Starsong is struggling to acclimate to her new situation. She's been identified as a potential mate by one of the hulking Sarazen warriors, and if that wasn't terrifying enough, he's come to claim her.

Ohlen's little mate is terrified of him. Despite having done everything he can think of to put her at ease, Andi shies from him each time he so much as glances his way. He can no longer deny the roaring of his beast, the instinct that tells him she is in danger. He has no choice. He must claim her.

When the warship reaches Sarazen territory, Ohlen and Andi must navigate their blossoming bond and the danger of the treachery brewing within the pride. Treachery that could destroy more than just their bond.

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From Reader Review Sarazen's Vengeance for online ebook

CC says

3.5 stars

It is tough to read a novella about a couple that got a lot of face time in the first book. There was a lot of repetition. Yes we now get their POVs but no much new came from them. Once their story deviated from the main couple's it got better.

That being said, the hero is still swoon worthy in how he treated Andi. So caring and sweet. And I was so proud of how Andi handled this experience. Her history was horrible!

Plus we get more info on the overarching storyline so it was worth the time to read. I think the other novellas will be less repetitive since those couples had more time away from the main couple in the first book.

Mary B. Grove says

Don't read this until you've read Sarazens

Positives:

Good writing, loving relationships, interesting plotlines.

Personal relationship preference:

I like Clary from the first book better than Andi, as Andi is naturally much more submissive, provided she is able to trust her partner. I find Clary more interesting because she initiates her own choices, while Andi tends to react, whether that's once Ohlen directs her to do something or once he makes it clear he's allowing her to make the choice.

The dynamic between Clary and Tarek is more a partnership of equals, while Ohlen and Andi have more of a traditional male/female pattern, with Ohlen clearly dominant. While Ohlen obviously loves, respects and (when he feels appropriate) consults Andi , he also wants and expects her to take less initiative. Wroth makes this differing dynamic clear in a few of Ohlen's inner dialogues when Ohlen rejoices that Andi is much less independent than Clary, and he's glad that Andi will be happy to lean on him. It works for the two of them, so it's all good, but it's just not what I find more rewarding myself.

I'm also concerned that the Sarazen partners in the mated pairs may all start blending together in the reader's mind. I think this concern arises because (with a few variables) the Sarazens have all the same fears and desires surrounding their mates. They're driven to protect, honor and cherish their mates, which makes for very similar dialogues, both those internal to the Sarazen male and when he's speaking to his human mate.

The only real differences in the pairings occur around the human mate's backstory. Andi's life on board the colony ship was very different from Clary's, and those differences make them more individual as characters and affect the way their mates treat them.

Clary and Andi are the two least similar women, though, so in any future stories, Wroth will need to find ways to make it clear that the remaining women and their mates are distinct individuals. Right now, none of the other women are very memorable to me except Gwen, and that's mostly because she's always the crankiest one.

As a counterbalance to all that's similar in the stories so far, I'd really like to hear about the Sarazen females and what they're like, as well as more of the Sarazen female/human male mate pairs and how they're adjusting to one another. I feel strongly that the series needs more character diversity, or else the books may start to seem like variations on one all-too-basic theme.

Another preference:

I would rather read work that can stand on its own, and this story can't, so that diminishes my rating. By that I mean that this book wouldn't make much sense unless you read Sarazens first, because you need to know the Sarazens plot in order to understand what's happening in Sarazen's Vengeance. Even the relationship between Andi and Ohlen can only be understood fully if you already know what has happened between Clary and Tarek, and the rest of the mated pairs in Sarazens.

Last preference:

For me, this story had too many sex scenes in proportion to its measure of storytelling. Though those sex scenes all are well written, my preference is to have a clear majority of the story drawn from whatever the primary genre might be. After reading Sarazens, I would have thought this book would be the same genrefantasy with a strong romance element. Instead it seemed more like a romance novella, one with much more sex than fantasy elements.

The plot was very thin, and the arc of the story was interrupted by the romantic relationship rather than being fed by it. On the whole, the book needed more plot elements to balance the romance. It was especially a problem for me because the book didn't stand on its own when it really could have, and that would have made it a more interesting story, one that advanced the series as a whole rather than too often simply retreading the same ground as Sarazens.

Technical issues:

The constant misuse of possessives. Sarazen's is not and never has been the plural of Sarazen. Please, please take note of the proper use of apostrophes, Isabel Wroth and editor, and you'll make all us grammar-aware readers much happier and more comfortable in reading your good work.

Isabel Wroth says

This is the voice of the author....

I'm working on getting GR to load me into their author program, but just wanted to let everyone here know, in case you hadn't heard-

TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO PURCHASE THIS TITLE AT ITS DISCOUNTED RATE!!

If you're curious why I discounted it, follow the link to my blog for the answer.

http://isabelwroththewriter.blogspot....

Hollie says

The hero in this book has to me one of my all time favorite male leads. He was so supportive, caring and so understanding of the heroine. His patience and gentle nature to her seemed so incredibly realistic. The one thing that I wasn't a huge fan of, was that in book 1 I was under the impression that the hero had no prior intimate relationships. I would have much preferred that he had only been with the heroine. This would have easily bumped this book up to a 5 star read for me personally. Overall, I was still glad that I read this and that it was offered as a kindleunlimited. I will definitely read future additions to this series.

