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Space station security specialist Sam has done one thing since her abduction by alien slavers...fight to survive. But now one strong alien gladiator stands at her side and Sam knows she is no longer alone.

Thrust into a lawless desert arena, Sam Santos has done terrible things in order to stay alive. As the Champion of Zaabha, she's been fighting to find a way out. Everything changes when the Imperator of the House of Galen sacrifices his freedom to help her. The hard-bodied, fierce man has vowed to help her escape, but getting out of Zaabha is only the first deadly task they face.

Galen was bred to be a royal bodyguard and protect his prince. With his planet now destroyed, he's grown powerful and forged his wealthy gladiatorial House on the desert planet of Carthago. All Galen knows is honor, service, and sacrifice. Now his life depends on working with one battle-hardened woman of Earth as they fight together to survive. But Sam Santos is not what he expected. Tough, yes. A brilliant fighter, for sure. But there is a softer side to the woman as well. And Galen finds himself irrevocably drawn to all of Sam's captivating facets.

Then they uncover a devious plot by the Thraxians that could bring down the foundations of the Kor Magna Arena and all they hold dear. Galen and Sam will stop at nothing to defeat the evil alien slavers, even if it means war. In amongst the fighting, Sam may finally show a man who lives for everyone else, that he deserves more than just honor and freedom, but love as well...if they survive the coming battle.

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From Reader Review Emperor for online ebook

boogenhagen says

I am still swooning here. Galen was totally worth the wait, Sam was amazing and am I shallow because I am still drooling over the cover's abs?

Best of All we are getting MORE! AH left it wide open for more abs, more adventures, more fights, more swoony love declarations and yes, MORE MANLY ABS!

Hurray! I am so happy Galen finally got his well deserved HEA and here is to many more Gladiator adventures.

Under the Covers Book Blog says

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Reviewed by Suzanne♥ ? Don't want to miss any of our posts? Subscribe to our blog by email! ? ♥

Teri says

I really liked the idea of this, and I liked the characters also --and can I say that little bit there at the end with the alternating POVs was super adorableness. However, I felt like everything happened too fast for me to

feel too deeply about it. I didn't want them to continue to be slaves and forced to fight, but I wish there had been a bit more time in that cell together or something, or even out on the sand before they were found. Time for them to really develop some feelings . (view spoiler)It wasn't bad, I just didn't really feel anything.

Paraphrodite says

4 stars.

This has been a constantly entertaining sci-fi action romance series. I loved the mini-epilogues for each of the main characters.

It's bad when you're happy to learn that there are more human abductees out there, but I'm glad that this is not going to be the end of the Galactic Gladiators.

AvidReader says

An action-packed, passion-filled utterly enjoyable read.

I was waiting for the story of Strong, loyal, controlled, house of Galen Emperor's since beginning. And it's awesome. I am so glad Galen got his perfect match in brave fighter Samantha. The most fantastic moment in this book was when somany Emperor's from other houses introduced not only because they supported Galen but.... well MORE BOOKS!

I can never get enough of this series and I'm eternally grateful that the author keeps on giving us more from this. I Love you Anna Hackett and please continue writing this awesome series.

Loved the last fight and chapter so much!

Absolutely recommended.

Go read, it's kindle unlimited.

Kari says

Reading is about escape. Its the chance to slip out of our own lives for a few hours and go on an adventure. Its about a break from the everyday to experience romance, danger, and intrigue. Its about new worlds and characters we want to know or maybe aspire to be like. To take that adventure requires a gifted storyteller. Anna Hackett gifts us with a glorious adventure every time we open one of her books. Her latest, the Emperor, brings her fans the long awaited story of Galen. Across the series, we catch glimpses into the man, leader, warrior and friend. With Anna's latest offering we finally get the whole man....and my oh my...what a man he is. To compliment Galen she creates her strongest female character to date. Samantha, like Galen, is strong, selfless, loyal and completely capable of rescuing herself and in the end, rescuing him. This is a not to be missed series.

Inka says

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Marta Cox says

Finally the book that fans of this series have been clamouring to read, Galens story . The Emperor has always played an integral part in these books as not only is he the sworn bodyguard of Raiden whose happy ending started this series but Galen has always shone as brave, fearless and honourable. Without his compassion and determination many would have led miserable lives and possibly even died on the harsh planet of Carthago . Having saved those he could Galen is left trapped on the floating arena known as Zaabha but he’s not the only one with the will to escape and bring down the cruel Thraxians . Also prisoner is the very human Sam who has survived this long so she’s definitely not giving up now ! Galen in many ways has been a man apart so it was so fun to read about him reaching out to Sam . The irony is they are both as stubborn as each other so getting them both to function together as a couple must have given the author a headache. Thankfully there’s enough action to keep the story moving along very quickly and Sam is never a shrinking violet and is in fact just as battle hardened and blood thirsty as any of the Gladiators. I won’t ruin the story but will say that there are lovely cameos from favourite characters, hot loving along the way and even some sweetness too. Best of all though is that even though this feels as if it’s the end of this series the author has cunningly left the way open to go back should she want. I cannot quite believe that this is book eleven and I do think they are best read in order . I cannot think of another series that mixes alien Gladiators with such a believable storyline and recommend these books to those who want action, humour and of course romance. This voluntary take is of an advance copy and my thoughts and comments are honest and I believe fair

Suzanne (Under the Covers Book blog) says

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Mei says

This is the final book in the Galactic Gladiators series and it was a fitting ending where, at the end, each gladiator had a small cameo!

I loved how Galen and Sam fit! They're just perfect for each other!

I also appreciated that there was not angst, even if there were some of "I'm not good for you" stuff! But it was all Galen's and it was brief, thank God!

Sam, on the other hand knew Galen was it for her and she let Galen know that she wouldn't let him wallow in self pity! I loved her!

