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The Hot Scot Meets His Mate

When a possible spy appears at Mallochbairn, it's dragon shifter Colin Malloch's duty to hunt her down and capture her. Who is Ariane? What's she doing in Scotland?

But soon Colin's need for a mate draws this mysterious traveler into grave danger. How can he keep her safe when his own brother demands her life?

This is the second novel the sexy Shifters of Scotland series, where beauty meets beast in the Scottish Highlands. Although the stories are related, each book is a standalone. The first novel in the series is *The Zrakon's Bride*.

The Zrakon's Curse is a short novel by USA Today bestselling author and Rita Award Winner, Linda Barlow.

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S. says

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Solmarie says

I was gifted a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. This is the second book in the Zrakon series.

Ariane is a traveler. In her world she goes from place to place learning about the people there with the help of her animal companions. When she and her sea dragon are attacked somehow get sucked into a vortex to another world she doesn't know what to do or think. All she can think about is survival. The rest will come.

Colin Malloch's duty is to protect the barrier that has been entrusted into his families keeping for century. When a disturbance occurs he is the first to go investigate. Only to find Ariane. He doesn't understand the protective urges he has for her from almost the very start. Especially when he has to go against his own family who believe that Ariane is a spy sent to get information. Can he trust his instincts where this unique woman are concerned?

I really like the glimpses that Linda Barlow is giving of the Malloch family and their "curse". I'm assuming that each family member will be getting his own book (at least I hope so!). I liked the introduction of a whole new world to explore in the future as well. Ariane and Colin had so much in common with their interest of traveling and exploring new places. Even though Colin was a younger brother he still stood up to his family for the woman who he felt was his mate. There were some sweet moments.

Definitely a series to keep your eyes out for.

Betty says

Colin and Ariane ...WOW !! Book 2..The Zrakon's Curse by Linda BARLOW

Colin is such a sweetheart and protective of those who he cares so much for. Ariane she's a Traveler who is from another dimension but due to being attacked with her sea Dragon are now separated with her sea Dragon badly injured as well as being now in our world. Which brings suspicion that she's a spy. Colin discovers her and sparks begin between them. Yet other things are not as they seem and are uncovered to the surprise of Colin. While the two main characters are enjoying each other and their being mates. I'm recommending you see what happens and enjoy.

Dora says

Liked the story. It's about a female Traveler from another dimension who cross a vortex to Earth and it's considered a spy. It has good size, intriguing characters and not too much sex. I like when the stories have a substantial plot and are not clouded with lot of sex. Very different kind of shifters and worlds. Kept my interest. It's my first book from this author and I will be looking for the Zrakon's Bride.

Cherri-Anne says

“Hey, they're not skirts!”

‘He teased back, amused that even in another world, women wondered what a Scotsman had under his kilt.’ How true!! Fantastic!!! I thoroughly enjoyed this book, the second in the series. I felt that by reading the books in order, you not only get the maximum out of both of the stories, but it also gives you the information & background on the Sea Dragons from Ross & Kate's stories so that you were able to understand and enjoy this story more! I liked that Linda did not repeat everything, just what you needed to know in order to enjoy Colin & Ariane's story. It kept this story fresh and awesome!! I found this story to be a little...darker, maybe? Or not as light-hearted as The Zrakon's Bride. There is still a lot of humor in it, but the tone is more deeper and intense. With Ariane being from another world, how could it not be!?! I loved how this story had more mystery to it, some different Shifters and answered that one universal and eternal question - just what exactly do they wear under that sexy kilt of theirs!!! :) I loved seeing things through the eyes of, well for lack of a better term, an alien! Pure genius and full of laugh out loud moments!! Definitely a book, and series, that I recommend to any readers out there who are looking for something fresh, unique and oh so very hot & sexy and want a different kind of Shifter to fall in love with! Linda has definitely showcased just how talented of an author she is and cannot wait to read more! I hope that Linda DOES plan to write more in this series because her Sea Dragons are so great & unique with such a creative twist to the “typical” shifter story that they stand out in a highly populated genre & category!!

Rachel's Willful Thoughts says

It is rare to find a paranormal romance that features something new beyond the usual menu of vampires, werewolves and the like. However, author Linda Barlow blazes new ground not only by using sea dragons, but she also ventures into an alternate world in *The Zrakon's Curse: Shifters of Scotland*.

This marks the second in her series, and although I missed reading the first one, the stories are able to be read as stand-alones. This particular installment features Colin and a Traveler named Ariane. The author has obviously devoted a lot of effort into creating her characters because they easily kept me focused on what was happening in the story.

Although from two different worlds, there's no missing the chemistry between Colin and Ariane. The heat level is quite satisfying with plenty of jaw-dropping action. If you like paranormal romance, this is definitely one to add to your list.

