

Mated To The Barbarians

For generations maidens of Adena's people have been taken as brides by the powerful men of the Tlani clan, in tribute for their continued protection, and when she comes of age Adena is given to the mighty warrior Lor Quinn. Stripped bare and displayed before the assembly, her suitability as a mate is tested and confirmed for all to see before she is claimed publicly by her new husband to consummate their union. Lor's dominant lovemaking excites Adena far more than she ever would have thought possible, but it is only when she is led to Lor's training chamber after the ceremony that she begins to fully realize what it means to belong to him completely. He will explore her body thoroughly, punishing and pleasuring her as he wishes until she is left blushing crimson with shame yet still aching with need and longing for him to take her in any way he pleases. Adena soon discovers that Lor's plans for her extend beyond their bedchamber, and as part of her training she is brought to a doctor for an intimate, humiliating examination as often as her husband feels it necessary. Any defiance merely earns her a hard, bare-bottom spanking, yet though his firm-handed dominance often leaves her with flaming cheeks and a sore bottom, as Lor's mastery of her body deepens Adena's passion for him burns hotter every day. But can she truly learn to embrace life as a warrior's mate?

Publisher's Note: The Warrior's Mate is an erotic novel that contains spankings, sexual scenes including a threesome, medical play, anal play, exhibitionism, elements of BDSM, and more. If such material offends you, please don't buy this book. Also note that an earlier version of this book was previously released by the author under the title Training Adena.

In a contemporary political climate where barbarians, monsters, and savages have become ubiquitous figures of otherness, Subjects Barbarian, Monstrous, and Wild gathers essays which explore both the oppressive, dispossessing functions and subversive potentials of these figures in and through art and literature.

Presents nine related stories that follow the adventures of Reginald Rivers, owner of a safari business, as he takes his customers through time to hunt extinct dinosaurs.

The growing barbarian tribe is about to celebrate No-Poison Day, a time of love, laughter and gifts. But all Elly wants is for her mate to be at her side before the brutal season arrives. All Bek wants is a way to quickly return to his female despite the mountains between them. Thanks to the talents of a newcomer, they're both about to get their wish and celebrate the happiest of holidays together.

You'd think a tall woman would fit in on a planet of seven-foot-tall aliens, but even on the ice planet, I'm still a weirdo and an oddity. I'm everything all the other cute, dainty human women aren't. One guy in particular - the alien Harrec - is determined to embarrass me by pretending he's interested. He's a jokester that flirts like mad and hits on me constantly just to make me feel foolish. He gets under my skin. He makes me so frustrated I want to scream. When a side-trip to a glacier turns into a nightmare and the two of us are forced to survive alone, I see another side to the enticing blue alien. Even with no one else around, his compliments keep coming and I start wondering if the attraction between us...is real.

I've never spent a day without my mate since arriving on the ice planet. I'm happy and in love, and we have a beautiful child together. All that changed when the world shook. My mate nearly died. He wakes up from his coma...and he can't remember me. Or our son. Every memory of the past two years is gone. And that changes everything between us. How can I love someone that doesn't remember me? How can I not, when I know he's still my mate underneath it all?

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It's hard being the most popular girl on the ice planet. The alien men are falling all over themselves to impress me in the hopes that I'll take them to my furs. But they don't know my secrets - none of them do. And they don't realize that behind my smile, I just wish they'd go away. I don't want any of them. I want someone else - someone with a gorgeous blue body, big horns, and the most intense gaze ever. He's the only one that knows the truth. Maybe with him, I can work through my fears of the past....but I'm pretty sure he wants more than just friendship. He wants forever, and I'm not sure I can give it.

The second novel in the international publishing phenomenon Ice Planet Barbarians series, now in a special print edition with bonus materials and an exclusive epilogue! Liz Cramer swears she'll find a way off of this alien planet she's stuck on--then she meets Raahosh, the surliest and stubbornest alien who won't leave her alone, and she just might be okay with it... Twelve humans are left stranded on a wintry alien planet. I'm one of them. Yay, me. In order to survive, we have to take on a symbiont that wants to rewire our bodies to live in this brutal place. I like to call it a cootie. And my cootie's a jerk, because it also thinks I'm the mate to the biggest, surliest alien of the group. Raahosh thinks the cootie's right, because he steals me away from the group, determined to make me like him, or else. He has no idea who he's up against. And if I didn't want his insufferable self so much (thanks, cootie), I'd let him know just what I'm thinking. As it is, I'm doing my best to fight this instant attraction. Just because the symbiont thinks we're meant to be together doesn't mean I have to go along with it. And if we fool around a little, it's just biology. It doesn't mean I'm in love. Or that I'm meant to be his.

