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Book one of the bestselling historical & futuristic series, *The Tellaran*.

Discovery means death but Arissa risks everything to save Fleet officer Jolar's life.

Repaying this telepath means saving her from execution and Jolar strikes a bargain that will spare her life. In return, Arissa must join him on a dangerous mission and use her telepathic abilities to help him uncover hidden forces that threaten the Tellaran Realm.

Jolar will do whatever it takes to clear his life debt to Arissa. The only thing he absolutely cannot let himself do is fall in love with her . . .

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From Reader Review *The Seer* for online ebook

Riley says

I am a sucker for a good romantic sci-fi adventure and *The Seer* certainly fits the bill! The story about Arissa, who's secret talent would get her executed on any planet, and Jolar, the aristocrat turned noble soldier, is crammed full of interplanetary adventures. Political intrigue on a planet of power-hungry plotters threatens the current regime and could change the state of affairs in far-reaching ways that can only be imagined. As the romance between Jolar and Arissa develops the depth of these main characters is revealed. This tale also has several good secondary characters which only add to the strength of the story. The action in this book is full of plot twists and is also pretty much non-stop. The words flew by only disappointing me because I realized I was at the end of the book!

This is an adventure for sci-fi romance readers everywhere!

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Anne says

What a great story with a lot of depth. I thought it slowed down in the middle somewhat, but overall, excellent. 4.5 stars.

Angela Goodrich says

Ms. MacArran has just been added to my must-read list for sci-fi romances. I absolutely loved *The Seer*. In the Tellaran Realm, Seers (persons with psychic abilities) are executed simply for being born. Arissa's parents hid her existence as soon as they detected her abilities as a child and continued to do so up until they were killed in an accident. We meet Arissa eight months after their deaths and the story begins with a literal bang as she saves Jolar from being shot. Jolar's culture believes that you owe a great debt to one who has saved your life. In trying to begin repaying his debt, he unknowingly puts her in danger of being discovered and executed. From there we are taken on an action-packed undercover assignment to find out who is attempting to grasp power and take control of the realm (and I didn't see it coming).

I definitely enjoyed their interactions as Jolar introduced Arissa to the world her parents hid her from. It was endearing to see his frustration over her reactions melt as he learns about the things she's never done. Jolar seems to enjoy being the first to introduce her to many things, yes, including sex. It should be noted that *The Seer* is a romance, not erotica and while there are a few sex scenes in the book, they are not graphic (hot, but not graphic). They are used to illustrate the relationship development between the two as they fall in love.

Lots of romance and lots of action set in another universe makes *The Seer* a fabulous sci-fi romance that has earned a spot on my re-read list. I will be checking out Ms. MacArran's other books that are set in the neighboring galaxy while I await the next Tellaran novel.

I received a complimentary copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

Rosalie Williams says

In the Realm, Seers are not citizens. They are no better than animals and are to be executed on sight. That's why Arissa has been in hiding her entire life, after her parents faked her death at the age of five. But when she sees a Fleet Commander being held at gunpoint in an alley, she can no longer cower in the shadows, and steps into the light to save him. Bound by honor to save Arissa's life, Jolar has no choice but to take the beautiful Seer on his mission to a corrupt and dangerous planet, where dark intentions are afoot. It doesn't take long for Jolar to realize that Seers are nothing like the Realm makes them out to be, and in the dangerous world that he has brought Arissa in to, he's going to have to give up everything to keep her safe.

"Just in case my thoughts and feelings aren't shouting it to you, my beautiful Seer—I'm madly, wildly in love with you and nothing is going to keep me away from you."

Drawn in by the beautiful cover, I picked up this book, though I'm usually not much for the Science Fiction genre, and fell in love. This was a stay-up-all-night-because-you-can't-put-it-down read, and I regret nothing. From the opening line I was sucked in to this fast-paced, intricately woven story, and wasn't released until well into the afternoon.

Arissa is beautifully innocent and strong at the same time. It was great getting to see her excitement at finally being a part of the world around her. She maintained her belief in good despite the corrupt world around her, and no matter what, she was always looking out for others.

