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Why would I want to be married to an alien?

I should not have applied to TerraMates. The idea was crazy. I'm a young woman, in the prime of my life.

But I was desperate.

When I landed on another world, his appearance intrigued me. He dripped sexuality and moved like an animal. We have three days together before he sets sail without me. Am I going to escape or submit to my desires?

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From Reader Review Water World Warrior for online ebook

Linda says

3.5 Stars

Overall, I liked the premise of the book, but some changes would make this better. For example, a young woman with 3 brothers in their 20s should not be responsible for their actions or feel like she has to put her life on hold to do everything for them. This would have been more realistic had she had one brother in his early 20s and 2 that were still in their early teens (i.e. underage). I'm not saying caring for your family and not wanting them to pay for someone's mistake isn't realistic, I just think it would be more palatable if she wasn't mothering grown men. The other thing is hiding all of her stuff? Why? Then there was her response to Nathaniel telling her he loved her. I get that she wasn't all there, but she got wishy-washy. She kept saying not to fall for him, but she was...then she wasn't sure at all about her feelings.

Again, I liked the concept of aliens needing wives off world and women having the option to fulfill those roles, but with some benefits to them including no threat to them physically. I just think it could have been fleshed out some more.

Chappy says

3.5 stars

Pretty good start for a new-to-me author and series.

A little bit of inst-love from Nathaniel.

I also had trouble with believing the "alieness" of this story. There were just so similar for humans in most ways.

Lover of Romance says

This review was originally posted on Addicted To Romance

This was my first introduction to a mail order bride romance---in the stars style. And this was also my first introduction to this author and I am not going to say that this was the most impressive book that I have read all year...however, it was quite enjoyable and I got a fun kick out of it and got me out of reality for the day and I wanted to immerse myself into this read here. What I found most intriguing about this book was the set up. I have only read mail order romances that were set in the wild west in the 1800's. So this was quite different.

Our delightful story begins when our heroine, Ashlyn, is the guardian and care taker for her three younger

brothers. When her mother died when she was graduating high school with dreams of becoming a scientist and going to a prestigious university....she had to give up her dreams to take care of her brothers and pay for the mortgage. She has been working as a seamstress, taking night classes slowly working on her degree. But when one of her younger brothers, gets himself in trouble in gambling and a loan shark threatening to come after him and the whole family, Ashlyn knows that she needs to come up with enough credits and there is only one way to do that....agree to be a mail order bride for an alien, live with him for a year but what she gets compensated for will be enough to cover the debt.

Our hero, is having a hard time of it on his own. He has come to some desperation. He is trying to save his world. He has three degrees in the sciences, his world is being overcome slowly by the tides and the water is slowly taking over the land masses. And there is few land properties left, and many refugees and people who are slowly dying. When he learns that someone is rerouting the ships with supplies for the refugees and feeding these supplies to the greedy he abandons his work on the oceans to help those in need and becomes a pirate with a crew he trusts and getting the supplies to those that truly need it. But when his ship crosses into a forbidden shipping lane, to get himself out of prison, he will need to find a wife in a week to get himself out of hot water. Many people are counting on him until they find out who is behind everything. But both Ashlyn and Nathaniel never planned on true love entering into the equation.

This was quite a fun diversion from reality. This is definitely not a five star read, however, it is a delightful read. And I have been wanting to add some more science fiction romance to my reading and boy this book was fun! I really enjoyed the mail order bride trope (I always get a kick out this set up) and I found it was pretty well done. We also have some dream walking that is introduced that I found fascinating. The hero here is quite unique, think merman but without the tail. He and his people are practically born in the water, so they can swim super fast and breathe under water. He is quite like a futuristic alien "Robin Hood" taking from the rich to give to the poor. I found his character quite intriguing especially when he has a nerdy side to him that we only see small parts of.

Our heroine, is strong and capable. She is hard working and loves her brothers. She is still striving to achieve her dreams even if it's a slow process. It appears that she is enabling her brother when he gets foolish, but if she doesn't do what she does, than all of them could be in danger. So I understand, and you see how much she adores her brothers and will do anything for them. But *mini spoiler* this changes her brother, when he sees what she sacrifices for him and he makes some crucial life changes. I loved how intelligent Ashlyn could be, and she goes after what she wants. She takes the initiative at times and I really found these small moments of growth and independence quite endearing.

