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Zhang Dynasty 1: Seduction of the Phoenix

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A prince raised in honor and tradition, a woman raised with nothing at all. She wants to steal their most sacred treasure. He'll do anything to protect it, even if it means marrying a thief.

Prince Zhang Jin is a man raised in honor and tradition, so it is a great surprise when he is compelled to claim a stranger as his bride who has neither. Francesca La Rosa is hardly a match fit for a prince. Though beautiful, she is a thief with one thing on her mind--stealing the sacred Jade Phoenix of his people. But the mystery doesn't end there. With the aid of the spirits of his ancestors he must discover who this woman is, why she would destroy the Zhang Empire and most of all, if she could ever return the love that is growing in his heart.

This novel contains adult content. Must be 18 years or older to read.

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From Reader Review Seduction of the Phoenix for online ebook

Amanda Richardson says

What happens when a prince and a thief must marry? A return to the Qurilixen World and a really great read!

Prince Jin is surprised when guards drag in a thief during the yearly bride-choosing ceremony. Jin is more surprised to realize the thief is a woman. A woman with jade eyes like the Phoenix she tried to steal. Jin is more surprised to find himself claiming her as his bride.

Francesca is a thief tasked to steal the Phoenix. She had the perfect plan to sneak in when the royal family and most of the city's inhabitants were occupied. She is shocked when she is delivered to Jin's room after he claims her.

Probably not the best start to a relationship! Jin has to determine Francesca's motive for stealing the Phoenix and what their fate has in store. Why this woman? Why a thief who could bring down the entire empire?

Highly recommended - lots of steam and lots of fun!

I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy.

Nikki Brooks says

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He has to endure the meet and greet that encapsulates the ceremony for him and his brothers to possibly meet their wives. His life is just the way he wants it but a ghostly ancestor takes over his body and he ends up claiming a bride...pity she was just hauled in front of the royal family for attempting to steal a sacred jade.

Francesca had a bum deal for most of her life. Then she met a great shufu warrior and he taught her everything she knows about the outlawed form of martial arts. Now on a mission to carry out the act of revenge they had planned, she is after the sacred jade and she'll do just about anything to get it. But will she marry Jin in order to get what she wants?

There is a great deal of attention paid to the customs of China, from where most of this planet originates, before colonising this planet. Francesca is no shrinking violet and an intriguing mix of naïve and manipulative! Jin squabbling with his various ghostly ancestors is very funny and I could just seem him stalking down corridors looking like a mad man, talking to thin air!

Daisiemaes says

Prince Zhang Jin is trying not to look too bored. Having more traditional belief than his brothers, he is honor-bound to endure the Qi-Zi ceremony where all of the beautiful women on his planet-Lintian- offer

themselves up for their hand in marriage. After awhile, all the women look and act the same. Just as he begins to think the ceremony is over, a masked woman is brought into the proceedings in shackles. As the guards begin to inform the Emperor of the woman's crimes, his Ancestral Grandfather's ghost appears to Jin and informs him that this woman is his mate. As Jin tries to deny this, his Grandfather possesses his body and claims the spitfire as his bride.

Francesca La Rosa can't believe her luck. One moment she is sure to be hung for trying to steal the "Jade Phoenix" and the next the most handsome man she has ever laid eyes on has claimed her to be his wife and future Princess.

What follows is an emotional rollercoaster for the characters and for me as the reader. Jin is truly a honorable man. Bound by tradition, he is compelled to keep the "old" ways embraced with his people...even if it means being married to a woman who constantly defies him. Don't get me wrong, he is tough when he has to be, but he is also one of the most noble and kind heroes I have read about in a long while.

Francesca drove me crazy. She is determined to steal the Jade Phoenix if it is the last thing she does. She is driven by revenge (You'll have to read the book to find out more) and often hurts the people around her (including Jin) irregardless of their feelings.

There were a few times I wanted Jin to throw Francesca off the side of a building or maybe use some Chinese water torture on her because of her refusal to admit the feelings they had for one another because of her unending need for revenge...but things do work out.

I really liked this book. The Zhang Dynasty is very interesting, and Jin is truly a hero I could stand behind. I even liked Francesca. I understood her pain from her past, but I was honestly glad to see her come around...whew!

I plan on reading more about this family and by this author!