I might be the only unmated female in my tribe, but it doesn't mean I've given my heart. I'm waiting. I want resonance, and I won't settle for anything less. But when an alien ship lands and a handsome stranger steps out, I know he's the one. His name's Mardok and he's fascinatingly different - and distractingly appealing. But Mardok can't stay on the ice planet, and he says he can take me with him. Now, I must make a choice. Do I stay and lose my mate forever? Or do I follow him to the stars and leave behind everything I know?

The ice planet has given me a second lease on life, so I'm thrilled to be here. Sure, there's no cheeseburgers, but I'm healthy and ready to be a productive member of the small tribe. What I didn't anticipate? That there'd be a savage stranger waiting nearby, watching me. And when he takes me captive, the unthinkable happens...I resonate to him. Resonance means mating, and children...but I don't know if this guy's ever been around anyone before. He's truly a barbarian in all ways, right down to clubbing me over the head and claiming me as his own. So why is it that I crave his touch and hunger for more?

When I wake up on the ice planet, I'm scared of everything: this place is cold, silent, and the locals look more like blue devils than

aliens. To make matters worse, one of the strangers decides I'm going to be his girlfriend and kidnaps me away from my sister. I'm completely and utterly alone. What's a girl to do? Well, this girl escapes. Of course, that means I go from frying pan into the fire, and my situation gets even more dangerous. Just when I have no hope left, a new hero appears. Sure, he's blue, horned, and has a tail. He's also fierce, protective, makes me purr...and thinks I'm perfect. But is what we have real or just a mating instinct?

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 offsiders (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!

Sold into slavery, maidservant Katerina promised one day to repay the princess who rescued her. Now that time has come, and Katerina must convince commanding warrior Ashfirth Saxon that she is her royal mistress. Spending balmy days and long sultry nights with this man makes Katerina's task increasingly impossible. How long will she be able to keep up her deception? And how long before she finds herself willingly bedded by this proud barbarian?

Book 3 in the Blue Barbarian Series As if things weren't hard enough when I was taken by aliens, ten of us human females are dumped onto a strange new planet to integrate with the barbaric natives. But the last thing I remember is I refused to tie myself to anyone. Now I awaken from an overdose of medicinal tea with bizarre gaps in my memory, and I'm mated to Aschero, one of the sexy blue barbarians I'd been fooling around with. As my memories return, I try to piece together the puzzle of why my life is so different than what I remember. Unfortunately, along with my memories comes a horrible secret I want so desperately to bury, but each day inches closer to exposure.

Nora says she's happy. Dagesh isn't so sure. He loves his pretty human mate and wants nothing more than to bring a smile to her face...so she'll go running into his arms. When he asks the tribe what she's missing, someone suggests a wedding. All right, then. He'll throw the best barbarian wedding ever. So how does Nora tell her determined, thoughtful mate that what she wanted wasn't a wedding...but something a little different in bed?

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All this snow and no holidays? What's a stranded human to do? Create a new holiday, of course. Georgie and the other women decide to bring some new traditions and cheer to the sa-khui. More babies are born, presents are exchanged, and a new romance blossoms between a human woman desperate for a change, and the alien determined to protect her.

BOOK 2 Lucie & Rayhaan's story. Alien abductions are real, and now I'm stranded on the planet Blaedonia. I was the fourth female awakened aboard the Drurian spacecraft that specialized in kidnapping females. Their mission? To sell us to other galaxies. Human female Numbers One and Two didn't make it, but Niki-also known as Number Three-made it through the experimentation of language implantation. I was lucky and she transferred the gift of languages to me. I'm now able to understand the sexy, blue barbarians who have taken us in on their planet. Now, Niki has mated to the King of Blaedonia and Drakar has decided to mate me to his best friend Rayhaan. Apparently the barbarians are clueless to the fact that Earthlings choose their own men. Lucky for me, I have an opportunity to travel home. Unlucky for Rayhaan, he's forced to do my bidding to woo me. Because now, a girl has options.

