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Forbidden Planet- Rise of the Gladiator Book 1 Sep 08 2020 When Captain Nova Ardis acquires the services of a dangerous, tattooed gladiator, she knows she's taking a risk-but she would do anything for family. Kove has survived most of his life in the gladiator arena and now, on the eve of winning his freedom, he is sold once again. At least being the captain's bodyguard shouldn't be too hard compared to the bloody life he's lived. ??? Danger At Every Turn . When she takes him to the forbidden planet and embarks on a mission to rescue her brother, Kove will have to call upon all his skills to keep himself-and the woman he's falling for-alive. ??? The Rise of the Gladiator is a clean, action-packed space opera series that will have you on the edge of your seat! Scroll Up And Grab Your Copy Today!

The Gladiator's Mistress Jul 07 2020 Phaedra, a dutiful daughter of Rome's most influential senator, has no choice but to marry a man chosen by her father. But a chance encounter with handsome gladiator Valens Secundus sends her pulse racing-and, for the first time, makes her wish she could choose her own fate. They make each other a promise: she'll insist on having the right to select her next husband, and he'll do everything within his power to win his freedom. A gladiatorial champion, Valens has fought his way up from poverty to become a star in the arena. The only two things he craves are his freedom and the luscious Phaedra, both seemingly far out of reach. But four years after their fateful meeting, Phaedra returns to Rome and soon becomes a widow, and Valens answers to no one but himself. They're finally free to explore their fiery passion-while evading a powerful and wealthy new suitor of Phaedra's-until Valens must return to the arena one last time. And in order for Phaedra to control her own destiny and claim her love, Valens will need to survive the battle of his life.

Imperator May 29 2022 Fighting for love, honor, and freedom on the galaxy's lawless outer rim. Thrust into a lawless desert arena, security specialist Sam Santos has done terrible things in order to stay alive since her abduction. 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.

The Investigator Mar 03 2020 It should have been easy. Stay away from her boss' hot brother. Museum curator Haven McKinney has sworn off men. All of them. Totally. She's recently escaped a bad ex and started a new life for herself in San Francisco. She loves her job at the Hutton Museum, likes her new boss, and has made best friends with his feisty sister. Haven's also desperately trying not to notice their brother: hotshot investigator Rhys Norcross. And she's really trying not to notice his muscular body, sexy tattoos, and charming smile. Nope, Rhys is off limits. Investigator Rhys Norcross is good at finding his targets. After leaving an elite military team, he thrives on his job at his brother's security firm, Norcross Security. He's had his eye on smart, sexy Haven for a while, but the pretty curator with her eyes full of secrets is proving far harder to chase down than he anticipated. Luckily, Rhys never, ever gives up. When thieves target the museum and steal a multi-million-dollar painting in a daring theft, Haven finds herself right in the middle of a deadly situation. With the painting gone and Haven in danger, Rhys vows to do whatever it takes to keep her safe, and Haven finds herself risking the one thing she was trying so hard to protect-her heart. Note to readers: This is a sexy, fast-paced romance with a heroine in danger who's sworn off men (and gets kidnapped...a lot) and a hot, tattooed former military hero (who looks fine in a suit and rolls his sleeves up showing off his ink).

Guard Nov 22 2021 From the dangerous desert sands to the deadly glitz of the city, the lawless desert planet of Carthago is filled with lethal cyborg gladiators risking it all for the women who capture their hearts. GUARD contains two novellas and one short story all set in the Galactic Gladiators: House of Rome series. Dark Guard: lethal cyborg Zaden will do whatever it takes to guard and protect beautiful, sweet Calla from mysterious attackers. NOTE: previously released as part of the 2019 Pets in Space Anthology Abducted from her homeworld, Calla Ryss has spent months in a cell, surviving her captors-the metal-scavenging Edull. Deep in the deserts of the lawless planet of Carthago, she knows that there is no chance of escape. The only thing that gets her through is her friendship with a fellow abductee, a woman stolen from Earth. But everything changes when they are rescued by the bone-chillingly dangerous cyborgs of the House of Rome, and Calla finds herself staring into eyes of metallic silver. Zaden lives for the House of Rome. His cyborg enhancements help him keep a ruthless hold on his emotions, and loyalty is the only thing he allows himself to feel. And the rare spurt of annoyance at the cyborg hunting cat that refuses to leave him alone. But when sweet, lovely Calla falls into his arms, Zaden starts to experience emotions he's never felt before...which is dangerous for a cyborg whose enhancements are in place not to increase his lethal abilities, but to leash them. When mysterious attackers attempt to snatch Calla, Zaden vows to be her guard and keep her safe-with some unsolicited help from a certain cyborg cat. But there is more at stake than just Calla's safety, and as she and Zaden are drawn into an intoxicating storm of emotion, they will risk their hearts, their lives, and their freedom to rescue another innocent captive. Cyborg Guard: on a dangerous mission into the desert, female cyborg loner Seren must act as bodyguard for champion gladiator Xias-a man who pushes every one of her buttons. NOTE: this is a BRAND-NEW, never-before-published story Seren dan Stal was once the pride of the Dan Nonian Warrior Academy, but when her people were wiped out by a virulent virus, she is the lone survivor. Now, her home is the desert world of Carthago, and she works hard to honor her father and her planet by being the best cyborg fighter at the House of Rome. She has no time for fun or frivolity, and that especially includes the always-smiling showman gladiator Xias. Xias grew up on the streets of Kor Magna and lost the most important fight of all-protecting his sister. He vowed to become a champion for her and to never lose again. He commands the sands of the desert arena, is loved by the spectators, and would die for his imperator, Magnus Rome. But then he finds himself becoming far too fascinated by a prickly, dangerous, and gorgeous female cyborg. In the desert city of Kaffit, Xias and Seren must work together on a mission for Magnus. Xias pushes Seren to feel, and she inspires his need to protect and pleasure. Together, they uncover a scorching-hot hunger that won't be denied. Now, they just need to survive long enough to see if that hunger can grow into love. Includes the short story - House of Rome: Beginnings Soldier 47 is the most lethal cyborg in the Orionix Military Program. But when a young cyborg, Jaxer, is slated for deactivation, Soldier 47--also known as Magnus Rome--will risk everything he knows to save his friend.

