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They believed humans were weak; until her.

The aliens ruling over the galaxy knew humans were compatible with their species, but they never expected to find a match quite so perfect for their Emperor.

Lena should have been nothing more than an incubator - she was supposed to have the Emperor's child, and then get back to her life.

But then, they made the mistake of threatening that child...

The Emperor's Mate is a standalone sci-fi romance following three stories - previously published as Rise, Rage, and Rule between 2015 and 2016. It has been re-edited. Expect swear words and some adult situations.

The Emperor's Mate Details

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From Reader Review The Emperor's Mate for online ebook

Carvanz says

Audible: Narrators – Tor Thom and Charley Ongel

These narrators had a huge challenge with this audiobook as there are so many characters as well as some that speak with an accent. Both of them did an exceptional job! I never had a problem trying to figure out who was speaking because each character was so defined by Tor and Charley' voices.

This is actually three stories in one. I really enjoyed all the characters that were introduced in each of the parts of this book. The world building was just enough to be believable without losing me to descriptions I couldn't imagine. Each couple struggled with their own individual issues giving this book a well-rounded feel. Secondary characters are perfect, the steam factor is mid to high level, the pacing fast without ever bogging down, and the epilogues very nice.

I was given this free review copy audiobook at my request and have voluntarily left this review.

Dual POV

Safe (view spoiler)

Triggers (view spoiler)

Rock Chick says

Tor Thom & Charley Ongel are an amazing narrating duo.

Each book they narrate draws you into the story. You cant help but keep listening just for the joy of it.

The narration is so vivid and real, you find yourself invested in the story and the journey of Calden and Lena.

World building by May Sage was good. It was easy to follow the events described in the book and paint a picture of the world we are in.

Tor and Charley narrated each situation to perfection.

Shai Kamelgaren says

I would have liked this story a lot more if it were to stop with the Emperor and Lena.

the writing was very engaging' and there were no stone left unturned, but the story felt rushed, like we had to hear every one's tale' when i wasn't even ready to stop hearing about the first couple. should have been a lot longer book, for all the romance that got included.

Agnieszka says

Well, if the author used those characters and tried to deepen their stories and FOCUS on one at a time... this book would make several great stories BUT unfortunately she just dumped summaries of potentially great series, glued them together rather crudely and f*cked it up disastrously by giving me a taste and potential with no finish and no depth... This world and those heroes&heroines deserved more care and love from their creator... :(

Sandra says

May Sage has obviously cobbled together 3 stories without actually doing the work to make them flow together better. It was very choppy switching to the new couple.

It's a shame really because the plot was good, though I've read similar stories before, and the MCs were well done if a little stereotypical, but everything seemed rushed and the ending of each story felt underdone. It's like we were missing a couple of pages at the end of each one.

Had no problems with the switching POV as every change was well labelled.

Raquel says

This as a great book for romance alien and sci-fi fan it had some awesome characters that you won't want to miss Lean and her cat were some of my favorite Lena is one badass lady with a hidden soft side that Calden the alien empearar has a hard time getting too because he just can't seem to get out of his own way.

Really enjoyed the story and glad that it is basically three books in one so you get more of the characters without having to wait to read what happens next. While I did enjoy they story I wanted more! There where a lot of characters and while they got their HEA I would have loved to have read a little more about the couples Alek/Ava and Willow/Cedar poor Willow went through a lot and I would loved to have see her relationship with Cedar develop alittle more and maybe some babies for those couples maybe the author can revisit this series again.

I voluntarily reviewed this book.

Dawn Sammer Fuhrman says

This is the first time I read a May Sage book. I was not sure what to expect when I first started listening. I was pleasantly surprised at how easily the world and Aliens were to imagine. Ms. Sage vividly described every detail to bring the scene and characters to your minds eye. Although the book is a Sci-fi book, it is not overbearing and so farfetched that it is hard to relate to.

Lena and Calden was my favorite couple. I could relate to Lena and her motherly instincts. I loved following her growth from just a breeder to a mother. The way Calden found his mate, Lena, is like a matchmaking game, but with DNA. Calden, being a strong leader, was easily attracted to Lena, who was an equally strong woman.

Tor Thom and Charley Ongel are a perfect compliment to the story. Tor Thom distinguished the many male characters with ease. The different pitches and accents Mr Thom used were perfectly chosen for each character and how I would have imagined that character. Charley Ongel is a wonderful contrast to Mr Thom's deep baritone voice. Ms Ongel brought out each female character's attitude and emotion with her narration. Together, Mr Thom and Ms Ongel enhanced the story and created a movie within my mind's eye.