Jen says

Great book

Really enjoyed this, alternate POV running alongside the first book. It can be read as a standalone but it's better to read book 1 first

Barbara? says

Reread March 2017

I actually think I enjoyed this one more this time around. It's more like 4.5 Stars for me this time. Ohlen is absolutely perfect. He does and says the most perfect things. Ms Wroth seems to write some really awesome and well, *perfect* heroes.

Originally read September 2016

When we were first introduced to Andi and Ohlen in book 1, I knew right away I couldn't wait to read their story and it was just as I hoped.

Andi has been abused since she was 16. She was overlooked and never protected so the abuse continued. Many times she contemplated killing herself to end her torment. On that one faithful day, where she experienced a new horror, she also met her destiny...Ohlen. He pulled her up and saved her...saved her from a life of hell but also saved her from herself.

Ohlen was so damn perfect I can't even begin to do him justice. He was everything Andi needed and then some. His first mission: take out what had hurt her and I loved it in every gory detail.

"You will never be alone or unprotected. I will always be there to rend anyone or anything who poses threat to you, into pieces. My intent is for you to feel safe. No matter who you are with or where you are. Never feel helpless or weak. Never afraid. Not ever again."

He was there to help her to get rid of her fear and become the strong person he knew she was.

"When I look at you, I am not disappointed by the god's choice for me. You are brave. Stronger than I believe you give yourself credit for. A survivor. You are... you are everything. All that you are now belongs to me. As all that I am now belongs to you."

Did I mention he was perfect?

Based solely on Ohlen, this would have been a 5 star read for me. The few complaints I had were, in the beginning, things were repeated from the first book. Not that big of a deal, but in a short novella, it took away from their story. I also felt things were a little rushed towards the end, trying to throw everything regarding the underlying mystery in quickly.

But overall, it was still a great addition to the series and I will be anxiously awaiting what comes next. I love sci-fi romances and Isabel Wroth has definitely gone on my favorite authors list.

namericanwordcat says

If you read and liked the first book in this series (which I did), you should enjoy this one.

It tells the events of that book with a movement forward in the series plot arc from another couples point of view.

The writing isn't lazy as you see the overlapping scenes in a new way.

The hero is beyond perfect and heroine is pretty shatter by an abused and tortured past but she heals in the book. I do enjoy that there are no lack of communication issues in the book and when something occurs to change how they communicate they work through it.

It is a sweet tale. There are some issues with the limited complexity of the hero and also of the heroines trauma but I enjoyed the book overall even if I felt it could have been more interesting in how it retold the events of the overlapping time periods.

Varied Books says

I liked this one more than the 1st one. I loved the H/h. They were awesome together. You could feel their emotional connection.

There was repetition of a few scenes from the 1st book & this included exact dialogue.. The author could of replaced those scenes w/ new scenes between the MC.

The story starts where book 1 also started but is told in 3rd ppov focusing on the H/h. I loved them so going back & watching their courtship unfold was awesome. You do get a lot of new scenes & the book does push

the overall arc along.

The writing was engaging. Formatting was good.

Gayla Maypole says

A good read by a promising author

This is the second book in this series and I think you will need to read the first one to truly appreciate this one.

This book is good enough to enjoy as it is. I just expected more from this story. I thought this would be Andi's back story. The struggle she had with Ethen and how she came to be rescued. But it basically picked up with the rescue of the humans.

That being said, I love Ohlen and Andi's story she was so traumatized and Ohlen is so patient and understanding of her fears.

The Sarazen plot thickens and we get to see Andi grow stronger as the story goes on. It was a little slow in the middle, but the action picks up toward the end. Absolutely worth finishing.

I'm looking forward to the rest of this series.

Victoria says

DNF at I don't even know what percent- I'm so sad that this book sucked. I absolutely loved the first book and thought it was a wonderful start to what was going to be a kick ass sci-fi romance series. Unfortunately the author chose to do nothing in this second book but retell the story from book, just from another perspective. Nothing new at all, at least to the point I got to. I'm so disappointed. No idea why she chose to release the story like this. Maybe it will be worth a read for others but I didn't want to read book one again, I wanted a new story. Maybe the next one will be better, fingers crossed.

Note: At the time this review was posted, this book was available to borrow through Amazon's Kindle Unlimited program.

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Erika says

Will come back to. A bit bummed out since I discovered that these men could have been with other women in the past. The first book gave me the wrong impression, that they weren't attracted to other women, and just longed to meet their mate, their one. I liked my delusional fantasy better. hehe

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2.5 rounded to 3 stars. Too repetitive for my tastes. Second half was okay.

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Shadi ***save your ratings use disclaimers** says

Going into this one I knew it might upset me a little just because of what the h went through... it did but it was also glorious. Seeing her turn from the meek self hating person to a creature of strength was lovely.

And Olhen....o m g.... his compassion love and patience.....not as story heavy as book one but with it being a novella I didn't expect it to be. The only negative I have to say is the previous book was recapped with some of the exact same scenes as last book. Like copy and pasted from one book to the other. It would have been more interesting if they were changed a bit.

now back to stalking.....err waiting for book 1.2

Mei says

The hero of this book is such a sweet, sweet guy! I wanted to hug him for how he treated the heroine!

A wonderfully tender, sweet, romantic and at the same time hot love story with a touch of danger! It was well worth reading!

Amy M. says

I want more!