Hunter Dec 24 2021 From the dangerous desert sands to the deadly glitz of the city, the lawless desert planet of Carthago is filled with lethal hunters risking it all for the women who capture their hearts. HUNTER contains two novellas and one short story all set in the Galactic Gladiators series. Desert Hunter: desert Hunter Bren will do whatever it takes to protect the smart, beautiful Mersi from his darkest secrets. NOTE: previously released as part of the 2018 Pets in Space Anthology Born, raised, and sold into servitude on the desert world of Carthago, Mersi Kassar has finally found her freedom and her place on the Corsair Caravan, leading travelers from the gladiator city of Kor Magna through the desert. She also works side by side with her friend-the big, silent Bren-a man she's desperately in love with. But stubborn Bren shuts down her every attempt to deepen the feelings they have for each other and Mersi isn't sure she can take the pain anymore. Desert hunter Bren Hahn hides a terrifying darkness within, and will protect the few people he cares about. That includes Mersi-a woman who sparks a simmering passion he finds harder and harder to ignore. On a perilous journey in the heart of the desert, Mersi and Bren rescue a strange alien creature. Working together to heal the big, shaggy canine, their smoldering desire ignites, but their feelings turn out to be the least of their concerns. A deadly enemy is hunting their new pet. An enemy that threatens Bren's darkest secret and all they hold dear. Alien Hunter: head of security Tannon Gi lets no one get close, until a feisty cocktail waitress explodes into his orderly life. NOTE: this is a brand-new, never-before-published story Mina Lan'Gar left the desert for a new life in the glitzy heart of Kor Magna known as the District. As a brand-new cocktail waitress at the hottest casino, the Dark Nebula, she's just trying to get ahead, but all she seems to do is lock horns with the casino's taciturn head of security, Tannon Gi. The man's hard body, neat suits, and serious face make her want to mess him up a bit. When she overhears people conspiring to strike a private gladiator party the casino is hosting, she knows she needs to help Tannon stop the attack. Once a deadly alien hunter assassin, Tannon finally left the life that was destroying him one kill at a time, and made a life for himself at the Dark Nebula Casino. Nothing and no one causes trouble on his watch, and that includes the mysterious woman from the desert who stirs feelings in him that he's never felt before. When he and Mina find themselves swept up in a fierce passion and a deadly plot, they will soon learn that nothing is quite what it seems... Includes the short story: A Galactic Gladiators Christmas NOTE: this is a free read on my website Mistletoe, Santa Claus, and eggnog. Cyborg Imperator Magnus Rome finds himself in the middle of party filled with rescued humans from Earth, gladiators, cyborgs, and children, trying to understand the strange traditions of Christmas.

Cyborg Apr 27 2022 Scientist Ever Haynes was shocked when she was abducted by alien slavers...but the last thing she expected was to find herself pregnant with a cyborg's baby. Ever has been fighting for her life since her abduction, and the only good thing to happen to her was one heated night with a mysterious prisoner-a connection, a flash of light in the darkness. But then he was rescued and she was left behind. Now, weeks later, she's been saved by the House of Galen gladiators...and by the man she shared the hottest night of her life with. But cool, emotionless cyborg Magnus Rome has no memory of their night together and finding out that she's expecting his baby is a shock to everyone. Created in a military program, Magnus is genetically and cybernetically enhanced-emotionless, ruthless, focused. He vows to protect Ever and the baby she carries, and despite his lack of memory, everything about tough, levelheaded Ever draws him in. All his life, his emotional dampeners and training have limited his ability to feel emotions...but one small Earth woman cuts through all that and leaves him feeling. As they work together to hunt down the deadly desert arena of Zaabha and the final human woman trapped there, Ever and Magnus find a stunning passion neither can resist or ignore. But in the dangerous desert sands of Carthago, with the House of Galen gladiators by their sides, deadly enemies are closing in. Ever and Magnus will be dragged back into the darkness, and Magnus will do anything and sacrifice everything to keep her safe.

Return to Dark Earth Nov 10 2020

Zar Sep 20 2021 Snatched from Earth. Bound for slavery. Can love offer escape? Kidnapped from Earth, aboard a slave ship, Anya is thrown into a cell with Zar, a handsome half-lion gladiator, and forced to breed or be killed. Zar's life is an unbroken nightmare consisting of sleep, eat, fight, repeat. He's not interested in helping Anya, and he's definitely not interested in love. Except she's the first female to ever touch his heart-or remind him he has a soul. If you like hot alpha aliens, kick-ass Earth women who mastermind insurrections, and sexy action romance, check out Zar, the first book in the paranormal romance Galaxy Gladiators series. This standalone book contains steamy sex scenes with a guaranteed happily ever after, no cheating, and no cliffhanger. Buy Zar to begin exploring the galaxy with Anya and Zar today! Trigger warning: Anya and Zar are forced to mate; these scenes are delicately handled.

Devolose Oct 29 2019 Her friends say he's the devil. But he might be her savior. Devolose and Tawny have been rescued after three years together in the emperor's dungeon. Every day he was forced to inflict pain on the Earth woman he only wanted to protect. How could he not develop feelings for her when they're connected in so many ways? But how can they trust feelings forged in captivity? The more he pushes her away to protect her, the more determined she is to stay at his side. After decades of slavery, the emperor took far more than his soul. Can half a male satisfy a complete woman? Devolose is the fourth book in the alien abduction sci-fi romance Galaxy Gladiators Series. It can be read as a standalone. If you like hot alien alphas who love with all their heart and the strong, courageous females who are worthy of them, then you'll love this latest installment in bestselling author Alana Khan's exciting series. Buy Devolose today to travel the galaxy with Dev and Tawny! For readers 18+. Contains dark themes.

