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Jalia hasn't ever played a game she can't win.

The Promise of a Queen's Ransom is too much for life-long gambler Jalia to pass up. The untouched planet of Minos is rumored to be so wealthy, one can walk along the beach and pluck diamonds from the sea. According to the contract, all she has to do to win is solve a few puzzles and navigate a labyrinth or two. Simple!

But she didn't read the fine print...

She isn't competing to win treasure, she's competing to become Queen of Minos. Marriage to the king: Mandatory.

A king who sends men to their deaths by the dozen kills anyone who dares speak against him, and his people live in fear of his wrath.

Bound by the contract, Jalia has no choice but to try or die while the challenges grow ever more deadly. Even if she wins, marrying the Monstrous king of Minos may be a fate worse than death.

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Airwreckah says

The end gets a bit too wrapped up with deities or some such but it was overall interesting.

Fernando J. says

Amazing story!

I wasn't expecting this book but it was amazing. The story had me hooked with plenty of romance, action, and intrigue. I recommend all of Ms. Wroth's books.

Chrissy says

So cute

This was such a good book. I loved how it kind of merged the old with the new. You get this historic and legendary feeling that comes from the aspects weaved in original to the minotaur and the greeks. But also a newer futuristic feeling when you add space ships, alien, and galactic intrigue. This story was well thought out and give you a fully encompassing story of our main couple from the beginning. I loved Dhega and Jalia. They were both lovable but also weren't perfect or without a past. My only wish for this story would have been a few more details to really fully flesh out how some things or people looked so I wouldn't find myself going crazy did this person or thing have that trait. But that was a small thing and just personal preference nothing that really took away from the story. This story had so much within its pages: action, intrigue, love, passion, suspense and even redemption. This was a very good story blending the old with the new giving a story that could really have something for almost everyone. This story had a ending for our couple that could be a happily ever after because so much could happen in the future. I can't wait to get at least a peak at how our main couple continues to grow but would love and anxiously hope for made and Nivir to get their own book. I would also totally be read a book about Tom. Overall this book was very good would recommend.

Mello ♡ Illium ★Harry★ ?Myrnin? Torin Ichimaru says

All the Stars

I've read a couple of Isabel Wroth's other books and have enjoyed them, but I absolutely loved this one. Even if it never becomes a series, this works very well as a standalone and has a happy ending and a pleasant surprise at the end.

I fell in love with Jalia instantly and new before finishing the sample that I was going to buy the book. I was completely sold after reading Dhega's first reaction to seeing Jalia and then hers after meeting him. I was

quickly invested in the two of them and really liked many of the secondary characters as well.

Kudos to Ms. Wroth for such an excellent story that I just had to leave a review so she would know she has made a fan out of me.

Dana Willy says

Pleasantly Surprised

After a series of flops in the Fantasy Romance genre I decided to branch off into SciFi Romance in search of a book that was adult while not crossing the line into smut. This book delivered that and more. While I was hesitant going in about the whole alien factor I found that the author handled it in a way that made the lead male desirable without crossing into creepy beastiality territory. The Minotaur premise was well thought out and the story flowed effortlessly from start to finish, even after significant time jumps. I also found the lead female to be very down to earth and relatable. Often I find myself frustrated when the lead character makes obvious mistakes or is in need of constant rescue but that was far from the case in this story.

Liz says

I didn't love that ending. The last 3 chapters were about the side characters and I didn't care about them! I wanted more on the MCs!!!

The first half of the book was exciting as Jalia competes with other princesses for the "Queen's Ransom". It's a slow burn romance but throughout the book, you never doubt that Dhega is completely over the moon for Jalia and no one else.

The world building was ok. I was overwhelmed by all the places they visit and even now, I cannot describe what the hero looks like. He has horns and a pelt? Dunno.

The last third of the book was interesting in that it showed how the ruling King and newly appointed queen were implementing new technology on their world. However, I found myself doubting what made Jalia so special. Then her awful family became involved and I don't think we're given enough information or time to forgive what we knew about them. After a while of dealing with them, I just didn't care.

I also didn't care the Jade + Nivir side story. Other than to show how incredibly beautiful and loving Jalia and Dhega were in comparison, I could've done without that rushed story.

In the end, I preferred Sarazen's Claim to this book. I would recommend both if you like space romance, strong, commanding heroines and their deliciously dominant men.

Oh and did I mention Isabel Wroth can write some steamy sex scenes?

Alyrica says

Excellent!

