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Lisa Singleton has an unusual roommate-a fifty-foot dragon named Caleb who has glittering scales and a bad attitude. Little does she know that Caleb is actually a powerful warrior sent to protect her from those out to steal her magic and destroy the world. Or that Caleb can take the human form of a sexy hunk. Now, if he doesn't stop distracting her with those gorgeous bedroom eyes, they may not have time to stop their enemies before all of existence is wiped out. At least Lisa and Caleb will have savored every last minute.

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Laura the Highland Hussy says

The only thing that saved this from a 1 star rating was that the last 80 pages or so were pretty good. I was so disappointed in Allyson James. I have read her before, as Allyson James, and as Jennifer Ashley- who wrote one of my favorite books--Pride Mates-- and the Immortals series. Well, if you like dragons, and Chinatown, San Fran...you'll love this. I now know more about dim sum and Chinatown, than I ever cared to. I also didn't like the halting way Allyson James wrote this book. It had to be stylistic, because I've read plenty by her before and she can write more than 4 word sentences, so she must have done it for a reason. I guess.

Okay, so Lisa is half Scottish (red hair) and a quarter Chinese (almond shaped eyes and bronzed skin) can you picture it? She inherits her Grandma Li Na's apartment and with it the golden dragon (Caleb) in the spare bedroom. But when a black dragon (Malcolm) threatens Lisa, he becomes a hottie human. The plot itself was good, but man oh man, every few paragraphs were devoted to Chinatown descriptions. And in a textbook-y way, not a pleasant point of view way. I skimmed a lot.

Then black dragon Malcolm turns out to not be the bad guy, but an evil witch is the villain. I liked watching her get her come-uppance, but I really was ambivalent to the rest. I would read the rest of the series because I have hopes for Ms. James to redeem herself with me-it's hard when one of your favorites writes a book you don't like. Besides, isn't everyone entitled to one bad book?

Maybe the next one will be better? I sure hope so, since I liked Saba, and part of what kept me going was Saba and Malcolm. What kept me reading was the fact that I was on vacation and this was the only book I brought to read. But still...if Saba and Malcolm's book fell into my hands I'd read it, otherwise, I won't go out of my way to get it.

Cherry Dragoon says

Review:

This is another retrospective review. I've read the Dragon series by Allyson James sometime ago and I'm going to review these books together since they have similar traits. The main thing I like about these books is the author's "voice". Allyson James is a very good story teller. She is one of those rare ones who can weave a story around a reader's head and make a reader forget reality. Completely whisk you away to another world. She creates a world with such convincing authentic flare that suspension of disbelief is too easy. The magic system is believable. None of those, well it's like that because it's magic, no rhyme no reason. No, in the Dragon series the magic is like that because... it has a cause. A reason which is believable. I guess that is one of the reasons that her story telling quality is very very compelling because of the "convincing quality of her stories". I could go on and on and on about things I like about these books but I'll let you find out for yourself instead...

The thing I hate most about this series is that it takes years... I mean YEARS! to wait for the next one!! Like book 3 was published in 2008, it's the end of 2010, when is book 4 coming out already?!

World building = 5

Story telling quality = 5

Character development = 4.5

Stories themselves = 4

Ending = 4.5

Plot = 4.5

This was a very entertaining read indeed! The movie did not do it any justice at all. The succeeding books did not compare either.

Overall Rating: 5 out of

Umaiya ?A Far Off Memory? says

Allyson James just isn't for me. I really do believe this would have been better if it were fluff, shorter and possibly written in a different style... could just be me *shrugs*

2.25 stars and a promise never to read an Allyson James again.

Zeek says

Lisa Singleton's world is like no others. She lives with a real, live golden dragon whom she inherited along with her grandmother's property.

The snarky Caleb is a surprisingly good companion for the lonely young gal trying to make her way in a new city, but when a black dragon in the form of a human sets his eyes on Lisa, Caleb decides it's time to become more than just an impotent watcher from dragonspace.

When Lisa finds herself in the middle of a attack by one bent on capturing her for the black dragon, the last thing she expects is for Caleb to show up in human form and save the day. And what a sexy rescuer Caleb turns out to be!

Caleb and Lisa quickly find themselves falling in love but can they learn to work together before the black dragon completes his plan to use Lisa to get back to his own world, as well as get to the heart of another wicked alliance that threatens their very existence, before the forces arrayed against them destroy the earth and all its inhabitants.

At first, I found the premise of Dragon Heat to be a wonderfully refreshing hook in the wildly popular paranormal sub-genre of romance, unfortunately the plot ended up being convoluted, the characters lacking in heat and the narrative just all around- Blah. I did enjoy discovering the mystery behind the heroine, however that could not make up for the fact this couple had zero chemistry to hold my interest long enough to care what happened to them.