Autumn only wanted a quiet life. That was ruined when her village was attacked. Kidnapped and traded to strangers, her future is uncertain. Just when she thinks she has a chance to find happiness in her new clan, she's kidnapped once again. Autumn knows the alphas are looking for her, but will she survive long enough to be rescued? Will the man she's chosen as her mate find her before her captor claims her for himself? This is book 4 in the Alpha Barbarians series. It is an omegaverse romance that contains scenes that may make some readers uncomfortable.

Princess Helena's life is changed forever when her half-brother, the newly crowned king, offers her as tribute to a band of barbarian raiders in return for a halt to their pillaging. Though she does her best to view the arrangement as a sacrifice for the good of her people, Helena is shocked to discover that she will be claimed as a bride by not one, but two of the tribe's warriors. Not only do Helena's new husbands prove more than ready to correct any disobedience with a firm hand applied to her bare bottom, the two huge, handsome brutes have no qualms about enjoying her beautiful body anytime and anywhere they please, even in full view of the rest of the tribe. But when custom demands that they share their new mate with the other warriors, will they follow tradition or risk tearing their society apart to keep Helena for themselves?

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As a newcomer to the alien tribe, I've struggled to find my place. It might be because I'm a tad headstrong at times. And yes, I might have thrown a few things at people's heads. But I had a good reason to pitch a fit - my shy sister was stolen away right under my nose. Of course, now she's back and mated. Everyone's happy...except me. I need...affection. Attention. Okay, I'm lonely. Really lonely. Strangely enough, the only person that I think understands what I'm going through is the same blue-skinned brute that stole my sister. It's wrong to hook up with him, even as a mindless fling. Except...I'm not so good with the whole 'rules' thing. And he's not so great with the 'fling' thing.

Everyone knows Megan and Cashol hit it off the moment they resonated...didn't they? But when Josie goes into labor, an off-hand comment makes Megan point out to her friend that no, things weren't always so smooth. Just because resonance is immediate doesn't mean it's immediately perfect. But also...just because it's an instant bond doesn't mean it's wrong. Sometimes it's very, very right.

After English soldiers invade her village, nineteen-year-old Callie seeks shelter in a remote castle deep in the highlands. The laird of the castle, Andrew of Clan MacKinnon, offers her a job as a cook, but he makes it clear that living under his roof will mean obeying him without question or facing the consequences. When Andrew takes it upon himself to bathe her, Callie resists and quickly earns herself a painful, humiliating spanking, but to her surprise the punishment leaves her not only blushing with shame but also helplessly aroused and longing for

the handsome laird to dominate her completely. Callie is further shocked when Andrew's close friend, Brandon, returns to the castle and she learns that she will be expected to submit to him as well. Though she finds it difficult to believe that two powerful men would want a common girl like her, Andrew and Brandon inform Callie that they have always intended to share a woman, and it isn't long before she finds herself being brought to one shattering climax after another as she is claimed hard and thoroughly by both of them at once. But will the men cast her aside once they have satisfied their desires, or do they truly plan to make her theirs forever? Publisher's Note: Mastered by the Highlanders is an erotic romance novel that includes spankings, sexual scenes including threesomes, BDSM content, and more. If such material offends you, please don't buy this book.

LOST You'd think being abducted by aliens would be the worst thing that could happen to me. And you'd be wrong. Because now, the aliens are having ship trouble, and they've left their cargo of human women - including me - on an ice planet. FOUND And the only native inhabitant I've met? He's big, horned, blue, and really, really has a thing for me...

Seasons ago, I resonated to the quietest of tribesmates, a male content to love me from afar while I was the center of attention. We could have been happy. Despite our differences, I loved him and he loved me. But then a terrible thing happened...and my world was never the same again. Now resonance is giving us a second chance, but...I'm afraid. What if what I have with my mate is too broken to be fixed? What if there's no hope left for us at all?