Jolar was strong-willed and honor bound, but his character was so great because after meeting Arissa, he came to question beliefs that he had simply accepted before, and so the character development was great. It was fun to watch him softening toward Arissa during their journey, and it was intriguing how he took for granted the things that were so fantastical to her.

This is a long book, and it was chock full of action and twists and turns in the plot, it never gets boring. Honestly this was one of those books where the plot seems very narrow-minded and you assume you know the ending and how the book will progress, but it turns into so much more than that. The book has an incredible scope by the end, and it truly was breathtaking. The galaxy was well thought out and the foods and animals remained consistent, which can be hard to do in SciFi. It's clear the author had the planets, and aspects of them very well documented, because there weren't inconsistencies.

Jolar and Arissa are great together. Arissa's innocence complements Jolar's jaded attitude, so that they each make each other a better person. While they did seem to fall in love a little quickly, it didn't bother me the way so many insta-love stories do. The conversations between them flow, and the author didn't cop out by say something like, "And they talked for hours, getting to know the little things about each other" or something like that, as authors that don't know how to write chemistry do. They interact well, and maturely with each other. The only thing is I couldn't get a good read on exactly how old Jolar is. We know Arissa is right around twenty, but Jolar's age is never mentioned, though I got the impression that he was at least a few years older than her. I would put him in his late twenties.

This was a great book, especially for a self-publisher. There were a few editing issues, but there wasn't

anything chronic, which made it easy to handle. I really appreciated this book, and while there isn't another in Arissa and Jolar's story, I will look in to other books by this author.

Five Stars

Rosalie Williams

Alex says

A strong entry in the genre. The sci-fi elements are effective and not over done. H & h both are realistically motivated to their actions.

This is set in the same universe as the author's previous novel STARDANCER, but this novel stands alone. There is one direct tie-in to the specific characters in STARDANCER, which I won't give away in this review. However, SEER is not part of the STARDANCER story arc.

The story begins with an attempt on the H's life and this sets up a mystery element to the story that is effectively explored throughout the novel. It is a mystery, so I won't ruin it by giving away too many details here, sorry.

There is something in this novel that I realized about the author's writing that I should have before (come to think of it, this is true of the author's other work as well): the dialog is very strong. It's fluid and it seems that the characters are truly speaking for themselves.

Happy reading, this is a good one.

Pamela(AllHoney) says

The first book in Ariel MacArran's *Telleran* series. Arissa is a seer. But it is illegal to be a seer and if found she faces death. She saves Jolar's life and in return he promises to help her. He recruits Arissa for a job and when the job is completed Arissa will have a new ID and a safe place to live. Of course, there are many dangers and they don't know who they can trust.

I read the books that come after this one but really this one stands on it's own. I liked it but it took awhile for me to read it with real life interrupting and all. It didn't feel like it was part of the series but still I enjoyed it. However, I must warn you there are a lot of editing issues.

Lyndi W. says

This was more romance and less sci-fi than expected, but still an enjoyable read. My GR friends and those that I follow are not in agreement with me on this one.

It's kinda slow, there's really no reason for this story to take 400 pages in telling. And there are some editing/spelling/grammar issues. Not much character development.

But I still enjoyed it. *shrug* It happens.

Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

I love Science Fiction Romance and am always looking for new books and new authors. When Ariel MacArran offered a free copy of *The Seer* in return for an honest review I jumped at the chance and I am glad I did.

I love the start of *The Seer*. Arissa walks into an alley and sees a man about to shoot Jolar. She thinks, "I could just let him die." But she does not. She distracts the shooter, saves Jolar's life and changes her own.

I loved Arissa. She has been hidden away her whole life but when her parents die she is on her own. She is very intelligent, stronger than she thinks and very much at sea out in a world she has only experienced from a distance. It was great to see her change, realize that she is strong and that she can take control of her life.

Jolar is a very conflicted hero. When Arissa saves his life he is honor bound to take care of her. What starts out as just a duty quickly changes but that same honor binds him to other duties that could tear them apart.

The two must travel together to find out who is threatening the peace of the Telleran Realm. Not everyone is who they seem and not every action is what they expect. Both are on a journey of discovery and both have life-changing experiences that may tear them apart or may bring them together.