Knight Awakening Mar 15 2021 The Line Between Obsession and Love has Disappeared The world has changed. Any rules that might've been in place before the Scorpis

bacterium ripped through civilization and decreased its population are no longer in place. Obsession and survival are the new reality. So, Marcus Knight, after a hellish time in captivity that stole most of his memory and all of his soul, has one focus, and that's keeping Dr. Penelope Kim safe in the aftermath. She'd risked her life to save him once, and she's all that matters. For months, he's kept his distance, protecting her from afar, because he knows that one touch—one kiss—from her will never be enough. Passion is a Dangerous and Deadly Temptation Penny Kim is one of the few doctors still living, and she alone holds the key to ensuring the human race continues. Several of her friends are pregnant, and the clock is ticking down on their survival. Her days are filled with experiments and hope, while her nights are consumed with visions and dreams of the hard-bodied and powerful soldier who's made her safety his one and only mission. She should be wary of him; she should be terrified of him. Yet all she feels is an unreal craving for his touch that gets stronger every day. Life is short, and she's unwilling to wait, unaware of the danger already hunting them both. Some risks are worth it, even in this new and dangerous world. "Thrilling, post-apocalyptic romance at its dark, sizzling best!" --New York Times bestselling author Lara Adrian

Captured: a Sci-Fi Alien Invasion Romance Aug 08 2020 She's everything I shouldn't want. I capture her anyway. What humans hail an invasion we call Garrison Earth: a mission to save our species from extinction. But while my warriors will soon have the stomachs of their new mates swell with daughters, I know this planet holds nothing for me. Until a fierce, red-haired female points her gun with her eyes blazing fire, and I know I have found my mate. A bullet and a tranquilizer pad later, I carry her in my arms. Against my better judgment. But who argues fate? With a mission at the brink of failure, I have no time to wait around until Eden is willing to bond. I took her freedom. Might have taken her family. Taking her body is my obligation. I am a male without conscience. Incapable of love. No one has ever pierced my cold heart. No one ever will. Not even her. Captured is the first book in this interconnected romance series, following the Vetusian invasion and how it changes Earth over the course of two decades. If you enjoy strong women, devoted aliens, fated mates, and hard-earned happily ever after's with no cliffhangers, you'll love Garrison Earth. Author Note: The entire Garrison Earth series touches on subjects such as captivity, drug abuse, forced prostitution, loss of loved ones, human trafficking, rough handling, and violence. Any reader uncomfortable with the harsh realities of an alien invasion should please consider before purchase.

Blackmailing Mr. Bossman Jan 13 2021 To save my best friend's husband, all I have to do is blackmail a billionaire. My friend's husband was abducted by a gang of white-collar criminals. These guys are bad, and they want her to spy on her boss—a man who owns half of New York. She's falling apart and she needs my help. My name's Aspen. I'm a private investigator, and I'm usually doing surveillance on cheating spouses or insurance scammers, but now I'm going undercover. I'm trading my jeans for skirts, and playing assistant at Kensington Group so I can get up close and personal with Liam Kensington—the owner of a multibillion-dollar construction and property empire. Not to mention a tall, lean, golden-haired god with a sexy British accent. The white-collar thieves have Liam in their sights and in return for my friend's husband, they want me to blackmail a billionaire. Aw, hell. But I didn't count on how Liam would make me feel, or my crazy need to keep him safe, or our incendiary attraction. Now I have to save a man's life, catch some bad guys, and stop myself from falling in love with a billionaire who's way out of my league.

King of Eon Dec 12 2020 The King of the Eon Warriors has decided to take a Terran as his bride...but finds himself shockingly attracted to the tough, beautiful Space Corps officer in charge of his potential brides' security. King Gayel Solann-Eon is dedicated to his people and empire. His father was a hard man and a rigid king, but Gayel is doing things his own way. That includes working with his allies to defeat the ravenous insectoid Kantos. To strengthen the alliance with Earth, he'll put his own wants and needs aside and take a Terran bride. But as the group of bridal candidates arrive on the Eon homeworld, he's shocked by a stunning attraction to the Space Corps officer in charge of their security. Captain Alea Rodriguez has worked hard to escape her awful childhood and make something of herself. Space Corps is her family and her work is her life. Escorting a group of women to an alien planet so a king can pick a bride has left her feeling like she's on a reality television show. But she takes her job seriously and will keep them safe. What she never expected was her own powerful reaction to the alien warrior king. Stealth attacks by the Kantos make it clear that no one is safe. Alea is sure that the aliens want to assassinate Gayel, and she'll do anything to protect him, even as she fights to safeguard her heart. But Gayel is a king and a warrior, and as the two of them fight side by side, he will also convince Alea to risk everything: for their people, for their hearts, and for a bond that won't be denied.

Kill the Queen Apr 15 2021 Gladiator meets Game of Thrones: a royal woman becomes a skilled warrior to destroy her murderous cousin, avenge her family, and save her kingdom in this first entry in a dazzling fantasy epic from the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of the Elemental Assassin series—an enthralling tale that combines magic, murder, intrigue, adventure, and a hint of romance. In a realm where one's magical power determines one's worth, Lady Everleigh's lack of obvious ability relegates her to the shadows of the royal court of Bellona, a kingdom steeped in gladiator tradition. Seventeenth in line for the throne, Evie is nothing more than a ceremonial fixture, overlooked and mostly forgotten. But dark forces are at work inside the palace. When her cousin Vasilia, the crown princess, assassinates her mother the queen and takes the throne by force, Evie is also attacked, along with the rest of the royal family. Luckily for Evie, her secret immunity to magic helps her escape the massacre. Forced into hiding to survive, she falls in with a gladiator troupe. Though they use their talents to entertain and amuse the masses, the gladiators are actually highly trained warriors skilled in the art of war, especially Lucas Sullivan, a powerful magier with secrets of his own. Uncertain of her future—or if she even has one—Evie begins training with the troupe until she can decide her next move. But as the bloodthirsty Vasilia exerts her power, pushing Bellona to the brink of war, Evie's fate becomes clear: she must become a fearsome gladiator herself... and kill the queen.