The action is very fast, full of fights and hot love scenes. I would have preferred if it was a little bit longer, but it was good!

Kelly says

Big, bad Galen, Emperor of the House of Galen, has finally met his match. Considering he hasn't shown

even the inkling of an interest in anyone until Sam stepped on the scene, this feels like a big moment.

As it turns out, Galen is just as...well, "human" wouldn't be the right word, would it? Maybe mortal? Nah. That doesn't feel right, either. Regardless, he's not infallible and he's not unfeeling. He carries the burden of his people's safety and his failure in protecting Raiden's family like a cloak. The poor guy is a tense ball of guilt and responsibility and Sam's just the one to help him loosen up.

Seriously, Galen doesn't have a clue how to relax until Sam basically browbeats him into dropping his guard for a while. Nekkid, fun time is a great motivator, isn't it?

As for Sam, her time as a captive in Zaabha has worn her down. She's not willing to give up, but she had to do things to survive that she's not proud of. In other words, if anyone understands the position Galen is in with his guilt, she's the one.

While this ties up the Galactic Gladiators series, there looks to be plenty more in store for the plucky survivors who ended up on Carthago. For me, it's always hard to say goodbye to characters I've come to know and love, but I'm excited to see where the next adventure takes us.

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

Ira says

No one can be more perfect for each other than this couple in this series!

Both side, have a strong personality, always in charge and caring to others under their wings!
So, Galen and Samantha really deserved for each other! ♥️?

Okay ladies, this series had been a nice surprise for me.
Very entertaining and each book just enough pages for a quick read, when I don't want to get headaches by a book.

No grumpiness in me while reading this series, all good! ?
Oh, it's available on KU too.
There you go, read it if you like Hot Alien Heroes, and off to outer space sometimes! ??

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Rosebud says

Imperator Galen mounted a rescue mission to free Sam Santos, imprisoned on Zaabha, only to land up being a prisoner himself. Forced to survive endless 'fight to the death' combats in the Zaabha arena, Galen knows it will take a miracle to escape. All he can do is keep fighting until something materializes, if it does

Sam Santos is the current Champion of Zaabha but knows it would only take one fight to end her winning

streak, and her life. A glimmer of hope arises when House Galen attempts to rescue her. A hope dashed when the Emperor himself is captured and is now a feature attraction in life or death combat bouts for the entertainment of the spectators. One way or another she needs to do something before Galen falls.

Escaping Zaabha will be the easy part when the devious plans the Thraxians have for Kor Magna is exposed. The only possible way to defeat the Thraxians will require all the Houses to unite, a remote possibility at best as the Houses have their own personal agendas and alliances.

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This is the 11th and final installment in the "Galactic Gladiator" series marking an end to the series... or is it?

The author saved the best for last (character) as most fans of the series have wanted Galen to have his own HEA if for no other reason than that he has sacrificed so much personally and deserves it. The series would not be complete otherwise.

The main characters. Sam and Galen are a match in both personality and combat skills. Nothing says love more than grabbing a sword or dagger or whatever to work out a couple's personal problems. Just think, arguments over not picking up one's socks - sword fight until first blood; forget to pick up milk - wrestling until submission. Ahhhh the possibilities. lol

The romance aspects do include adult content erotica that has a sensual slant. A good read for any fantasies a reader might have wondering if gladiators really do have a romantic core or not, and if they really know how to wield..... their sword.

Secondary characters basically include all the characters from previous installments. Won't include or do any shout outs as fans already have their favs so it's just a matter of appreciating one last chance to bask in their presence. Or is it?

Any issues I have deal with more the fact that the author has found a way to extend this series. That means no final closure, which is good and bad depending. Potential readers will have to read this book to find out how that's possible and what direction the series will go in to find out what the author has up her sleeves.

Basically this is a must read for any fans of the series. While I had a few personal problematic feelings, it's just not worth mentioning as the author gave me closure and Galen. The author has found a way to extend the series so now it's just a matter of choice by readers: read up to this installment as it concludes the core characters involved from the start... or ... know that there will be more from our galactic gladiators to look forward to
:)

Melissa Taylor says

Sigh!

Does it GET any better? I knew Galen would burn bright and I was so so right! What a story!!!

Dísir says

'Imperator' closes out Anna Hackett's Galactic Gladiators series, or at least it's the end...for now, until the next House gets its own story as a spin-off in the future.

Opening straight from the end of the last book (best to read them in order at least), Sam Santos's and Galen's story is one that Anna Hackett has been promising for a while. The fight against the mortal enemy in this world comes to a head in this book and it's an exciting one, though it did get loopy at times, as if Sam and Galen went round the merry-go-round getting free from the Thraxians, only to be captured again.

Sam, the former head of security on a space station, is as much as a gladiator and imposing warrior in her own right—I keep imagining a very sweaty Beyoncé dressed in tight leathers constantly holding a sword and knife for some reason—and a perfect match for Galen. Uber-capable, super tough, straight-shooting and determined, it's easy to root for a strong female protagonist that you wish would always grace the pages of adventure romance books—eclipsing even the stoic and ever-in-control Galen who'd always scoffed in resignation about his gladiators falling for earth women.

I'll admit that this isn't quite the series that I've been salivating over, despite the rush of romance, adventure and iron-clad HEAs that are guaranteed in Hackett's books. With the same formula of pairing women from earth with alien mates, the last-minute miraculous rescues and the survival against all odds that's found in all of the books, I'm guessing that I'm probably thirsting after some deviation...somehow, somewhere.

The world-building is nonetheless impressive—it's why Hackett's books primarily appeal, even if not always for the pairing for me at least—and the book's easy enough to breeze through, which would make it a perfect escape for a couple of hours.