Tina says

If you love shifters you need to have this book even if you don't, there are Scots in it and we all know they wear kilts :) *sigh* a man in a kilt. Where was I? Oh yes, I have to say this book is fantastic! I haven't read from this authors before but I will be stalking, I mean look them up and give a hello anywhere I can find them. The worst thing about this book the story is short! Even though it is complete, I still wanted to stay just a little while longer in that world, get to know them better. At least there are links to the other books from the author, part of a series or not. A good writer is a good writer and I typically don't care of the genre, just as long as I can get lost in a book and a good writer can do that. So go forth and one-click you will not be disappointed!

Spunky N Sassy says

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## **Marie says**

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5 out of 5 Stars

What did I like?

I loved their mental connection. What I wouldn't give to be able to communicate like that. They were a well matched couple, both their love of traveling and their open mindedness to new worlds. It's great that they are starting to figure out the curse, even if they don't know what to do with the new information.

What did I not like?

Cameron (the brother) is going to be a problem. I feel bad that he is different from his brothers but he's an ass about it.

Recommendation: I love the way the story line is moving along and I can't wait until Cameron gets his story so I can watch his heroine kick his backside.

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## **Sebrena Ward says**

I received a copy of this eBook from the Author in exchange for an honest review.

One word to describe this book, Amazing! The Scottish Shifters novels are so creative and different from most of the shifter romances I've read. They are about the 'HOT' Mallochs of Mallochbirm, set on the west coast of Scotland, whom can shift into sea dragons and other creatures. Ariane is a Traveler, she travels the world in her dimension and is thrust/manipulated into Colins world, the future, by a Dark one (aka Vampire). She turns out to be Colins mate. Together they are going to travel in both worlds and what awaits them no one knows. Anticipating reading more about their travels and his brothers in this amazing series. The books are related, but standalone and can be read in any order. The Zrakon's Curse, book 2 of the series is my favorite so far because it answers the question of why the dragons are in the sea and not in the air. If you want the answer yourself you'll have to read the book. ;) I highly recommend this book/series to everyone who loves shifter/dragon romances. Kudos to the author.

The Zrakon's Bride

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## **Lisa says**

I thoroughly enjoyed this book, however I found that this was not the first book as I thought that it was so now I need to go read the actual first one which is The Zrakon's Bride. I also look forward to reading more books in this series as I am sure that there will be. I love reading about dragons, and this was different to read about sea dragons. But I still enjoyed them just as much as I do the other dragons that fly in the sky. I got a real tickle out of Colin and Ariane and found myself chuckling a few times while reading this book. I can just imagine what the first one is going to be like too and any others after this one. I think anyone who loves dragon shifters should read this series just to get a different take on dragons.

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## **Laure says**

This is a great book. Colin is a sea dragon and wolf shifter from Scotland. Ariane is a traveler from a different world that can be accessed through a rift in the sea. They meet when Ariane and her sea dragon companion, are forced through the rift by a darkling. Rin the sea dragon is badly injured and Ariane commands him to return to their world. Colin and Ariane meet when she is hiding in the rocks not far from his home where Colin finds her. The moment they touch they become mates. They decide to return to Ariane's world where Colin will observe the people of her world for his darkling shifter brother. You have to read this book.

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## **Petula says**

This is certainly a very different shifter story.

Ariane is a traveler, to communicate. In her world Someone has to travel the great distances. To do that the swim with a Sea dragon or fly on mammoth eagles. It is time for Ari's sea dragon to retire, so they are on their final journey together. They come under attack from the sky, and dive deep to escape.

Colin is a shape Shifter living in present day Scotland. He and his brothers are guardians of the rift. This is a place that links their world to another. When Colin feels that something has come through the rift he must investigate.

This is the second book in the series but reads easily alone.

I don't want to giveaway more of the storyline because this is such an unusual book. A real fantasy, with drama, danger and some lovely sexy romance. The sea dragons are intriguing. I want to read much more from this series.

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## **Ana says**

Great Read!

I love these different type of shifters, the multi task, well that's not the word, they multi shift and that is awesome, especially since they are creatures that exist in another dimension, another time.

And then there is also the Traveler, she travels the world in her dimension and is thrust into Collins world, the future and turns out to be this shifters mate, not only that but he can shift change not only into a wolf, but also a Sea Dragon which was her mode of transport in her world.

She is from the past, but her past has things Collin never thought existed.

Together they are going to travel in both worlds and what awaits them no one knows.

This is a lovely story and I look forward to reading more about their travels and Collins brothers

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### **Donna Hokanson says**

Very Original and entertaining

Part of a series and yet a self-contained story. Wondrous shifter/wolf/sea dragons and a traveler from another world/dimension. An ordinary sea dragon and a darkling/vampire creature. A curse that's is better understood by the end of the book. And a true mate bond forms within this story. Well written and very enjoyable to read. Looking forward to reading more stories by this author and this series. Funny thing is, I had bought the first book to the series back when it was on sale and have never had the chance to read it. I will be making sure I do in the very near future.

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