Mission Nov 30 2019 They are a covert, black ops team known only as Team 52. Their mission: to secure and safeguard artifacts deemed highly dangerous and classified. When sweet, smiling Kinsey is kidnapped by unknown forces, former SEAL and Team 52 operator Smith Creed will risk anything to get her back. Kinsey Beck is used to life knocking her down. She escaped her past and came to Las Vegas for a new start. So what if she didn't achieve her dream of being a showgirl, instead, she now has an awesome job as logistics manager for the covert, black ops Team 52. She loves all the team...especially big, gruff mountain man Smith, even if he isn't interested in her the way she'd like. But when Kinsey is kidnapped, she finds alone and herself trapped in a deadly fight for survival... Smith Creed is a loner who prefers his own company, his dog, and his mountain cabin. Working for Team 52 lets him use his unique skills to help ensure pieces of powerful ancient technology don't fall into the wrong hands. It also brings him in close contact with a woman he knows isn't for him—sweet, beautiful Kinsey. But when he learns she's been snatched, her life hanging in the balance, he'll tear the world apart to bring her home safely. But rescuing Kinsey uncovers a deeper plot and a shadowy group out to destroy the world. Smith and Team 52 will be forced to make tough decisions—revolving around a dangerous, ancient artifact—and even when Kinsey is back in Smith's arms, she still isn't safe. With danger at every turn, Smith with sacrifice everything to ensure Kinsey's security, but the greatest danger of all might be to Smith's closed-off heart.

Warrior Jun 29 2022 Fighting for love, honor, and freedom on the galaxy's lawless outer rim... It was supposed to be an exciting job on a space station, but instead, scientist Dr. Regan Forrest finds herself fighting for her life when she's kidnapped by alien slavers. Far from Earth and forced into a violent gladiatorial arena on the outer rim, she finds herself swept into the brawny arms of a big, wild alien gladiator. Weapon, brute, gladiator, warrior... Sirush warrior Thorin has been called many things. As a warrior of his people, he was a dark, dangerous weapon until even his own family were too afraid of him. Sold into slavery in the Kor Magna Arena, he has long ago earned his freedom. Now he enjoys the violent but rewarding life he's carved out for himself. Until he rescues one small, smart, and perplexing female from alien slavers. Regan is determined to make a place for herself in her new home. She may not have the skills to fight in the arena, but she's smart and knows she can help...even as she fights her attraction to the big, bold, and fascinating Thorin. She knows he'll never be interested in her. But when Regan catches a glimpse of her cousin across a crowded market, she needs help to mount a rescue, and it comes in the form of the gladiator she desperately wants. A gladiator hiding a dark, uncontrollable secret with the power to destroy them both.

Hacking Mr. CEO Sep 28 2019 To save the only mother I've ever known, all I have to do is hack a tech billionaire. My foster mother is sick. The woman who gave me a home, love, a life. I'll do anything to find the money for her surgery, including using my skills as a hacker. My name's Remi, also known as Rogue Angel, and usually I work for a security company testing clients' systems. But now a shadowy bad guy has tracked me down and given me an ultimatum. I have to hack Rivera Tech—the biggest technology company in the world, owned by billionaire CEO, Maverick Rivera. If I do, I get paid and I can help my foster mother. If I don't, my family is in danger. Hacking Rivera is no walk in the park, and soon I find myself in a tantalizing game of cat and mouse with big, grumpy, and way-too-sexy Maverick. What I never, ever expected was for him to make me feel safe, or to threaten my closely-guarded heart, or to ignite every single part of me. I can't drag him into my mess. But Maverick has other ideas, and he isn't a man who takes no for an answer.

Defender Aug 27 2019 Rescued from alien slavers, the only place she feels safe is in the brawny arms of a big, gruff cyborg. Astrophysicist Dr. Jayna Lennox's life imploded the day her ship was attacked by aliens. Through months of captivity, she's survived by shutting down and not feeling. Then she's freed by the House of Rone cyborgs and finds herself in the arms of huge, tough Mace. Struggling to heal, Mace is the only thing that makes her feel safe. The only person who makes her feel like she isn't broken. But there are more of her crew members imprisoned in Carthago's desert, and Jayna will have to delve into her darkest memories to help save them. Born to fight and bred for rage, Mace barely survived his gang-ridden homeworld. Thanks to Emperor Magnus Rone, he's found a place at the House of Rone. Unlike the other cyborgs, he feels, but only anger and annoyance. When a small, wounded human woman works her way under his skin, Mace finds himself feeling things he's never felt before...along with a powerful need to keep her safe. Jayna vows to help find her fellow humans, even if it means revisiting her nightmares and being part of a dangerous mission into the desert. But as the passion between her and Mace explodes, she finds herself with two battles on her hands: the battle to free the humans from their captors, and the war to win Mace's scarred heart. Includes a preview of Edge of Eon (Eon Warriors #1)

Dax Jan 01 2020 Dax is ready for love after escaping a lifetime of slavery. Dahlia's heart isn't free. Can she open her soul to the male who offers her love? Aliens abducted Dahlia from Earth mere months before her scheduled marriage to her childhood sweetheart. Dax declared she owns his heart in front of a ship full of rowdy gladiators, but can she accept his love? Dax is the biggest, baddest male on a vessel full of escaped gladiator slaves. The little Earth female was thrown into his cell and they were forced to mate. He fell hard for her courage, strength, and delightful body. He tries everything to convince her he'd be a good mate, but it isn't until they're forced together in a chamber of horrors that she sees Dax for the loving, protective male he's always been. If you like seven-foot warriors with hearts of gold and females who risk their lives to prove their affection, you'll love Dax, Book Eight in the Galaxy Gladiators Alien Abduction Romance Series. This standalone book has no cheating, no cliffhangers, and a guaranteed happily ever after. Publisher's Note: You might encounter slithering snakes and rampaging rodents. And I might throw in a flood of biblical proportions. Just sayin'. If that doesn't make you go running into the night, click "buy now" or read for free on Kindle Unlimited. For readers 18+. There are explicit, steamy sex scenes throughout this book.