'Funny, delightfully inventive, and refuses to lie down in its genre' Observer The Discworld is very much like our own – if our own were to consist of a flat planet balanced on the back of four elephants which stand on the back of a giant turtle, that is . . . There is a curse. They say: may you live in interesting times. 'May you live in interesting times' is the worst thing one can wish on a citizen of Discworld, especially on the distinctly unmagical Rincewind, who has had far too much perilous excitement in his life and can't even spell wizard. So when a request for a ;Great Wizzard; arrives in Ankh-Morpork via carrier albatross from the faraway Counterweight Continent, it's the endlessly unlucky Rincewind who's sent as emissary. The oldest (and most heavily fortified) empire on the Disc is in turmoil, and Chaos is building. And, for some incomprehensible reason, someone believes Rincewind will have a mythic role in the ensuing war and wholesale bloodletting. There are too many heroes already in the world, but there is only one Rincewind. And he owes it to the world to keep that one alive for as long as possible. _____ The Discworld novels can be read in any order but Interesting Times is the fifth book in the Wizards series.

The international publishing phenomenon Ice Planet Barbarians, now in a special print edition! Fall in love with the out-of-this-world romance between Georgie Carruthers, a human woman, and Vektal, an alien from another planet, in this expanded edition with bonus materials and an exclusive epilogue--in print only! You'd think being abducted by aliens would be the worst thing that could happen to me. And you'd be wrong. Because now the aliens are having ship trouble, and they've left their cargo of human women--including me--on an ice planet. We're not equipped for life in this desolate

winter wasteland. Since I'm the unofficial leader, I head out into the snow to look for help. I find help all right. A big blue horned alien introduces himself in a rather . . . startling way. Vektal says that I'm his mate, his chosen female--and that the reason his chest is purring is because of my presence. He'll help me and my people survive, but this poses a new problem. If Vektal helps us survive, I'm not sure he's going to want to let me go.

Light years from home, plant biologist Lt. Eva La Croix and her all-female exploration team land on a planet they believe is a perfect substitute for the dying Earth. They are set upon by huge alien hunters and Eva is captured by the barbarian leader. Tossed over his shoulder, she is carried back to camp, tethered to his bed, seduced by his touch, and claimed as his own. In spite of her fear, she is captivated by the gorgeous, dominant male with his long gleaming black hair, smooth bronze skin, and glimmering golden eyes. Expecting her full compliance, he strips her naked and prepares her for an intimate and very thorough inspection. Horrified, Eva protests, but quickly learns defiance will be met with swift consequences, including a bare bottom spanking until he proves to her who is in command. Deemed compatible, she and her teammates are whisked away to the barbarians' world where they are mated to these powerful men. While pampered and protected, the women are expected to submit to their male's authority and breed their young. Will Eva learn to adapt to their unusual beliefs and old-fashioned ways? Can she sacrifice her independence and surrender to this dynamic, highly sexual alien male who has conquered her body, and perhaps her heart? Or when escape is imminent, will she flee with the others, never to see him again and feel the rampant desire that now surges through her blood for her compelling barbarian mate?

Each year Dr. Sheldon Renshaw offers a place in his home to a young woman who has just come of age and would otherwise face a life of poverty. With patient tutoring and, when necessary, strict discipline, these girls are transformed from wards of the state into respectable ladies suitable for Victorian society. Eighteen-year-old Tennie Butler harbors little hope of being chosen by Dr. Renshaw, and she's certain that whatever chance she had is lost after her defiant attitude earns her a sound spanking from the handsome physician during his annual visit to the orphanage. To her shock, however, that very evening she finds herself in a carriage heading for the esteemed doctor's home. It doesn't take long for it to become clear that Tennie is quite different from the girls who have come before her, and when she is stripped bare for an intimate medical examination her helpless arousal cannot be overlooked. The wanton display leaves Dr. Renshaw yearning to claim Tennie, and soon enough she is begging for more as he dominates her completely. But can a doctor and an orphan truly forge a lasting bond, or will their passion burn hot and then flare out? Publisher's Note: Chosen by the Doctor includes spankings and sexual scenes. If such material offends you, please don't buy this book. It should have been a one-night stand. I never intended to seduce Taushen, but things happened. I don't dwell on the

past and while it was great, I'm not looking for a relationship. Of course, try telling that to Taushen. The big blue alien's in love after one night, and it's making things darn awkward. We've got bigger problems than whether or not I'm his woman, like the 'cargo' of the space ship that landed here. But Taushen's not giving up. He thinks I'm his mate. And he'll do anything to keep me.

