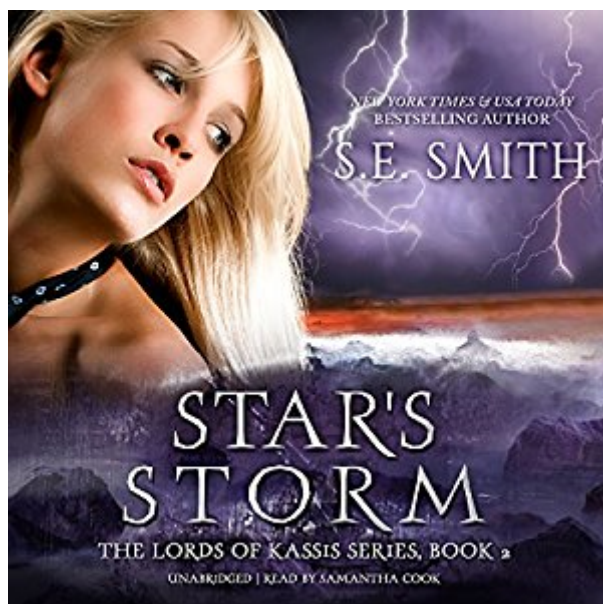


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Star's Storm: Lords Of Kassis, Book 2



Synopsis

New York Times and USA Today best-selling author S.E. Smith presents another adventure- and suspense-filled story to transport listeners out of this world. Star Strauss has always been a fighter. From the time she was born prematurely to her life on the road as a circus performer, she has never let her small stature keep her from achieving her dreams. Her love of being up high and flying free has helped her overcome the challenges she faces when she is on the ground. But her life changes when she finds herself on a distant world where every creature seems to tower over her. Jazin Ja Kel Coradon is the third son of the ruling House of Kassis. He is known not only for his skills as a fierce warrior but also for his knowledge of communication, security, and weapons systems. This knowledge has increased the effectiveness of the Kassis defenses protecting their world from attack from a new group of rebels who threaten their very existence. He will fight until his last breath to protect his people. His life changes when he meets a tiny creature who is unlike anything he has ever seen. She is petite, delicate, and beautiful - and the strongest, most stubborn female he has ever met. She refuses to do what he tells her, she defies him at every turn, and she doesn't seem to understand that all he wants to do is protect her. If he could just get her to stay in the safe bubble he has created for her, his life would be so much simpler! Star had enough of people back home trying to put her in a glass box. But when the man she loves is kidnapped, she will do what she does best: use her skills as a performer to rescue him from the men determined to bring down the Kassis defense system. Sometimes being small has its advantages. The enemy never expects a pint-size female to have the strength of a warrior.

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Customer Reviews

I have been counting down the days for this book and I definitely didn't waste my time reading it. First, it was longer than previous books, more detail and more personality. Star and Jazin are a wonderful couple, he's an alpha male who is in for a very rude awakening. Star is small but she's mighty and he needs to remember that she can take care of herself. With the addition of Madas and his two captains, and a new cast of characters, this is setting up to become a really great series. I just love her books! Fantastic read!

I read River's Run and enjoyed it for the most part, so was looking forward to Star's story. It started out quite good with lots of action and I was glad the author didn't rehash the plot as she did in the Dragon Lord series. Star was very feisty, but sometimes I think both she and the Kassian people expected more out of her than she should have been capable of. Seriously, she is a circus performer (high wire) but is willing and able to kill seasoned warriors? At least with River, she had extensive skill with knives. It just became too unbelievable, then downright silly when she was kidnapped and taken aboard the freighter by inept Frenchmen. Really?? I also wish the men would have been stronger. They too are seasoned warriors who took shit from no one, yet these three women ran circles around them. It just didn't seem plausible. I think I will skip Jo's story, as the idea of an entire circus traveling to the Kassian world seems downright ridiculous and from the bit at the end of Star's story, that might come to pass. I enjoy series, but the later ones have to be as good as the first to keep my interest.

River, Star, and Jo were abducted by aliens. Each girl is finding out that their abductors are their soul mates who want nothing more than to claim their fragile Earth mates and keep them safe and protected in the lap of luxury for the rest of their lives. This is book 2 featuring the petite yet big hearted Star. Being smaller than most people she has learned to stand up for herself and disprove those who think that small means fragile, demure, and/or passive. Even if it takes saving her big bad mate Jazim to prove it. If it were possible to give this book ten stars I would. It's a contemporary sci fi humorous adventure book that includes an erotic romance between Star and Jazim (thanks again for taking out tags). It has aliens who are big & bad with alpha personalities who find their mates and want to protect and lap all the creature comforts that they can so the girls know they are loved yet are not put into danger. In this book though the alien needs to be rescued as HE is kidnapped and about to die. Along the way Star makes new friends includes a reptilian female Madas (who I absolutely love to pieces), Gril (I so want to see him taken down a notch or two), Jarmen (stole my

heart and affection), Armet, and Dakar. Each personality adds a new dimension to this book that gives life to this fictional world the author has created. There are other characters who breathe life into this story but I'll refrain from mentioning them as you'd lose the fun and surprises if I listed them. Viva Le France!!!! wonderful fantasy sci fi read that has some erotic scenes that are downright steamy but made me a fan because of its barbarian mentality alpha alien who gets taken down by one kick ass Earth female.

Vivid action sequences increased the intensity and really brought forward the suspense of the story. The story was fast paced from cover to cover with new plot twists around every corner. But the novel was so much more than simply blowing things up. Emotions and real life are prominent throughout. World building is also fundamentally built into the story. I enjoyed the way that the religion of Kassis and the mythology behind it was developed. The extra insight into the world and how it works made it all the more real to me. Star is such a little spitfire. She is such a vibrant character who definitely shines as she shows her true worth and mettle. I loved getting to know her. Seeing Jazin's thoughts and emotions really gave me insight as to how Kassisan males think and the culture at large. The multifaceted development of his character had me falling in love with him from the first time he stuck his foot in his mouth. The romance between these two was intensely sensual. I love how they both had to work at the relationship, that it wasn't always easy, yet it was always rewarding. Smith has once again created a story that I couldn't put down set in a world I don't simply want to read about, but want to move to. This was an unforgettable story about so much more than simple romance.

Book 1, River's Run was about 8 book releases earlier, but book 2 is finally here and going straight into my favorites collection. During River's Run, we meet River, Star and Jo and the three Lords of Kassis, four if you include their father. Star's Storm expands the story and reveals the strong personalities of Star and Jazin that were hinted at in book 1. Star is definitely nobody's doormat, more of an irresistible force. Jazin's the immovable object until he realizes that he has to change or risk losing Star. The trials they undergo deepen their relationship and move the story along very quickly. I reached the end and couldn't believe I had finished the story, I was so eager to keep reading more. I would like to see some of the native women step up as strong personalities in future books. Unlike some of S.E.'s female characters in her other universes, we really haven't seen much of the females of Kassis. Surely the interesting men had equally vibrant women somewhere in their lives. As with all of S.E.'s books, I'm also ready for stories about many of the secondary characters -

Madas & Gril, RistÅ©ard Roald & Ricki. Jarmen, Ajaska, Dakar and Armet also deserve happy endings. Jo and Manota's story is next in this universe and I can hardly wait. Although I think some characters from some of S.E.'s other universes are intending to have their stories released first.cross-posted GoodReads and /Shelfari

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