A Little History of the World Feb 11 2021 E. H. Gombrich's Little History of the World, though written in 1935, has become one of the treasures of historical writing since its first publication in English in 2005. The Yale edition alone has now sold over half a million copies, and the book is available worldwide in almost thirty languages. Gombrich was of course the best-known art historian of his time, and his text suggests illustrations on every page. This illustrated edition of the Little History brings together the pellucid humanity of his narrative with the images that may well have been in his mind's eye as he wrote the book. The two hundred illustrations—most of them in full color—are not simple embellishments, though they are beautiful. They emerge from the text, enrich the author's intention, and deepen the pleasure of reading this remarkable work. For this edition the text is reset in a spacious format, flowing around illustrations that range from paintings to line drawings, emblems, motifs, and symbols. The book incorporates freshly drawn maps, a revised preface, and a new index. Blending high-grade design, fine paper, and classic binding, this is both a sumptuous gift book and an enhanced edition of a timeless account of human history.

Cosmknights Oct 22 2021 Pan's life used to be very small. Work in her dad's body shop, sneak out with her friend Tara to go dancing, and watch the skies for freighter ships. It didn't even matter that Tara was a princess... until one day it very much did matter, and Pan had to say goodbye forever. Years later, when a charismatic pair of off-world gladiators show up on her doorstep, she finds that life might not be as small as she thought. On the run and off the galactic grid, Pan discovers the astonishing secrets of her neo-medieval world... and the intoxicating possibility of burning it all down.

Sirius Jun 17 2021 Can this genetic "Product" of the Federation and the isolated Earth female who rescues him transcend their barriers and learn to love? Sirius: Produced in a test tube, born a slave, bred for fighting, and doomed to death. Sirius fights for his life against man and beast on a hostile planet. Aliyah: Kidnapped from Earth, stranded in space, then orphaned at a young age. Aliyah is strong and skilled, but has been declared an untouchable by her tribe. Fearless huntress Aliyah uses her intelligence and prowess to rescue and heal the alien male who's been hunted for sport by bloodthirsty aliens and critically mauled by deadly mam'non beasts. Can these two damaged souls overcome the odds, admit their love, and create a life together? If you like heroic genetically engineered alpha males who fall for kick-ass women and who fight together to conquer every threat that attacks them on a hostile planet, then join Sirius and Aliyah in this standalone seventh book of the sci-fi romance Galaxy Gladiators Series. Contains steamy sex scenes, a hot muscular alien who's been damaged and patched back together, and a courageous, savvy heroine capable of saving the day. Guaranteed no cliffhanger, no cheating, and a happily ever after. Buy Sirius today to fall in love again for the first time! For readers 18+ Heart of Eon Jun 05 2020 Okay, maybe hijacking an alien commander's warship wasn't her best idea...Genius computer geek Wren Traynor prefers her high-tech comp lab to socializing with people, and she definitely prefers it over crawling through the bowels of the huge Eon warship she's hijacked. When Earth's Space Corps blackmails her

into this deadly mission, Wren will do anything to help her beloved sisters and save the Earth from invasion by the insectoid Kantos aliens. That includes entering into a dangerous game of cat and mouse with the tall, hunky, and seriously enraged Eon war commander who captains the Rengard. War Commander Malax Dann-Jad is a born protector and has forged a successful career in service to the Eon Empire. Haunted by an early mission where he lost good warriors, he's dedicated to protecting his ship and its crew. Especially since his warship is carrying a special, top-secret cargo. But one tiny, infuriating Terran puts all that at risk when she commandeers his ship and refuses to listen to reason. When the ravenous Kantos set their sights on the Rengard—using sneaky, underhanded tactics—Malax finds himself with an armful of curvy woman. He and Wren must join forces to fight back, and are shocked at their improbable, intense attraction. But with lives at risk, both will learn that strength comes in more ways than one and love can hit when you least expect it, and that in order to survive, you have to put everything on the line.

Barbarian Sep 01 2022 Fighting for love, honor, and freedom on the galaxy's lawless outer rim... Abducted by alien slavers, experimented on, and left blind, the last thing doctor Winter Ashworth needs is a big barbarian gladiator in her life, especially an annoying one who thinks she's small and weak. Rescued by gladiators on the desert world of Carthago, Winter is doggedly working to embrace her new life. But two of her friends are still missing and she'll do anything to help get them back...even if she has to work alongside Nero Krahn: hunter, barbarian, gladiator. The scowly, brooding man is too big, has too many muscles, and pushes all her buttons. Nero is the House of Galen's best hunter and tracker. Raised on a barbarian world, where strength and might are prized, he was bred to hunt and fight. Now the arena is his home and his loyalty is to his emperor. He knows he can use his skills to find the two lost women, even if that means protecting a small blind woman who takes every chance to misjudge his words and lash him with her sharp tongue. But as they follow a dangerous trail to save their friends, a new enemy emerges—one who wants Winter. The pair find themselves reluctantly attracted to each other, uncovering a scorching desire that shocks them both. As Nero fights to protect Winter, the barbarian gladiator will discover the true meaning of strength from the small Earth woman he wants to claim as his.