I loved this book. The main female character was brilliant and strong...so much fun to read. Then there is the action when she is going through the various labyrinths. What I loved most about those scenes is that she wasn't overpowered. She didn't dominate in every situation. This made the story more authentic and exciting. The main male character was very alpha but soft and loving with the MFC. My only criticism would be that I would have liked more details regarding the physical attributes of some of the characters. Some of them were never clear in my mind which bothered me a little bit. Overall, this was a wonderful book! I would highly recommend this book to sci-fy romance lovers.

Julia says

5 EPIC stars. Starting 2019 off the right way!

If y'all haven't picked up a Isabel Worth book then you're doing yourself a disservice. Isabel Wroth is a one stop shop for....

- amazing world building
- inventive story telling
- strong af heroines ***including the other female characters in the story***
- captivated and possessive heros
- safest books out in the market

Seriously, can you ask for anything more?!?!

At first I was very dubious of the plot, because it centered around 7-10 (not sure how many because I couldn't keep track of them all) women who are competing to marry the king and become the king of a far of distant planet. So you would expect a manwhore royal asshole who lets all of these horny, spiteful women to fight over him, right? WRONG. He did not show any remote interest in any of the other contestants besides the heroine AND none of the other women contestants showed any romantic interest in him. Isabel Wroth takes the road less traveled with her books. I know im going to get a breathe of fresh air every time I pick up one of her books.

But what really made this book special was the heroine. She was fucking amazing. She was smart, talented, and funny. The whole plot of the book was for this collection of women to compete in 9 labyrinths to prove that they're worthy of being queen and she turns around to the hero and was like...

"Cool, what are YOU going to do for ME to prove that you're worthy." *mic drop*

Safety:

10000000% safe

-No OW/OM after meeting and no ow/om drama

-Hero was not a manwhore and we got zero details on his sexual past. Probably celibate for a long time

because no one on his home planet wanted to be his queen. He treated the heroine like gold.

-Heroine was not a virgin and she enjoyed sex!!

-No separation

-minimal angst

-HEA with wedding (off page) and babies (on page)

BleuBelle says

My first 5 star read this year and it was awesome. Didn't even know about this book until today, how did it escape me?

I'm in love. Everything was perfect. Totally safe. Faithful Hero. Strong Heroine. True love. No unnecessary drama. A sweet happy end. And the promise of more.

Thanks for an amazing read.

(The only thing troubling me were the false use of "she" instead of "her" and a few spelling mistakes)

Caroline Rose says

This book was good for the first half then I got super bored with all the politics. So DNF after that.

Jennifer says

1.5 stars.

This was safe, but very boring. There's something missing from the author's writing style and it failed to engage me. I enjoyed the multiple povs and the nice surprise twist toward the end, but unfortunately, this book just wasn't that good.

Ann Lou says

The premise of this book is very interesting. Jalia (h) has to survive nine deadly labyrinths to prove she is capable and strong enough to be queen. She is strong and determined.

"While I'm here risking my life to prove myself worthy to be yours, you face no task or challenge to prove you're worthy to be mine".

I love their world. Dhega(H) and Jalia complement each other. They balance each other out. This may sound greedy but I would love to read more about their world. I want them to have another book as main characters. A glimpse of their future.

Rachel says

Amazing plots, twists, and adventure.

Wow! I haven't been this impressed a writer since Ilona Andrews. This book is on par with Andrews and a couple of other greats in paranormal romance such as Patricia Briggs and kelly Armstrong.

This book is about Jalia who enters a contest and finds out after she enters that it is not just for riches but to become Queen of Minos. The King Daegan is thought to be a ruthless ruler who executes any who come against him or fail him.

I loved how the characters were slowly introduced allowing some mystery of character and some excitement on the next reveal. The writing was genius in its ability to let you learn the characters but still feel the tension and drama.

The world building and imagination felt original to me and well thought through. This book is a keeper.

Daisy says

Perfect ?

OMG I was so mad when I saw her new book was a different series from her Sarazen Saga, but after reading the first couple of chapters I forgave her.

This book was awesome, it was very well balanced, had enough romance to me you awww, adventure to keep you on your toes, and an amazing world building, everything made sense and was very well thought.

This one's definitely joining my favorites.

N. says

I always enjoy this authors work. Perfect? No.

It has a very likeable smart heroine with a unique way of thinking. She unwittingly enters a world challenge thinking it's gambling scam with a rich payoff. There is the humanish king who at first is intrigued this human then falls in love with the quirkily puzzle loving woman.

The slight twist at the end was interesting, although it leaves you with questions.

A few things really bothered me, and thankfully the heroine as well, that is one characters death. The extremely violent "Games/Bloodsports" candidates were subjected to, especially loss of one possible ally for the heroine. Would likely read more stories situated in this universe.