Christy deSade says

Finished

I'm finished with May Sage. After this atrocity, I'm through with her works. Pseudo "strong" females who are the worst kind of weak, so called "chivalrous " males who are misogynists.....multiple perspectives handled poorly combined with shoddy writing equals a story I don't want a resolution to since it would demean women and insult everyone.

K. Ramjohn says

The Emperor's Mate was a fascinating Sci-Fi alien novel that I just could not put down. I really enjoyed it. This novel has separate stories in one and loved how they all blended together. While the story was Sci-fi it was so much more than just alien world. It was about finding your mate and each story had a separate couple's search for their mate. The novel was very descriptive with wonderful characters. The storyline was fast paced and action-packed.

I listened to the audible version of this novel narrated by Tor Thom and Charley Ongel. These two were able to bring the story to life and they did an excellent job of voicing the many different characters. Although the story itself is very descriptive these two were able to bring out the characters and the story so much more that I could clearly picture what was happening. I loved it.

This was an excellent read and I would highly recommend it to all sci-fi lovers.

Kees says

I received a free code for the audiobook version. I did not finish this book because I felt the writing was

weak. The flow was not done well. There were time jumps with no real explanation. Me not finishing this book is not a reflection on the narrators. They did a good job. I'd listen to them narrate another book but I just couldn't get on board with this story. This was my first May Sage book.

arcticbooklover says

I'm not that fond of Sci-fi and alien stories, but I promised myself this year to try reading/listening to other genres.

This is my first May Sage audio/book.

I liked the plot. The book was built up with several characters that had their own parts in the book. All this good, but each part ended too quickly, never got a clear ending to each story before the next story suddenly began, also there was a very long time gap between some of the different parts.

Tor Thom and Charley Ongel did a great job with the narrating.

JP says

Saying one thing first: This is the revamped edition of the Blue Blood Trilogy the author previously published - it contains all three parts.

That said I quite liked it! Sure, some parts seemed a bit odd, especially some year jumps and scene cuts in the story, but if you know that it was previously released as three parts it makes sense again.

For me this was a page turner. I would have loved to hear more of some of the back stories, like who they busted that breeder program and Lena being pregnant, and how her father helped her and the list goes on. It does contain a few cliffhangers in that regard but the main story around the protagonists progresses nicely.

I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who likes sci-fi and romance. :)

Isabella - Madly in Love with Books says

To be honest I would have liked to give this book more stars. There are some pretty damn kickass heroines in there and yass. I love that. I am all in for that. I live for that! I forgive a lot with that. But not everything. Unfortunately the book tried to tell and be way too much. While I liked the overall ideas of the plot and storyline it wasn't worked out good enough, character development was completely missing - and DAMN would it have been great if there had been one.

This could have been really good with a little more work, a little more time and a little more talent.

Patty says

This is my first book by May Sage, and I have to say I am pleasantly surprised. I am not a science fiction

listener, so I started with some trepidation. The story was much more than just sci fi, but the finding of your true mate. What I really got out of this story, is that no matter whether you are alien or human, whether you are friends first or you bump into them on the street, your true match is out there. The imaginative world that Sage creates with the Craydons is vividly written, so it is easy to picture and the characters are engaging. It's interesting to see how each couple in each part finally gets together and finds their true mate. Out of the three parts, I enjoyed Calden and Lena's story the most. Lena proves herself to be a strong, smart woman and a wonderful mother, stopping at nothing to protect her child. Love seeing the mom in her come alive. Cedar in part 2 was an very interesting character and his uncertainty is endearing. I did like seeing Alec grown up in part 3, and the appearance of Lena as well.

Narrated by Tor Thom and Charley Ongel, this team brought the story to life. There are many characters, and Tor Thom gave each man his own voice. From old to young, American to Scottish, he nailed each one and let you know by each finesse of the voice. Charley Ongel shined in this narration. I love how she gave each woman a strength through their story, Lena is a fierce warrior, Ava a little hesitant but gaining confidence and Willow some wisdom with age. The performances are wonderful.

Ginger says

First thank you Tor Thom and Charley Ongel for gifting me this book thru Aural Fixation on FB. They did an excellent job narrating.

The Emperors Mate is a Sci-fi versus paranormal romance with comedy thrown in. We have humans, aliens and dragons all living and cohabiting together.

A capricious alien Emperor Calden looking and finding a snarky Mate Lena, who is human and has to prove she is cunning and smart enough to be the Empress after birthing his child several years earlier, thus him being capricious.

I have a gripe with this story, because it is entwined with several other stories and several other characters, none of these stories are complete in my mind. All these characters are sitting in my head waiting for their HEA, if that makes sense to others reading this.

I would have given this book a much better review and rating had the author given more detail to the characters in her plots.