Wolf's Empire: Gladiator Jul 19 2021 In the Galactic Roman Empire, eight noble houses fight for power. One gladiator fights for justice. This is Wolf's Empire: Gladiator, by Claudia Christian and Morgan Grant Buchanan. When her mother and brother are murdered, young noblewoman Accala Viridius cries out for vengeance. But the empire is being torn apart by a galactic civil war, and her demands fall on deaf ears. Undeterred, Accala sacrifices privilege and status to train as a common gladiator. Mastering the one weapon available to her—a razor-sharp discus that always returns when thrown—she enters the deadly imperial games, the only arena where she can face her enemies. But Fortune's wheel grants Accala no favors—the emperor decrees that the games will be used to settle the civil war, the indigenous lifeworlds of the arena-world are staging a violent revolt, and Accala finds herself drugged, cast into slavery and forced to fight on the side of the men she set out to kill. Set in a future Rome that never fell, but instead expanded to become a galaxy-spanning empire, Accala's struggle to survive and exact her revenge will take her on a dark journey that will cost her more than she ever imagined. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Weapons Master Oct 02 2022 A grumpy cyborg weapons master collides with a feisty mechanic from Earth who turns his ordered existence upside down. Abducted from her exploration ship and enslaved on a desert world, mechanic Bellamy Walsh has fought for her survival. She's had to fight for everything in her life, and she doesn't ever expect things to be easy. After being rescued by the tough, deadly cyborgs of the House of Rone, she is shocked to find herself drawn to a grumpy beast of a cyborg. A genius weapons master who prefers his solitude. A man with scars of his own. A man whose brawny arms are the only thing that chase away Bellamy's nightmares. Maxon Shaye likes to be left alone to work. He doesn't mind his fellow cyborg brethren, but he finds people annoying and chaotic. He's disconcerted by his growing need to keep Bellamy Walsh safe, and thinks she's irritating and brash. The woman keeps invading his workshop, getting in his space, and...the even more infuriating thing is that he's actually starting to like her there. What he doesn't like is her burning need to throw herself back into danger. Bellamy is determined to help bring down her captors—the metal-scavenging Edull and their deadly desert arena—and that makes her a target. She knows too much and the Edull will stop at nothing to silence her. Maxon will do anything to keep her safe, even if that means threatening the growing bond between them. But in order to destroy the Edull's arena once and for, Maxon and Bellamy will put everything on the line—their desire, their love, their lives.

Protect the Prince Oct 10 2020 USA TODAY Bestseller! Magic, murder, adventure, and romance combine in this second novel in the exciting Crown of Shards saga from New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Jennifer Estep. Everleigh Blair might be the new gladiator queen of Bellona, but her problems are far from over. First, Evie has to deal with a court full of arrogant, demanding nobles, all of whom want to get their greedy hands on her crown. As if that wasn't bad enough, an assassin tries to kill Evie in her own throne room. Despite the dangers, Evie goes ahead with a scheduled trip to the neighboring kingdom of Andvari in order to secure a desperately needed alliance. But complicating matters is the stubborn Andvarian king, who wants to punish Evie for the deaths of his countrymen during the Seven Spire massacre. Dark forces are also at work inside the Andvarian palace, and Evie soon realizes that no one is safe. Worse, her immunity to magic starts acting in strange, unexpected ways, which makes Evie wonder whether she is truly strong enough to be a Winter Queen. Evie's magic, life, and crown aren't the only things in danger—so is her heart, thanks to Lucas Sullivan, the Andvarian king's bastard son and Evie's... well, Evie isn't quite sure what Sullivan is to her. Only one thing is certain—protecting a prince might be even harder than killing a queen.

Champion Jan 25 2022 Fighting for love, honor, and freedom on the galaxy's lawless outer rim... Space marine Blaine Strong enjoyed being a composed, controlled member of space station security...until he was abducted by alien slavers. Forced into underground fight rings and pumped full of drugs, he's now seething with anger and out for revenge. Rescued by gladiators and fellow humans on the desert world of Carthago, Blaine is fighting to be the man he once was. But when the House of Galen is attacked, he must focus on joining the gladiators to fight back. That means teaming up with a tough, competitive female gladiator who not only challenges him at every turn, awakens a fierce desire he's never felt before, but a woman who can sense the churning emotions inside him. Gladiator Saff Essikani is the best net fighter in the Kor Magna Arena. Raised from young to fight, she bows to no man and uses her empathic abilities to win at whatever cost. With her House targeted and people under their care threatened, she'll stop at nothing to find those responsible. But then she finds herself face to face with a big, tortured man from Earth who affects her like no man before. As Saff and Blaine head into the desert to uncover a conspiracy, their incendiary desire flares hotter than the desert suns. But as Blaine's angry emotions rage out of control, Saff knows that unless he learns to embrace the man he is now, he has no chance of survival.

Theron Apr 03 2020 Sienna Rossi has always been a mix of contradictions. She loves ice cream, likes cooking, and is skilled at taking down aliens with her squad. Sweet and tough, soldier and woman, most people can't seem to make sense of her...even the loving family she lost in the invasion and especially men. One man accepts her as she is, her best friend Theron. But the big, silent, muscled soldier has her firmly in the 'friends' zone...except that Sienna knows he wants her, and she's determined to claim the stubborn man as hers. Theron Wade lives to fight aliens. They killed his parents, his foster siblings, and his fellow Rangers. Now he has a new team—the tough, mostly-female Squad Nine. But one certain female haunts his dreams and stars in his darkest fantasies. Sienna is his sunshine in the darkness. He wants to her to be happy...and he knows that would never be with a man like him. A man with darker, rougher tastes that would shock her. As Squad Nine works to track and destroy a dangerous alien device, best friends collide. Theron introduces Sienna to a world of rough, edgy passion that she craves. But as a mission goes off track, the two of them will risk everything for love, for their lives, and to save the world.