The romance that develops between Nathaniel and Ashlyn is something I have seen before in the past and really enjoyed. This is an arranged marriage type of set up to their relationship. But there is some great chemistry between them. Nathaniel has to get back on the high seas in a few days, so they try to fit what they feel for each other in just those three days. We see them go on some adventures together, Nathaniel showing Ashlyn his world...dancing together, swimming in his oceans and he teaches her how to sail. There are some tender moments that build. I did feel like they fell into love too quickly and it felt too fabricated to be honest. It didn't feel real enough for the reader, just way too quick. I like insta love, but this one just seemed to be too "on the surface" with not much depth to their relationship. This book is shorter than those I normally read, so that could be a factor.

Another downside to the story was the world building. Now I felt REALLY lost through the first few chapters especially when we are in Nathaniel's POV. This is dual POV, but even in Ashlyn's POV, I felt like there should have been a bit more information placed in the story to help you understand the world. Its more futuristic, but you don't realize that until a few chapters in. I was very confused in some ways, and I am the

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T. says

I received Water World Warrior as a free copy from the author. The gifting did not determine the review/rating, which reflects my honest opinion. The premise of the story is Nat, who is from a far off planet, Vandwa, has purchased Ash, a mail-order bride from Earth.

*** SPOILERS *** Right off, I had major issues on several points. What kind of loan shark would let a teen (or twenty year old?) boy rack up almost a half-million in debt? After that, why threaten to kill his whole family if it's not paid off and be assured he won't see ANY return on the loan investment? A loan shark able to loan such a huge amount would make smarter investments than a kid with no job. I hate books where one person assumes the responsibility for another person's mistakes-- especially when the person who screwed up is in their late teens or 20's and should be part of the solution. That's not love, that's enabling.

In Chapter Ten, Nat mentioned he could swim better than Ash due to his adaption... that's it, no explanation for how people of Vandwa adapted to water or how they're physically different than people from earth -- Ash accepted "adaption" as an explanation without asking for clarification. (which is somewhat rectified in Chapter Fifteen, but even then, we hear about breathing apparatus and only a vague explanation that they have a special way of swimming-- as often as Ash saw Nat without a shirt, did she honestly miss the gill slits over his ribs? I found "double kick" swim style a poor explanation for speed, as anyone with the same physiology could probably swim the same way. The reader gets no sense the Vandwans have superior strength or other adaptations such as webbing to help them displace water differently.

Nat's Earth culture slang contained no special words/names to give a reader a sense they were on a different planet, no native animal names (stingrays, and sharks instead of naturally evolving species of their own) and boat building materials used on his planet were no different from Earth- the author made no attempt to create any special items- apart from foods (no color or textures given, just that the food was different)-. The writer treated Vandwa like a water-logged Earth. I'd have liked to know how Nat got wood for his ship if his planet is mostly water (where would it have grown?), and why did his ship look like an Earth pirate ship instead of a design of native origin?

Another issue I had with the story was the author's redundant word usage, a good developmental editor should have caught this and suggested alternate words or phrasing. A disappointing read with too many plot holes, and a complete disregard of world-building—which should have been a main focus with more detail. The story would have read better if Nat was from a different continent in Earth, as it sounded more like Nat sailed the Pacific Ocean rather than a different world.

Country Goose says

It's Okay

Vague descriptions and no difference in terminology make it inadequate for "Alien Romance" classification. Vandwa has sharks, stingrays, tides, scientists, restaurants, etc. The food is described in an alien way, but they seem to eat the same as we do. They have sail boats, row boats, cargo ships as seen in our past. It made

me feel it was more of a time lapse than a sci-fi.

The looks don't seem to differentiate between races, just the hidden gills on their torso. The plot was too simple, no action. There is no real resolution or form of closure, except an "I'm going to taddle on you" and a year later she ends up back at her sewing shop with nothing in between, though it recaps in the next three pages.

It wasn't executed well at all.

It was very simple with another "insta-love" and it kept my interest with a decent plot. I wish I received more than I did.

Brickley Jules says

This was my first alien love story. It was a great introduction to this sub-category of the Sci-Fi genre.