If you are offended by strong language and explicit sexual situations, this book is not for you...otherwise...you will enjoy this one! Jin definitely knows how to treat a lady:)

Robin says

Michelle Pillow - Seduction of the Phoenix: A Qurilixen World Novel (Anniversary Edition) (Dynasty Lords Book 1)

Although related to the Dragon Lords and Lords of the Var books this new series (although there are some appearances of characters from those series), branches off in a whole new direction.

The books feature the world of the Zhang Dynasty on the planet of Lintian. Steeped in tradition much of which has been brought with them from when they were on earth. Not only is there a family with several unmarried Princes and one Princess still unrated (the other has mated one of the Qurilixen Pirates), there are many ancestral ghosts who are there to protect their home, traditions and give opinions whether requested or not.

This perfect full length novel had me mesmerized with a wonderfully detailed new world, a new culture to learn, lovely quotes about seduction and desire, and well flushed out characters.

This first book of the spinoff series is Prince Jin and Francesca's story. Jin's great grandfather's ghost tricks him into claiming Francesca as his bride. Just as shocked as the Prince is the woman who has just been arrested for trying to steal the Phoenix statue, which is the heart of the Family's strength.

Jin is a Prince who observes tradition and is in general an obedient son. Despite being tricked into this claiming he is determined to go through with it, and in truth there is something about this willful independent skilled "ninja" woman that has captured his attention, and perhaps a bit of his heart (and his body seems to be in agreement as well).

Francesca's history is a long one and it hasn't been an easy road for her. On a mission to exact revenge on this

family she is more than shocked to find herself about to be tried as a thief or married to a Prince. On top of all this she becomes drawn to Jin both physically and with her heart but she also has an oath to fulfill. I really loved this story it kept me swept up in its many facets that goes well beyond just a space sci-fi romance. A great start to the new spinoff which can be read as a stand alone as well -although why miss out on the other awesome books in the other series and spinoffs!

Melissa says

I absolutely loved this book! I looked forward to reading about the Zhang family ever since I read about Mei and Jarek (another must read). We first see Jin when he is in the main hall looking at brides. It is a "time honored" tradition and he is all about traditions, even if he finds them boring. Suddenly there is a disturbance and in comes Francesca who was trying to steal the Jade Phoenix. Unfortunately, for Jin, he is possessed by one of his ancestors, he is forced to claim her as his bride and so begins their rocky relationship. Jin and Francesca were great. They had amazing chemistry and their times together made the pages steam and you laugh at the same time. Each with their own secrets and not wanting to admit what they were feeling. Instantly attracted to each other and trying to deny themselves. She draws you in to their world again and you do not want to leave. I highly recommend this book and the entire Qurilixen world, you will not be disappointed.

Leopardwolf says

I loved this book. The twists and turns from every direction (including the past) was amazing. A fantastic read that had me gripped right from the start and it kept me enthralled all the way through. I loved the way that the characters were helped (hindered) by their ancestors as they bicker ed back and forth....not to mention our main characters fighting in the hallways!

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Anyway great love story that is years in the making.

I received an ARC copy of this book with no obligation. This is my honest opinion and views in this review.

Ana says

Honor Bound?

On the planet of Lintian in the Imperial Palace of the Zhang Dynasty Mei's brothers the 4 Princes go through the yearly tradition of looking at all the eligible females parade through in hopes one of the princes will choose one as wife... Little do they know that none of the brothers wish to wed, but tradition is tradition and they must endure. Only this time one of their ancestors their great, great grandfather Zhang Manchu decides it's time to interfere.

Zhang Jin is so not ready to wed, but the wiley old Manchu decides to take him over and chooses non other than a thief the guards are hawling in for trying to steal their most treasured artifact! Nothing can be done about it now without bringing shame to the family and Jin is the most honor bound of the brothers. What Jin didn't count on was the physical attraction that bound them, but will that be enough for the elusive thief Francesca?

Read the very mysterious and intriguing story of Jin and Francesca it had me transfixed the whole time always expecting one thing and getting another...LoL I loved the journey!

Ms Pillow takes us to worlds that never cease to amaze me with their traditions and passionate love.

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Cheryl Drake johnson says

Prince Zhang Jin has been possessed by his grandfather and now he is engaged to a Thief and the thief Francesca La Rosa will do anything and does to get her revenge. She is there to avenge the man that saved her from slavery. She drives the prince crazy because all he wants is to remain in the palace and learn the history of the Zhang Dynasty but this woman has touched something deep in him and he wants her but he cannot trust her but he can do nothing because his grandfather while possessing him told everyone who was in attendance at the showing for all the princes the women that were being presented as brides, that he was going to marry Francesca, who was caught by his grandmother and brought to the family cursing up a storm because she thought she was about to get the prize and get away. This is a fascinating story you will enjoy the characters the living and the dead are fun. I received a copy as a gift from the author. I am providing an honest review with out obligation.