Beast Mar 27 2022 Fighting for love, honor, and freedom on the galaxy's lawless outer rim... Rescued by gladiators on the alien world of Carthago, Mia is working to find other abducted humans who are still lost. But someone else also needs her help—the untamed alien who's saved her twice. Rescued from vicious fight rings he's fought in since he was a child, Vek is prone to losing control in aggressive fits of rage...and Mia discovers that she is the only one who can calm him. As she finds herself drawn to the man beneath the beast, she knows that with his enhanced senses, Vek can help her find her friends. For years, all Vek's known is death, darkness, and killing. Despite his newfound freedom, he is struggling to control his rages and withdrawal from the drugs his captors used on him. Only one scent soothes him, one voice calms him, and one woman is his light in the dark. Vek will do anything to protect Mia and make her happy...including vowing to find her friends. With the gladiators from the House of Galen, Vek and Mia follow mysterious clues into a dangerous part of the desert on the trail of the missing humans. They are drawn closer together but as they enter the deadly Illusion Mountains, they have no idea of the dangers lying in wait for them, or how far they will both be pushed to their limits in order to survive.

The Specialist Jun 25 2019 She's in danger and now her personal protector is her too handsome, totally aggravating billionaire boss. Executive assistant Harlow Carlson is having a very bad week. Firstly, she's been temporarily reassigned to work for bossy, workaholic tyrant, Easton Norcross. He might be sex in a suit, but mostly she just wants to stab him with her stylus. Secondly, her father's in trouble and has gone missing. Lastly, when a strange man attacks her on the street, Harlow knows she's in over her head. That's when Easton steps in. Now her boss is her own personal protector and he isn't taking no for an answer. After he left the Army Rangers, Easton Norcross found a purpose in building his company, Norcross Inc. He works hard, likes control, takes care of his family and employees, and thrives on making money. But his new assistant pushes buttons he never knew he had. Harlow's smart, efficient, and not afraid to speak her mind. And her curvy body makes it very hard to remember that he's her boss. But when he sees she's in danger, Easton is willing to break all the rules to keep her safe. As danger swirls around Harlow and she's sucked into her father's dangerous dealings, Easton knows he'll need all the specialist skills the Army gave him to protect her, as well as pulling in his brothers at Norcross Security. But the toughest job he'll have is convincing his beautiful assistant to take the biggest risk of all—falling in love.

Rogue Feb 23 2022 Abducted by alien slavers and taken to a lawless desert world, the last thing she expects is to be claimed by a handsome alien rogue. Rogue contains two action-packed novellas in the Galactic Gladiators series. Information Rogue: arrogant information merchant Zhim doesn't know what hits him when he collides with feisty human hacker Ryan. Rescued by the humans and gladiators from the House of Galen, Ryan Nagano is working hard to piece her life back together. Her priorities are conquering her anxiety, recovering from her captivity, and using her exceptional computer skills to help the House of Galen decrypt alien data that could reveal the location of other abducted humans. That's all she's focused on. But when she needs help, she finds herself having to work with arrogant genius Zhim...and discovers that the two of them redefine the word explosive. Zhim thrives on the need to uncover information and ensure his wealthy, carefully constructed life is exactly as he wants it. Then one infuriating menace of a woman blasts into his life. Ryan matches him skill for skill, drives him crazy, and worms her way under his skin. But forced to take her deep into Kor Magma's shadowy hacker underworld, Zhim soon learns exactly what he's willing to risk to keep Ryan safe. Desert Rogue: prickly, independent human Neve doesn't want or need any help...but a certain cocky desert rogue isn't taking no for an answer. Neve Haynes survived her abduction through grit and determination. She's always made her own way through life, depends on no one, and is determined to achieve her own personal mission. So as she sneaks out of the House of Galen, the last thing she needs is help in the form of a tawny-haired, lean-hipped caravan master with more confidence and swagger than any man she's met before. Corsair is a man of the desert and leader of the Corsair Caravan. He listens to his gut and something about Neve draws him in. He can't let her go off and get herself killed, but she's the most kitchy, strongest woman he's ever met. As they trek deep into the desert on a dangerous mission to find a map to an infamous desert arena, they will fight side by side and be forced to depend only on each other to survive. And in Carthago's desert sands, they will uncover a desire that burns hotter than the desert sun.

Soul of Eon Jul 27 2019 The last thing she expects is an instant mating with a handsome alien warrior...just before they are abducted by the deadly Kantos. Commander Kaira Chand of the Australian Air Force knows the meaning of loss. She lost both her beloved husband and her father over recent years, and she vows never to let a man close again. As head of security for a secret weapons facility in the Australian desert, she's fighting to protect the scientists working to defend Earth from invasion. That includes working with their allies, the Eon Warriors. What she never expected in her wildest dreams was to find herself instantly mated to a handsome, silver fox alien warrior. Medical Commander Thane Kann-Eon lives to heal. He's dedicated to keeping his crew aboard the warship, the Rengard, whole and healthy. Unlike his fellow warriors, he knows he'll never mate. There hasn't been a mating in his family for generations. Then a petite Terran commander changes everything. He's instantly drawn to Kaira, and as soon as their hands touch, he's stunned by the deluge of emotion that crashes over him. An unheard-of instant mating. In the midst of their shocking connection, Kaira and Thane find themselves abducted by a Kantos strike team. Taken aboard a battleship, they soon realize the insectoid aliens nabbed the wrong couple, and they are marked for execution. Now they face a wild race for survival that will take them to a distant, deadly world. They'll both struggle with their raw, intense mating bond, against the backdrop of a Kantos proving ground where everything is out to kill them.