"What do you get when you mix a curious investigative reporter with a hot Alien Dragon-Shifter Prince? My kind of book! You guys, I LOVE this novel--Michelle M Pillow's world building is first rate which is a must for great sci-fi!" - Evangeline Anderson, NYT & USAT bestselling author Once mated, these shifters will do anything to protect the women they love! With over 1,000 five-star Goodreads ratings: When reporter Morrigan takes an undercover assignment on a foreign planet, she ends up the accidental bride of a dragon shifter. Prince Ualan is determined to honor the marriage — but first, he'll have to tame the tempestuous beauty! (BookBub) The original Dragon Lords series' Anniversary Edition by NYT Bestselling Author, Michelle M. Pillow. Breaking up is hard to do... Going undercover at a mass wedding as a bartered bride, Morrigan Blake has every intention of getting off the barbaric alien planet just as soon as the ceremony is over. Or, more correctly, just as soon as she captures footage of the mysterious princes rumored to be in attendance. After a euphoric night, Morrigan discovers her ride left without her and an alien dragon shifter is claiming she's his wife. It's not exactly the story this reporter had in mind. And to make matters worse, the all-to-seductive dragon prince refuses to give up without a fight. Being cursed by the gods was never so frustrating... Prince Ualan is prepared to follow dragon shifter tradition and marry the woman revealed to him during the marriage festival. When the stubborn, yet achingly sexy, Morrigan refuses to accept their shared fate, it is all he can do to keep from acting like the barbarian she accuses him of being. About the Dragon Lords Series The dragon-shifting alien princes have no problem with commitment. In one night, they will meet and choose their fated mates in a simplistic ceremony involving the removing of masks and the crushing of crystals. With few words spoken and the shortest, most bizarre courtship in history, they will bond to their women forever. Praise For Barbarian Prince "What do you get when you mix a curious investigative reporter with a hot Alien Dragon-Shifter Prince? My kind of book! You guys, I LOVE this novel--Michelle M Pillow's world building is first rate which is a must for great sci-fi. And her love scenes are steam-up-your-glasses sexy--a must for good romance... Pick up this novel now but be prepared to ditch the housework and let the kids and hubby fend for themselves at dinner time. You won't want to put it down!" - Evangeline Anderson, NYT & USAT bestselling author (2019) "I loved the humor and the heat of this fantastic sci fi romance!" Tasha Black, USA Today Bestselling author (2019) "I really enjoyed the worldbuilding and sexy sexy romance in this one!" Alisa Woods, paranormal romance author (2018) "Love this whole series!!!" Jaycee Clark, New York Times and USA Today Bestselling author (2019) ??????? A Qurilixen World Novel Dragon Shapeshifter

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The Qurilixen World is an extensive collection of paranormal, fantasy, and science fiction romance novels by award-winning author, Michelle M. Pillow, and includes several series installments: Dragon Lords, Lords of the Var, Space Lords, Captured by a Dragon-shifter, Galaxy Alien Mail Order Brides, Dynasty Lords, Qurilixen Lords, and more.
Vintage Tom Wolfe, *The Bonfire of the Vanities*, the #1 bestseller that will forever define late-twentieth-century New York style. "No one has portrayed New York Society this accurately and devastatingly since Edith Wharton" (The National Review) "A page-turner . . . Brilliant high comedy." (The New Republic) Sherman McCoy, the central figure of Tom Wolfe's first novel, is a young investment banker with a fourteen-room apartment in Manhattan. When he is involved in a freak accident in the Bronx, prosecutors, politicians, the press, the police, the clergy, and assorted hustlers high and low close in on him, licking their chops and giving us a gargantuan helping of the human comedy, of New York in the 1980s, a city boiling over with racial and ethnic hostilities and burning with the itch to Grab It Now. Wolfe's novel is a big, panoramic story of the metropolis that reinforces the author's reputation as the foremost chronicler of the way we live in America.

