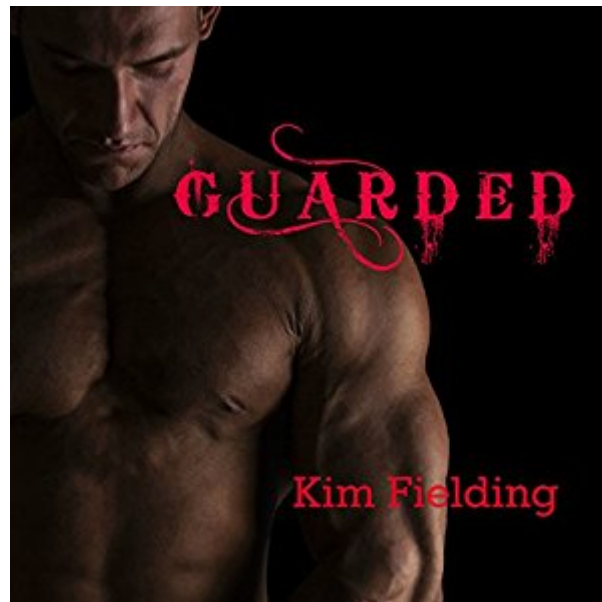


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Synopsis

A brutal war left Volos Perun with physical and emotional scars and with a reputation as a hero. Now he's a soldier stationed at the palace, desiring Prince Berhanu while receiving only loathing in return. But when Berhanu foolishly refuses the king's request to let Volos accompany him on a peace mission to the neighboring country, Berhanu is kidnapped and brutalized. Now Volos must risk his life as he works to save Berhanu and help his country avoid another devastating war.

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Customer Reviews

This was rushed and overall lacking Relationships take time and real interactions. Their love seems very unbelievable and watered down. If you like the overall idea of the story but want a story that will tear your heart out and make you cry for more, read Captive Prince.

This was an emotional read and not one I'd recommend for survivors of rape or sexual abuse. It begins with the story of a simple guard who loves a prince from afar--a prince who can't stand him, who does nothing but treat him with scorn. An act of pride and bad judgement sends Prince Berhanu straight into a hellish situation, one Volos is called on to rescue him from. Volos is desperate to save the man he loves and their tale is not an easy or pretty one. I thought the depictions of Berhanu's black moods and cruelties after his release were very realistic and honest. He and Volos both are emotionally and physically wounded in this story and they have a lot to work through, a lot of honesty to share, before they can come together. Part of me wanted hearts and flowers and a few easy heartfelt declarations to lead to a shiny HEA, but I also appreciated that

people are messy and people who have been through what these characters have a greater struggle--and a more satisfying ending. They do get their HEA, realizing that all of what has gone before needed to happen to bring them together. I really did love Volus for his integrity, devotion, and unwavering love. Berhanu was harder to like with his sharp words, rudeness, and disregard for Volos. He was a flawed character but he made a perfect foil for Volos. I think that they will ultimately bring out hidden depths in each other--and hopefully Volos will gentle Berhanu. This is the kind of depth and typical resonance that I have come to appreciate in Kim Fielding's books.

Two people from different lifestyles. One meant to protect and the other to lead. One places himself in danger to save the other. While one learns to come to terms with feelings and thoughts strongly held. Both have experienced trauma severe to break anyone but they push through.

The characters were well done, clearly defined, good plot, well crafted. Very enjoyable and will be a book I can re-read and enjoy.

Absolutely loved this one. Very similar to Captive Prince but shorter and different. Haha. This one felt like it was 300 pages - and at just over 100 it is deceptively shorter than it felt. I enjoyed both the characters and the world building greatly. A deft touch with words here as well - not flowery certainly but purposeful. Nothing extra. I could read endlessly on this world and it's characters!

I found this book to be enjoyable but it's pretty hardcore. I probably will not read another book by this author and it's mostly because of how quickly the prince gets over what happens to him and leads to a happily ever after.

I loved the main characters -- especially Volos! I always fall for the guys with a dark past and both are strong masculine characters. I enjoyed the evolution of the relationship between Volos and Berhanu; the difficulties they had to overcome fit who they were and all they had been through. It was an enjoyable read and just what I was looking for!

This book! I love arrogant men brought to their knees by love, and unrequited love given a happily ever after? Just perfect!

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