The Seer is a good addition to anyone's Science Fiction Romance library.

Ashley says

sigh I just love the way Ariel MacArran weaves a story. :) The characters are fantastic. The world-building is incredible. And she sure knows how to shock a reader! There were a couple of VERY unexpected twists and turns, but I love that even when you're sure it's going to be a HEA, the story can go down some dark and frustrating paths first. And I DEFINITELY need to re-read *STARDANCER* now. There are some things niggling in my mind from the first book that I won't be able to stop thinking about until I read it again! (And that's ok, because I love a good re-read.) :D

UPDATE: (from my blog)

This novel is set in the Telleran Realm, and is the 2nd of MacArran's books set here. *Stardancer* is the first Telleran novel, but each novel is a standalone romance, and can be read in any order. Of course, I TOTALLY recommend you read *Stardancer* as well!

LOVE this book! Ariel MacArran does a fantastic job of world building, in both of her books, and her characters truly change over the course of their stories.

I think what I love most about this author's books are the different cultures of each planet, and how well she develops them. And yet, the details of each culture are worked into the story so brilliantly that you never feel like you are getting a 'lesson' in each culture while reading the book. The information just organically comes

up in the conversations and thoughts of the characters. Also, the technology, weapons, etc. that are introduced into the story aren't hard to figure out either, even though the names and functions of these things are a part of this new world, rather than our world. (If you couldn't tell, I am a sucker for good world building.) :-D

If you like sci-fi romance/space operas, you will LOVE this book! And if you haven't read Stardancer yet either, check it out! I CAN'T WAIT for the next book set in the Telleran Realm: The Consort. Go forth and buy, my friends. You won't be disappointed!

Literati Literature Lovers says

Arissa is a Seer. As far as Arissa knows, she is the only Seer alive since they were all extinguished hundreds of years before. Jolar is a Fleet Commander. Going against all of her instincts, she risks everything and saves Jolar's life. Jolar vows to repay her in any way he can. Upon finding out that she is a Seer, he promises to keep her secret and is even more determined to make sure nothing happens to her.

The only way to keep her safe is to have her accompany him on a secret mission to find out who is plotting to take over the Telleran Realm. Throughout his mission Jolar doesn't know whom to trust and finds out that things are far worse than he thought. Arissa has been raised to hide her powers so when she is promised a new identity in exchange for helping Jolar on his mission, she doesn't really have a choice but to go. She also isn't sure she can control it well enough to be any good to him.

During this undercover mission Jolar realizes that he has fallen in love with Arissa. She being a Seer, knows that his love for her is real and her feelings are mutual. This makes the mission all the more dangerous because as much as Arissa can help him with her power, she is now his biggest weakness. She can't bear to be the reason he fails or worse, loses his life. Jolar also has a big secret he is keeping from Arissa.

Gasping, Arissa stood. "I have to stop."

"Why?" he asked hoarsely. He stood too, blocking her retreat. "Because you can feel how much I want you?"

"It doesn't matter. We can't—"

His breath caught. "You want me too, don't you? You want me.

"Of course I do!" she burst out. "Did you think I didn't? That I could just turn off how I feel? That it isn't agony to sleep next to you every night and not touch you?"

"Do you still love me, Arissa?"

She shut her eyes. If she looked at him she would shatter.

"I love you, Arissa." His fingers whispered over the skin of her cheek. "My sweet one. My heart."

She could feel the waves of his love, his desire hot around her.

“If you don’t love me anymore, tell me. I can’t hide my feelings from you, I know that, but I can promise I’ll never speak of how I feel again.”

She looked up at him, at his pained blue eyes and her vision blurred.

“I have to know. Do you still love me, Arissa?” he asked and his voice broke. “Do you?”

“Yes,” she whispered and tears overflowed. “Gods, yes, I love you.”

He promises to help her gain control of her telepathy so they can finish the mission and live happily ever after. Now we all know they will have some obstacles to overcome before that happens. The sex is hot as hell, no obstacle there; but above all, it’s a love story.