When her ship crashes on a foreign planet during her first hunting trip, Dazea shudders at the thought of being captured by the barbarians who inhabit this wild, primitive world, and her fears are soon realized when she is caught and taken captive by the ruggedly handsome Captain Hawk Agnon. His civilization turns out to be more technologically sophisticated than she had expected, but this only increases her shock when she finds out that Hawk plans to take her as his mate. Among Hawk's people, women obey or face the consequences, and Dazea soon learns the hard way that defying her future mate will result in a long, hard spanking on her bare bottom. To make matters worse, she discovers that a sore bottom is far from the most humiliating experience in her future, because when the time comes for Hawk to claim her, it will be done in public. After a thorough, intimate examination proves her ready to be mated, her training begins. In spite of everything, with each firm punishment and each helpless climax the intense need Hawk's dominance has kindled within her burns ever hotter. Soon enough she will be on display, naked and blushing, as her handsome, dominant mate publicly demonstrates his complete mastery of her body. But when that day

comes, will she be able to resist the shame of begging for more? Publisher's Note: His Captive Mate is an erotic novel that includes spankings, sexual scenes, medical play, anal play, exhibitionism, elements of BDSM, and more. If such material offends you, please don't buy this book. Also note that an earlier version of this book was previously released by the author under the title Dominating Daz.

I was known as Fenrir the Destroyer, the taker of lives and castles, a brutal Viking warrior in the Kingdom of Kaldir. My kingdom. My name traveled far and wide, and those who heard it knew their place... accepted their fear above all else. I had riches beyond measure, my followers countless and loyal. But I was missing the most crucial part of my reign, of my ruling. A wife. My queen. A mother to my warrior sons and princess daughters. But there's only one female who tempted my eye and made me yearn for more. And for years I coveted her and her alone, waited until I could provide for her without fail. My Prima. She'd once been a young sapling barely reaching my thighs, but she'd grown into a mature woman full of curves that made me ache. She was the female I knew would make my filthiest fantasies come true. Prima was so small, tiny compared to me, and every protective instinct I had rose up with a vengeance strong enough to level anything in its path. I'd always protect her without fail. She was mine, no matter what. And when timid, inexperienced Prima was finally brought to me-my conquest after years of being alone-I was a selfish bastard and wouldn't deny myself from claiming her. In the end, she'd surrender. Because beneath her uncertainty and innocence was a wildfire I was ready to let burn me alive.

After crossing oceans, a man and a boy arrive in a new land. Here they are each assigned a name and an age, and held in a camp in the desert while they learn Spanish, the language of their new country. As Simón and David they make their way to the relocation centre in the city of Novilla, where officialdom treats them politely but not necessarily helpfully. Simón finds a job in a grain wharf. The work is unfamiliar and backbreaking, but he soon warms to his stevedore comrades, who during breaks conduct philosophical dialogues on the dignity of labour, and generally take him to their hearts. Now he must set about his task of locating the boy's mother. Though like everyone else who arrives in this new country he seems to be washed clean of all traces of memory, he is convinced he will know her when he sees her. And indeed, while walking with the boy in the countryside Simón catches sight of a woman he is certain is the mother, and persuades her to assume the role. David's new mother comes to realise that he is an exceptional child, a bright, dreamy boy with highly unusual ideas about the world. But the school authorities detect a rebellious streak in him and insist he be sent to a special school far away. His mother refuses to yield him up, and it is Simón who must drive the car as the trio flees across the mountains. THE CHILDHOOD OF JESUS is a profound, beautiful and continually surprising novel from a very great writer.

'Resonance' is supposed to be a dream - that's when your soulmate is chosen for you. And everyone on the ice planet has hooked up with a big, hunky soulmate of their own...except me. So do I want a mate? Heck yeah. More than anything, all I've ever wanted is to be loved by someone. Except that the soulmate chosen for me? My least favorite person on the darn ice planet. Haeden's the most cranky, disapproving, unpleasant, overbearing male alien...so why is it that my body sings when he gets close? Why is he

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working so hard to prove to me that he's not as awful as I think he is? I hate him...don't I?

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