Pam Louis says

Wow Michelle pillow has taken us to another new world!

this book is linked with the dragon lords books but this story takes place on Lintian .

Prince Jin and his brothers are at a wife picking ceremony but none of them want or plan to get married. A woman dressed in black from head to toes is dragged in by guards yelling at them to let her go. If that not bad enough jin's dead grandfather takes over jin's body and tells the court and his family that he claims the woman in black as his wife. Once said it can't be taken back. His father said yes so now it's a done deal. No one it getting out of this! Lol butttttt that is just the start of the story and wow what a full story full of action, plots, steamyness, old friends come to join the story too. I loved it.

Mandy J says

Wow.. just Wow! Michelle Pillow has a way with words and she's not afraid to let us all know this. She wields her words like a mighty weapon and enraptured her readers. I was so excited to be able to read the anniversary edition of Jin and Francesca' story. Michelle Pillow takes us on a rollercoaster ride along with the MCs and oh boy it was one hell of a ride. It's erotic, sweet, and adventurous. It was nice to watch their love story grow as well as develop into something more.

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Jin the honorable son and Francesca, the feisty revenge seeking thief actually make quite the pair. I felt like they complimented each other very well and that their story was quite funny and descriptive. It was also nice having hours of the past thrown in there. I can't wait for more from the Quixillirians.

Overall I give this story a solid 4 stars.

Marta Cox says

If like me you loved the Qurilixen World books with its Dragon and Var shifters then you will be delighted to realise that there's quite a few other books that connect. This was previously published under the banner of Zhang Dynasty but now that the author has decided to revisit and refresh these stories the series name is

Dynasty Lords. So if you enjoy futuristic romance then these books are definitely a fascinating read. The Zhang dynasty have very unusual relatives and believe me the things that go bump in the night are very real indeed. You see they have ghosts that just refuse to go away and one in particular is about to change Prince Zhang Jins life for good ! Jin winds up compelled to announce that a would be thief is going to be his bride but is there more to Francesca then meets the eye ?

Jin and his family are all about tradition as they believe a curse could end everything they have struggled to maintain. Francesca however is on a mission, a quest if you like for revenge as she promised her late master she would steal the precious Jade Phoenix the Zhangs guard so carefully.

What fuels this story is the banter and undoubted chemistry that burns between this couple. Unfortunately there's very little trust and if honest I found Jin to be a little weak. That being said I can joyfully state that a certain band of space mercenaries show up to brighten the proceedings and yes as a fan of these stories I loved seeing them go to work. I really liked Francesca, understood Jins position and absolutely adored the meddling ghosts !

This voluntary take is of an advance copy and my thoughts and comments are honest and I believe fair

Cheri says

Honor her past at the expense of her future. Claim happiness but betray her past. Two choices that can only end in guilt. What does beautiful thief Francesca choose?

Prince Yin, steeped in history and tradition, seems unlikely to pick someone like Francesca as a wife when he has refused the parade of nobles that came before her.

This next book in the future Ms Pillow has intrigued us with continues to compel and keep us wanting more. It's fun to revisit other characters from previous books and add new favorites for future visits.

Yin and Francesca have all the chemistry working for them, but trust is harder to come by. With the past and present at odds with any relationship, can they get past it? Is there a future for them together? Can they find love?

This is no easy task but reading their struggle and getting to know them has been a real reading pleasure. Ms Pillow never disappoints and she certainly didn't this time.

I was provided an ARC for an honest review.

Dawn Dohey says

A fun and exciting read by Michelle yet again .The two main characters in this book are truly destined for one another .Prince Jin is bound and driven by duty and his family's honour. Francesca is driven by revenge to make the very family that killed her Master pay for what they done.

Prince Jin doesn't want to marry but his ancestors have different plans for him they make him choose the very women who tries to steal his family's most priced possession as his Bride. Francesca is caught stealing and is surprised by the Prince's claim, she sees it as a way of trying to complete her task again and goes along with the plan.

It becomes a physical battle and a battle of wits as the two question the other motive and true feeling for one another. Francesca then flees on her wedding night and completes her task and maybe driving a terrible wedge between her and Jin .Will he forgive what she has done or will she forever be on the run for her crime and her true feeling for Jin.