“Because—just in case my thoughts and feelings aren’t shouting it to you, my beautiful Seer—I’m madly, wildly in love with you and nothing is going to keep me away from you. Not the law, not the Fleet, not the whole festering Realm.”

“Oh,” she breathed. His love was undeniable—white hot, more unbreakable than tarasteel and the hot waves of it surrounded her, filling her with it’s warmth. “I love you, too.”

The author does an amazing job of writing her characters so that you feel what they feel and see things through their eyes (no pun intended). She keeps you guessing as to who is friend and who is foe. She also does a wonderful job of describing all of these different worlds and their inhabitants. You question everything and everyone’s intentions up until the very end. This is the first book I’ve read from Ariel MacArran but definitely not the last.

Pamela says

Seriously now, instead of using the "f" words, the author replaces them with "frack" and "fracking." I wanted to laugh every time I came across those words. Am I the only one who finds this ridiculous and a bit immature? If you don't want to insert those words, that's fine. Replace them with words like "damn" or "shit", or don't use anything. Some may think I'm being critical but hey, it's how I feel. It's too bad as I liked what I read from the sample I downloaded. However, I'm not going to waste my time reading a novel that's littered with "frack" and "fracking" throughout. My eyeballs would fall out of their sockets from me rolling them every time I read those made-up words. Even now I'm rolling my eyes and laughing. To each her own.

Erin Lindsay McCabe says

Lucky me, I got to read this book in manuscript form! I don't normally read sci-fi, but I always enjoy a good love story and this book successfully combines both romance and the thrill of a mystery. Arissa, a Seer who has lived her entire life in hiding, is forced to reveal her identity when she rescues Jolar. He vows to help her, but in exchange she must use her telepathic skills and accompany him on a dangerous mission... You'll just have to read it to find out what happens next! MacArran's strengths lie in character development and dialog,

and I love the dry humor that shines through in Arissa. Both Arissa and Jolar are very sympathetic, engaging, and complex characters. In addition, the Telleran Realm is fully believable as a world, with just the right amount of detail: I never found myself bogged down in description or questioning the logic of the setting, which is often where sci-fi loses me. It's a fast-paced, thoroughly enjoyable read, with deeper themes (using one's talents, being loved for one's true self, living a life of integrity) for those who want to dig a bit deeper. A perfect book to curl up with and get lost in on a rainy winter day!

Julie says

Very enjoyable otherworld/fantasy romance. Enjoyable not for its shock factor or raunchy, lusty, sex scenes, but for its drama and true romance. There was definite physical relations portrayed, but lacked the intense, vivid description that cause so many romances of this genre to turn the corner into erotica. It was a refreshing change, and I need one of these more intellectual types once in awhile ;-} The heroine was fascinating and captured the imagination with her unusual gift. The hero was captivating in an old world kind of way with his honor, braveness, and chivalry. I think this is a great start to a series that could have a lot of potential in so many ways. A solid 3.5 stars for a bright beginning.

Jen says

This book was great. In comparison to her first book Stardancer, I prefer the first, I think it's because there is a little more conflict between the main characters. Good plot twist. I also really liked how the main character isn't instantly in tune with her seer ability and how she has to learn to adapt, makes the character more relatable. I do love how the books are related and I'm excited for the future of these characters and the great setup Ariel has created for future books.

Ginger Hall says

I found The Seer to be a lovely story and romance: innocence, perseverance and strength personified in the heroine, strength and honor in the hero, romance, intrigue and good triumphing over evil. It is not easy to create a "new" world and culture for a novel but, Ariel MacArran has done a wonderful job of doing so without losing her audience.

The characters are realistic and believable. Arissa saves Jolar's life and honor demands that Jolar return the favor. Their adventures immerse them in espionage across the star system; their mission is to discover who is working against the Realm and report back to the Telleran Council.

While on their mission, they fall in love, face deceit, dishonor and death. There are twists and turns that keep the reader guessing.

There were grammatical errors, omitted words and misspelled words. Not to the extent of some other indie novels I have read, but there none-the-less.

I look forward to reading the next book in this series and definitely need to re-read Stardancer.