In the end, a big disappointment as well as a big snore.

July says

I liked my first book in this series. Dragon Caleb who is a Golden dragon is the protector of Lisa. He has been put in charge of being her protector but an evil witch. Lisa's grandmother has passed on and knew of the golden dragon and the spell that kept him from truly coming into this world. A door in Lisa's apartment keeps him from stepping into the world from dragonspace.

When Lisa's life is threatened Caleb will cross space to come into Lisa's world to save her but at what cost to his own and this world?

I really liked the start of this series.

Wyrdness says

Boring. I couldn't even get past the 11% mark without yawning and wanting to put it down. 4 chapters in and barely anything had happened except that Caleb has become a golden, studly human and hormones at first sight has made everyones clothes fall off. Usually I can at least say that the writing was good even if I didn't like a story itself, but even that was lacking (not completely horrendous, but very "meh").

Susanne says

I'm conflicted about this book. I like the different take on dragons... but the story was flowery and ridiculous.

The 'twists' could be seen a mile away. The characters were likeable enough, but nothing spectacular.

I like paranormal romance, but I don't like the sugary sweet, gag-me, romance of this book.

I understand that there's gonna be books I don't like much, this was one of them. Reading it became a battle of wills, I hate to not finish a book...

I guess this is the first book in a series, and I won't be reading the rest.

Jilly says

You know when you're reading smut and it takes forever for the smut to get on with it?

Like the college roommates' pillow fight is interrupted by the cute pizza guy and they invite him in to "give him a tip" and then they get into a conversation about Nietzsche and you're all "What the hell?" Stupid philosophy students!

Yeah, that's not a problem in this book. We barely learn the name of the first couple before they are getting it on on a desk.

Then, we have three dragon-shifter brothers who are desperate to ~~bang~~ find their mates. One finds his and they are ~~bang~~ing in love within hours. The second goes out to kidnap his so he can ~~bang~~ mate with her. The third talks about all of the women he ~~bangs~~ bangs.

It's pretty pornalicious!

Timmysparks says

I really loved this book. I've read so few book about dragons and I was so excited to read this. I was disappointed in the least bit. I really loved Caleb. He's a dragon who had to learn and adapt to human ways in order to be able to protect Lisa and he was so charming. The story was very engaging and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I also loved Malcolm. I felt sorry for him being a dragon trapped on earth and not able to go home. I loved Saba too. She was a very strong witch and a very lovable character. I was very anxious to know what will come of Malcolm and Saba's relationship with the way it ended in this book.

Corrine says

This was a quick read with an interesting concept and world. It's not very often that Chinese culture, San Francisco or dragons are featured in romance novels.

Everyone has their eye on Lisa Singleton because she has untapped immense power, only she doesn't know it. The only thing she knows is that there's a golden dragon living in her apartment. His name is Caleb and he's there to protect her from the black dragon. The two have struck up an unlikely friendship, although the puzzling human emotions (possessiveness) that Caleb feels for Lisa alarm him. When the black dragon uses an acquaintance of Lisa's to try and get to her, Caleb pleads with witch Saba to turn him into a human so he can enter our world and protect Lisa even more. She allows him to, but only until Lisa is safe. The chemistry and affection between Lisa and Caleb is immediate and overwhelming, and soon the two are falling in love while trying to unravel why Lisa is a target, what was Lisa's grandmother hiding, and who exactly can they trust.

I loved the sweet romance between Caleb and Lisa. At first I thought, uh-oh, warrior dragon thrown into our world, he's probably going to be an over-bearing alpha. But Caleb is more driven by his protective instincts than using his might to rule Lisa. He cherishes her, and it was nice to see a strong hero become vulnerable for his woman without being pushed into a corner. Lisa is a great heroine: she's been hurt before, but she doesn't let it color her interactions with Caleb.

The paranormal aspect is good, also, and the worldbuilding seems solid. I can't wait to read the rest of the series. B

Elizabeth says

The Dragon Series is a tale of love, dragons and plain old happy bonking. Now there's not a lot of bonking but be warned you may be like holy, moly if you read it. The story centers on a modern day city and a

mythical dragon homeworld called Dragonspace. In book one, we read the love story of Lisa, a 1/4 Chinese woman with a broken heart and Caleb, a Golden, warrior dragon. I don't want to reveal too but there's a BA witch, scary supes and a surprise you don't see coming.

Elizabeth says

This book was awful, but earnest. I might have given it two stars if not for the extensive rapey qualities of the story. Details below.

