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Dragonfriend



Synopsis

Gold Award winner - 2016 Independent Publisher Book Awards
Stabbed. Burned by a dragon. Abandoned for the windcrocs to pick over. The traitor Raaba tried to silence Hualiamama forever. But he reckoned without the strength of a dragon's paw, and the courage of a girl who refused to die. Only an extraordinary friendship will save Hualiamama's beloved kingdom of Fraanior and restore the King to the Onyx Throne. Flicker, the valiant dragonet. Hualiamama, a foundling, adopted into the royal family. The power of a friendship which paid the ultimate price. This is the tale of Hualiamama Dragonfriend, and a love which became legend.

Series Note Dragonfriend is a YA fantasy novel set in the same world of the bestselling dragon adventure series Shapeshifter Dragons and Shapeshifter Dragon Legends. It can be read in any order alongside Aranya, Shadow Dragon and The Pygmy Dragon. Awesome dragons, epic stories and deep dragon lore abound in this unique series set in a world of volcanic islands above the clouds.

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Customer Reviews

Nothing better for a book-lover than to be given a book to read, especially one that is to our liking! I

was lucky enough to receive an advanced review copy of M. Secchia's *Dragonfriend*. I love reading fantasy and am always in awe of authors who go out of their way to create brave new worlds many of us would like to visit or live in. Knowing full well such magic only exists in books and movies, I readily grabbed the text and dove into reading. From the very first chapter, thrilling and action-packed, you just love the heroine and will probably, just the way I did, devour the following pages, rooting for her and her dragonet friend (no more spoilers ahead, I promise to be very careful about that) throughout all their hardships and friendships. Whether you are a teenage fantasy fan or an adult with an adventurous heart, this intriguing story will lure you in from the start. Spectacular landscapes, amazingly graphic action scenes, gorgeous descriptions with plenty of detail... My absolute favourite scenes are the ones in which the differences in the world, habits, traditions and capabilities of humans and mythical creatures are displayed, with so much humour, insight and emotion, that a proper fantasy fan will relish in every discourse line and every thought shared telepathically between the characters. In this kind of a book, I like to be able to feel the story with all my senses, and the author writes using them - he shares the sounds and silence, the scents and touch, and shows you what he sees, so you can be immersed in reading, just the way a good movie will do, and even better.

[Full disclosure: I requested and received an ebook ARC from the author in exchange for an honest review.] Beautiful. Enchanting. Hilarious. Tragic. Touching. Empowering. You could use any of those words to describe *Dragonfriend* but in truth to do this book justice you'd have to use them all. It is so many different things woven together into one book that you can't help but fall in love with Hualiana as well as her companions Flicker (the dragonet) and Grandion (the dragon). Hualiana is one of those characters that you'll never forget after finishing the book. In the beginning she's nothing but a royal bastard, the half-daughter of the king who stands up to his captain-of-the-guard, the usurper of the Onyx Throne. She doesn't even particularly like her father but she likes Raaba even less and for her trouble she gets her back and stomach sliced open before being tossed off the Dragonship to die. But thanks to Flicker breaking her fall, carrying her to safety and patching her up, Hualiana isn't so easy to get rid of. (If you don't know, dragonets aren't much bigger than a couple of feet long and just a little bigger in wingspan so for Flicker to carry a human, even a tiny one, it was a huge sacrifice on his part.) As Flicker nurses her back to health and teaches her to speak in a civilized manner "Dragonish, of course" she grows stronger and more and more determined to seek revenge against the man who deposed her family. No one in her family save for her adoptive mother may like her, but Hualiana loves them with a

fierce, protective sort of love that leads her to the gates of hell and back in her quest. What I found really interesting about Dragonfriend is that it's set 425 years before the main series, Shapeshifter Dragons.

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