J.C. says

I really liked this story and look forward to reading more of this series or more books from this author.

** I voluntarily received this arc book from the author for a clear and honest review.**

Ceeri Jay says

Oh this one dragged. Was a boring and confusing read. By chapter 5 I still had no idea where we were and why we were.

Stop. Just stop

Lillian ? Cloud 9 Books ? says

***** 4 Stars *****

Lately I've been reading a lot of dark mafia romances. So **Water World Warrior** provided me with the perfect break from all that. It's a fun light read with romance and adventure.

Ashlyn takes care of three younger brothers. One of her brothers gets into a bad situation by owing a dangerous group a lot of money. To keep her family safe, Ash signs up for TerraMates. TerraMates matches human women to wealthy alien men. Ash plans on using the money paid by TerraMates to get rid of the debt.

Nat is a scientist. As water levels continue to increase, he wants to create a solution so that people do not have to leave their homes and become refugees. But because of the corruption in his world, he is a wanted

man due to pirating. He's not a bad pirate. He makes sure the goods go to the refugees.

When he gets caught in hot water, he lies and tells the officials that he's taking a short cut to pick up his fiance. The officials tell him to show proof of marriage at a later time, and this leads Nat to sign up for TerraMates.

I really enjoyed the relationship between the characters. It's a fast and light read. I've also listened to parts of the audiobook, and I thought it was pretty good.

Miranda says

This was a great start of the Terramates series! I really enjoyed both Ashlyn and Nathaniel. Although it seemed a bit rushed at some points, I really liked this first book and will continue on with the series.

In order for Ash to protect her brothers she signs up for Terramates to match her with a husband. For Nat to stay out of jail he has to prove that he was sailing in a restricted zone in order to get to his wife quicker.

Although they start out as strangers they quickly fall in love and help each other out. I don't think there was a single thing about Nat and Ash that I didn't like.

I really enjoyed this new to me series and author and I look forward to reading more of both!

Tracey says

This book was super fun to read I love the world building and the connection between both MC was great to read I never got bored read this story I am so excited to read more in this series

Joselyn Moreno Burke says

I did think it was going to be a no on my list at the beginning but I really enjoyed it after the first chapters, the plot was interesting and intriguing, loved the characters they were so complex I really liked them, Ashlyn was funny and Nathaniel was so air headed sometimes it was cute.

the voices took me a while to get used to but it was super enjoyable after a few chapters. Hope to hear more audio books of this series I just love it, I count myself as a huge fan of Lisa at this point

MsChris1161 says

I really enjoyed WATER WORLD WARRIOR by Lisa Lace and am so glad I took a chance on a new-to-me author. What I love most about science fiction / futuristic romances is that the imagination can run wild. Love is love... but the different environments, character descriptions, societal rules and expectations have a little more liberty and are so much fun to read! Ms Lace offers plenty of details and world building, but not so much as to slow down the pace or dilute the romance in Water World Warrior.

Ashlynn and Nathaniel were both in desperate situations and both turned to TerraMates, a matchmaking service, for a way out. However, to each of their surprise they find unexpected love. Talk about taking online dating to the extreme! But they were very well suited, both with a scientific mind and an adventurous spirit. Nat, for instance, is a bit of a Robin Hood in the guise of a pirate, stealing food meant for the needy from supply ships that are supposed to be delivering it, to make sure those food supplies actually make it to those it is meant for. Ms. Lace tells their story with humor, excitement, a bit of danger, and some very steamy scenes. I listened to the audio version, which utilizes two narrators alternating as the story is being told from both Ashlynn and Nat's point of view. I will definitely be checking out other books in this series! 4 stars

N.D. says

Audiobook version

This audiobook had a male and female narrator, which is a great idea. What I didn't understand, however, was the point of having two narrators when they both did male and female parts. I would think, having a male and female narrator, would have made the most sense if the male did all the male characters and the female did all the female characters. But that wasn't the case.

Nathaniel and Ashlyn were a cute couple. And the idea of Terramates an interesting concept for a series. One drawback to the story was the sheer number of times the author repeated herself, relaying details the reader already knew. This issue was also linked to the author's penchant for telling details that would've served the story well through showing. This continued even to the end with Lace doing a year recap, which wasn't at all the most engaging or fulfilling way to end a story.