After reading the Stormwalker series I went to check out the author's back list, and WOO BOY there is a huge difference in quality. The prose is overwrought and repetitive, especially in the first 100 pages where the author seems to have added buildup but not reread for flow. The plot is poorly constructed, too: the heroine powers up too much and too fast with everything wrapped up easily in a tension-less action scene at the end.

The characters are empty cutouts, and I didn't feel anything for any of them but discomfort and anger. Both the romance and the secondary romance are with dragons that have tight control on the minds of their love interests. Lisa is with the good gold dragon and gains power in a way that cuts those ties, but she willingly goes back out of love. Caleb only pushes her in the direction of sex a few times with his power, but it's pretty uncomfortable anyway.

The neutral black dragon, however, forces Saba the instant he meets her. He starts to kind of like her because she tries to fight his control, but she repeatedly admits to herself that she is enslaved and she likes it, likes what he made her do, and is falling in love with him.

The book focuses on how awful the witches are for enslaving and hurting dragons for power, but apparently dragons get a pass on that. No one seems unhappy about the rape, even at the end.

The only redeeming quality is that throughout the story, you can just FEEL the author trying her best. She grows and her later stuff is MUCH better. Try that instead.

MaggieReadsRom says

Caleb, a golden dragon (warrior-dragon) has been sent to Lisa to protect her from Malcolm, a black dragon wanting to use Lisa's powers, she hasn't any knowledge of yet. To be able to protect her more effectively Caleb is turned into human form by one of the witches that sent him to Lisa.

Caleb is strong, witty and smart for a golden dragon, who are supposed to just fight, eat and mate. Adjusting to his human form takes a little work but he blends into it perfectly.

Lisa is brave, caring and innocent of the great powers she possesses but together they find out and they find each other in the process. Caleb and Lisa are a perfect match, be it sexual or magical

Yep, found me another keeper-series amidst the storm of new releases!

In this book Allyson James takes you into a magical world of golden, black and silver dragons, witches, incubi and ancient oriental magic. All covered in a seemingly everyday world. It's magical and sensual.

A page-turner containing an original plot and a new concept of dragons and the dragonworld. It very distantly touches the feeling the Immortals caused inside me (the series Allyson's alter ego Jennifer Ashley created). The enthralling writing style and world building have the same attracting qualities that just pull you into this world and you never want to come out again.

This is a whole other and utterly fascinating world, never thought dragons could be so hot!

The title of the book suggests dragons and heat. Well there's a lot of both. After Caleb turns human and Lisa finds out the how and why of her powers, the heat really turns up in some steamy erotic scenes. One in particular involving ice-cream and chocolate sauce.

When I was reading the book, I was hoping for a book on Malcolm, the black dragon, in the future, because to be honest he captured my attention big time and actually more than Caleb did, and believe me Caleb was amazing....but Caleb is sweet and golden despite being a great warrior. But Malcolm is dark and mysterious enough to leave you wanting more. I was hoping for his story with Saba, one of the witches and my wish came true because book 2 of the Dragons-series is their story and it will be coming out in November 2007!

Allyson James has once again created a series that has captured my interest through the way she weaves magic with steamy hot sensuality and creates an great world and amazing characters.

Audrey says

A whole lot of mehhhhhhh...with some squicky and memorable (in an awful way) food sex tossed into the mix. The insipid and rather TSTL heroine creates an ice cream sundae (yeah, you read that right) on the gigantic manly man hero's turgid and tumescent manly parts, complete with cherry "right on the tip of his hardness." Not sexy. Not anywhere near it, really.

Combine squicky food sex with rather repetitive and info-dump writing, plus questionable Chinese cultural aspects (uh, I'm Chinese and I grew up in San Francisco, so I dare pass judgment on this part, actually), and I was non-wowed by this book. Also, the heroine buys the H an "I <3 SF" T-shirt (NON-ironically), which automatically earns her negative points from the fashion police and drops this rating at least one star.

Redeeming aspects: The hero is a dragon who is in human form for the first time. His cluelessness when learning about the human world is pretty cute and charming. The idea of the dragon world is also pretty cool, but I didn't find the execution or description of it compelling. Also, non-Caucasian main characters always catch my eye - it's just unfortunate she's TSTL.

Heather andrews says

Caleb is cute, "you do not need Greg Shaw," he said now. "I like you, and if I were human, I would mate with you. Now, sit down and stay with me. It's almost time for Cops." Caleb seems to give the best answers, "you were mortally wounded, then became a dragon and had wild and wicked sex with me. Why should you not be hungry?" I liked Caleb and this book this was a good start to a series.
