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Last Dragon Standing (Dragon Kin)



Synopsis

I know what they see when they look at me. The charming, soft-spoken dragoness bred from the most powerful of royal bloodlines. A disguise stronger than any battle shield that allows me to keep all suitors at tail's length. A technique that's worked until him. Until Ragnar the Cunning, handsome barbarian warlord and warrior mage from the desolate Northlands. Unlike those who've come before him, he does not simply submit to my astounding charm and devastating smile. Instead, he dismisses me as vapid, useless and, to my great annoyance, rather stupid! Yet I'll allow no male to dismiss me. Soon he'll learn my worth, my many skills, and the strength of my will. For this one challenges me enough to make me want to ruthlessly taunt him, tease him and, finally, when the trap is set, bring him to his knees. Contains mature themes.

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Customer Reviews

"[An] offbeat tale that's filled with buckets of humor as well as a dash of treachery." ---RT Book Reviews

New York Times bestselling author G. A. Aiken lives on the West Coast and is the creator of the Dragon Kin series. When she's not writing about sexy dragons, she's writing about sexy wolves, lions, tigers, and other fang-filled predators under the name Shelly Laurenston. Visit her at gaaiken.com. With over 200 audiobooks narrated and produced, Hollie Jackson has worked with both indie and USA Today bestselling authors across a wide range of genres. Hollie's voice brings

characters of all types to vibrant, compelling life, allowing the listener to sit back and enjoy the story.

3.5-4 stars This was a pretty good story. I was a bit leery of both MCs but they seemed to work well together and it all worked out nicely in the end. Keita is a dragoness and the youngest daughter of the dragon Queen. Keita isn't a fighter like most of her siblings and gives everyone the idea that she's shallow, flighty and sleeps with tons of men. The image Keita portrays is mostly true but there is more depth to her that she doesn't allow others to see. Ragnar is a Lightning dragon from the Northern territories and is the leader of his clan. Ragnar is both a warrior and mage and is cunning in his efforts to keep his people secure and safe. Ragnar had kidnapped Keita a couple of years before in an effort to broker a deal with her mother. The deal went through regardless of Keita being part of it and Keita was pissed off because not only did her mother not bother to barter for her, Ragnar didn't fall for her simpering female act that got most men to fall in line for her. They didn't see each other again for a couple years but Ragnar is summoned south by the dragon Queen and happens across Keita on the trip...just as she's about to be hung by a local Lord for a crime she claimed she didn't commit. Ragnar isn't thrilled about it but he does help Keita and she accompanies his group on their journey south. Things between Ragnar and Keita don't escalate into a relationship right away...Keita wouldn't have an issue bedding him but Ragnar isn't interested in the shallow, flighty brat that Keita seems to be. The longer they travel together though, the more depth Ragnar sees in Keita and he realizes that she isn't just flitting around aimlessly but actually seems to have a purpose. Ragnar and Keita do eventually become involved but Keita has an issue with "being tied down" and she makes it quite clear to Ragnar that she'll never be ok with being officially "claimed". Ragnar knows he wants Keita so he helps her with her mission and figures he'll have to work on her emotionally without letting her know he wants something more permanent. Things do get worked out and although she still has an issue with the official "claiming" Keita and Ragnar do end the story together in what appears to be a HEA. This was a pretty enjoyable story. I didn't really like Keita in the earlier books or in the beginning of this one. She grew on me as the story went but she will never be a "well liked" heroine for me. Speaking of which...I used to like Talaith (MC from book #2) but it's like Aiken is trying to make her the worst mother ever! WTH?!?! Ragnar had me a bit leery in the previous book but I was pretty sure he was a good guy by the end of it. In this book, I liked him a lot and thought he did well at handling Keita. Overall, I liked the characters and thought the story was very good. I'd recommend this story/series. :) * note - I listened to the audio version of this story and the narrator did a good job.

Last Dragon Standing is the fourth book in the Dragon Kin series. I've enjoyed the series up to this point. But I had a hard time with this book. I didn't hate it, it was just really slow in parts and Keita the Viper has never been one of my favorite characters. But I did love Ragnar, the lightning dragon, and getting an update on all the rest of the dragons and their mates. This story picks up about two years after the last book, What A Dragon Should Know. Keita plays her role as the royal she is to a tee. And oh boy does she play a dangerous game. The fifth born and second daughter of the dragon Queen Rhiannon, she is spoiled, whiney, privileged and just plain annoying. That's Keita. She's used to batting her eyelashes and pouting a bit to get whatever and whomever she wants. Until she is captured by the Northern dragon Ragnar the Cunning. Ragnar has taken over as ruler of the Northern plains after the death of his father. He's still putting things in order, and is quite put out when he is ordered by the Southland Queen, to personally return her daughter to her. To say there is no love lost between the two royals would be an understatement. But things change when the Queen asks Ragnar to assist Keita in a covert operation. One that just might get one or both of them killed. I liked Ragnar from the first time we met him in the last book. Even being the liar that he was, it was clear he was one of the good guys. And he's brought along his brother and cousin, who are great as well. Keita on the other hand, I've never liked a female character who relies on her looks and playing the dumb card to get what she wants. And it's really over the top in this story. I had a hard time getting through the first half of the book. It was really slow. But it picked up when they return to the Southlands and Keita's family, as they prepare for the coming war. The end of the book nicely sets up the next book. I would highly recommend reading the series in order. There is lots of missing pieces to the story if you don't. Mainly the story behind the birth's of the human Queen, Annwyl the Bloody's twins. And why war is coming to these dragons and their mates. And it is a great series.

This is a difficult review to write because it's bifurcated. Overall I had to force or "push" myself through the book. And in doing so it just made the book seem longer. Well I am saying that is one large part of this review which would have been 2 - stars. The third star however is for the laughter throughout the book. It really saved me from not giving up - it lightened the load. It was what the book needed to be the life raft.

Great Dragon story. Learning to fight for what you want and how to fight. Loyalty is different in all. Protecting family is very important. Loving and family go hand in hand.

All of these books about the Dragonkin are terrific., I love this author's humor and character development. You can't help but like her dragon and human characters. However a heads up. You really want to read this series in order. They are definitely sequential. However every single one of them is a 5 star read.

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