Rescued by Qaiyaan May 05 2020 Betrayed and nearly eradicated as a species, all these alien pirates have left is revenge - until they learn that human females hold the key to their survival. Now they're on the hunt for mates... A dangerous alien Captain Qaiyaan is among the last of his species, and he and his men have no hope of finding compatible mates. Imagine his surprise when the hot little thief he rescues from a derelict passenger ship offers the key to his species' salvation. A female on the run Lisa Moss escaped her corporate prison carrying secret technology, and now both sides of the law want her dead. Her only chance of survival is to team up with a broody-eyed, alien pirate who makes her ache with desire. But Qaiyaan wants more than her body. He wants what's in her head. As they evade both the corporation and the cartel, Lisa worms her way into Qaiyaan's heart, and they discover that the greatest danger of all might come in the form of a single, passionate kiss... Reader Promise: Lissy wants love scenes, superhero aliens, and heart-pounding action with a guaranteed HEA and no cliffhangers. Intended for mature audiences. Keywords: free, alien human romance, sfr, looking for mate, smutty sci fi romance, steamy sweet alien smut, hero changes his wicked ways, romantic funny grumpy protective, odd girl romance, alien species needs females, looking for mate fantasy, romantic military space fleet, badass female lead romance, non-human hero, human female, steamy alien forced

romance, instalove, action-adventure, damsel in distress, danger, for adults, guaranteed HEA, wounded hero, m/f romance, no cliffhangers, paranormal, strong heroine, quick read, series-starter, first in series

Edge of Eon May 17 2021 Framed for a crime she didn't commit, a wrongly-imprisoned space captain's only chance at freedom is to abduct a fearsome alien war commander. Sub-Captain Eve Traynor knows a suicide mission when she sees one. With deadly insectoid aliens threatening to invade Earth, the planet's only chance of survival is to get the attention of the fierce Eon Warriors. But the Eon want nothing to do with Earth, and Eve wants nothing to do with abducting War Commander Davion Thann-Eon off his warship. But when Earth's Space Corps threaten her sisters, Eve will do anything to keep them safe, even if it means she might not make it back. War Commander Davion Thann-Eon is taking his first vacation in years. Dedicated to keeping the Eon Empire safe, he's been born and bred to protect. But when he's attacked and snatched off his very own warship, he is shocked to find himself face-to-face with a bold, tough little Terran warrior. One who both infuriates and intrigues him. When their shuttle is attacked by the ravenous insectoid Kantos, Eve and Davion crash land on the terrifying hunter planet known as Hunter7. A planet designed to test a warrior to his limits. Now, the pair must work together to survive, caught between the planet and its dangers, the Kantos hunting them down, and their own incendiary attraction.

Gladiator Nov 03 2022 Fighting for love, honor, and freedom on the galaxy's lawless outer rim... When Earth space marine Harper Adams finds herself abducted by alien slavers off a space station, her life turns into a battle for survival. Dumped into an arena on a desert planet on the outer rim, she finds herself face to face with a big, tattooed alien gladiator...the champion of the Kor Magna Arena. A former prince abandoned to the arena as a teen, Raiden Tiago has long ago earned his freedom. Now he rules the arena, but he doesn't fight for the glory, but instead for his own dark purpose--revenge against the Thraxian aliens who destroyed his planet. Then his existence is rocked by one small, fierce female fighter from an unknown planet called Earth. Harper is determined to find a way home, but when she spots her best friend in the arena--a slave of the evil Thraxian aliens--she'll do anything to save her friend...even join forces with the tough alpha male who sets her body on fire. But as Harper and Raiden step foot onto the blood-soaked sands of the arena, Harper worries that Raiden has his own dangerous agenda...

Sentinel Jul 31 2022 Fighting for love, loyalty, and freedom on the galaxy's lawless outer rim... When Quinn Bennett's exploration ship is attacked, the security chief finds herself abducted by alien slavers. Unable to save her crew, she is taken across the galaxy and sold to a desert scavenger on the lawless planet of Carthago. Driven by her guilt and failure, she'll do anything to escape and save the other abductees from her ship. Chained and forced into servitude, she's waiting for her chance to strike, when across a dusty trading post, she comes face to face with a big, cyborg gladiator. Jaxer Rone's loyalty is to his Emperor--the man who saved him from a lethal cyborg military program. Jax works tirelessly for his gladiatorial house and would die for his fellow cyborgs. His emotional dampeners have never functioned well, but while he feels some emotion, he never lets it get in the way of his duty. Right now, his mission is to find the stolen humans from Earth. But when he rescues the fierce, relentless Quinn, he starts feeling a rush of emotion he's never experienced before. Quinn and Jax join forces to track down the aliens holding the other Earth women captive. Side by side, they venture into the desert and uncover a desire hotter than the desert suns. But the aliens who captured Quinn want her back. In order to protect Quinn, will Jax embrace his newfound feelings or shut them off to keep her safe?

Angie's Gladiator Aug 20 2021 As an a'ani warrior, my life matters little. Cloned from the same matter as thousands of others, I am but one of many. Here on the ice planet, though, I can start over. I can become my own person, have my own needs, my own wants. I know what I want. I have known since the moment I arrived. Her name is Angie. She is human, with sad, lonely eyes and a very pregnant belly. To her, I am not just another clone. I am Vordis, the one who laughs at her jokes, tends to her needs, and makes her smile. I will do anything to make her mine. But my brother and fellow clone Thrand thinks the same way, and he's just as determined to win her.

On a Barbarian World Jan 31 2020 When an independent deep-space scout crash-lands on an unknown alien world, the last thing she expects is to find herself claimed by a barbarian warrior. Aurina Phoenix spends most of her time zooming through uncharted space and gathering intel for her family's deep-space convoy, but her life takes an unexpected detour when a meteor shower brings down her ship. She finds herself on a barren, low-tech planet inhabited by dangerous beasts...and lands in the arms of a brawny barbarian warlord. Markarian warrior Kavon Mal Dor is known for his skill in battle. He lives to protect his clan...and to avenge the murder of his father. Every move he makes is part of his grand plan for revenge, including finding a legendary sword and marrying a warlord's daughter. But when a beautiful skyflyer crashes into his world, she is the one thing he never counted on. Fighting their incendiary attraction, Aurina and Kavon make a deal: she'll help him find the sword and in return, he'll give her the emergency beacon she needs to get home. But as the search for the sword plunges them into a dangerous adventure they find themselves consumed by a powerful passion and questioning everything they've ever wanted. Note to readers: This sci fi romance contains a lot of action (think rival warlords, dangerous beasts and lost mines), cool offshoots (sexy alien warriors and overprotective brothers) and a steamy romance (lots of sexy times between two strong-willed people). This is treasure hunting sci-fi style. So if you like it fast, and fun, and sexy, this is for you!

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