

Pearls Dragon Dragon Lords Of Valdier Book 10

When Earth received its first visitors from space.... The Trivators came to bring Earth into the Alliance of Star Systems, but now they have to take control of Earth to prevent the humans from destroying it in the panicked chaos. The Trivators aren't prepared for how humans will affect their own lives, though, starting with a family of three sisters.... Alone in a world gone mad with just her younger sisters, Jesse Sampson has learned to use the darkness and the remains of Seattle to keep what is left of her family alive. She has seen the savage side of human nature and found they are not much different from the aliens who conquered the Earth. Hunter belongs to a unit of Trivators who specialize in quelling violent uprisings. His ability to track and capture is renowned, but he finds the tables turned when he is the one captured by a group of ruthless humans. Hunter is shocked when a strange human female risks her life to help him escape, only to disappear into the ruins of the city. He now has a new mission: finding the female who saved his life. Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story full of romance and adventure. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid landscapes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite! Main Content: 158 (6x9) pages, 50,237 words

Scorching hot and sexy stories set in science fiction and paranormal worlds that come alive in your hands. Her stories are unapologetic happily-ever-afters. They are also full of alpha heroes, heroines with a brain, action, adventure, and humor. Don't miss out on stories that readers say they can't get enough of! Asim Kemark has lived a long, lonely life. It is his pledge to his former king and to Mandra Reykill that keeps him, his dragon, and his symbiot from going mad. He has given up on finding his true mate and devotes himself to caring for the wide assortment of creatures on Mandra and Ariel's mountain retreat. The last thing he expects to happen when he visits the palace is to lose control of his dragon and his symbiot after they sense their true mate. Before he knows it, he has kidnapped her! Pearl St. Claire is enjoying a new adventure - learning to live on an alien planet. As a mature woman in her sixties, she thought she had experienced just about everything life could throw at her - only to discover she hasn't really experienced anything yet! She is both amused and exasperated when one of the dragon-shifting aliens kidnaps her, believing she is his true mate. Life is no longer boring or lonely as Asim courts the enchanting and spirited, human woman, but he isn't the only one who has noticed Pearl or the unusual animals under his care. When poachers attack, determined to steal the exotic creatures under his protection - including Pearl and a new clutch of alien eggs from Earth - he will do everything he can to protect them. Can one dragon keep the most precious creatures under his care safe, or will he lose the biggest battle of his life?

"MADE ME WANT TO CHEER." ³/₄Harlan Ellison Arthur, warlord of Britain, has

forged a mercenary army more savage and terrible than the Saxon barbarians who have invaded his island. Victory isn't enough: now Arthur wants to annihilate the Saxons by becoming The Dragon Lord. Mael and Starkad, an Irish adventurer and his giant Danish companion, are peerless warriors in a warrior age; men who have fought all across Europe for survival and pay³/₄and always for each other. Now they must seek an ancient skull from which Merlin's wizardry can raise a dragon, and also the weapons by which alone the dragon can be controlled. Accompanied by a priestess older than time, their search takes them from a monster-haunted lake, to the barrow of a thing no longer dead, and to a battlefield where the enmity of Briton and Saxon rises to a cataclysm which drowns the earth in blood. Yet one task remains. The fiery breath of the dragon Mael and Starkad have helped create can sweep the land clear of all life if it ever escapes from Merlin's control. And the dragon is about to escape! At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). Isolated for centuries, the exotic Dragon Empires finally ready to join the United Federation of Planets. But first the emperor's eldest son must marry the only daughter of his oldest enemy, bringing to an end decades of civil war. Without the wedding, there can be no peace -- and no treaty with the Federation. As honored guests of the Dragon Empire, Captain Picard and the crew of the Starship Enterprise™ must ensure that the royal wedding occurs on schedule, despite the Empire's complicated and difficult codes of honor. And Dr. Beverly Crusher finds her loyalties torn when she wins the confidence of the unusually reluctant bride-to-be. More than just a treaty is at stake, for a vicious race of alien conquerors will stop at nothing, from assassination to invasion, to keep the Empire out of the Federation. Picard must now use all his skills to save the Empire...and preserve the Dragon's Honor.

Genre: Children's Fantasy (Preteen/early teens) Word Count: 48230 In a world ruled by those who own dragons it is almost impossible to change your station in life. Fen is an orphan with a short life expectancy and no hope for the future. In the process of trying to steal a dragon for his master, Fen's life looks like it's going to become even shorter. He's faced with a difficult decision. Should he risk everything, including his blood boiling in his veins, for the chance of a future or remain with his corrupt master. This story was written by an Australian author using Australian spelling.

Journey towards awakening the four dragon pearls in the Kingdom of Arisnon. It has been said that the downfall of the Qing dynasty was due not so much to the 1911 Revolution as to the pervasive corruption and weakness within the Qing administration. The regime was rotting from within, and it did not take much to topple the three-hundred-year-old dynasty. Officialdom Unmasked (?????) was written by Li Boyuan in the early years of the twentieth century as the dynasty crumbled. Bizarre though they may seem, the stories told in the novel are based on true stories. From senior ministers to junior clerks, few were immune from taking bribes, stealing, philandering, dereliction of duty, or other wrongdoings.

Here the writer portrays an official class who placed their selfish interests above that of the state, and who were so devoid of any moral rectitude that one could but wonder how a once mighty empire had fallen into so complete a decline. Unlike most satires, often written with a degree of humour which evoke a chuckle here and there, this work came from a broken heart; it brings only tears, not smiles.

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USA Today Bestseller! New York Times Bestseller! Among the Valdier, twin dragons are feared above all others. Within a prison camp on a mining asteroid, Melina has disguised her gender for years.... Cree and Calo have earned Creon's trust, but the infamous insanity that besieged the first twin dragons is now beginning to take over their senses, just as all the Dragon Lords have found their true mates. After so long without a mate of their own, their dragons are pushing them to do something that would surround them with devastating death and a bitterly waged war. There has never been a woman who can handle a lifetime with two dragon-shifters, and they don't expect that to change now when they desperately need a

partner to save their sanity. Hope can spring from unexpected places however, and the rescue of an old man and his suspiciously mysterious grandson from an abandoned mining asteroid launches the twins into a confused and conflicted journey to a distant planet called Earth at the behest of their...true mate. Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story full of romance and adventure. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid landscapes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite! Main Content: 256 (6x9) pages, 82,095 words

Internationally acclaimed author S.E. Smith presents a bundle of 3 laugh-out-loud adventures to transport readers out of this world! Within New Mexico is a small town named Magic, an... unusual town, to say the least. Touch of Frost: Sci-fi and Paranormal Fantasy collide! Frost is a Star Ranger. He travels the star systems, bringing intergalactic fugitives to justice. When a maximum-security fugitive escapes from the mining prison to a distant, forbidden planet inhabited by a race that has not mastered space travel yet, Frost is sent after him. Lacey Adams is a widow who owns an animal shelter in Magic, New Mexico. When she is taken hostage by the fugitive, things become complicated as Frost discovers his heart is not as frozen as he thought, and Lacey proves to be a more formidable opponent than either the fugitive or Frost could have imagined... Taking On Tory: You can live forever, and still find mysteries whose answers will unravel your world... Twenty-four-year-old Tory Carson is dying to get out of Magic, New Mexico and explore the world. She has spent her whole life cocooned in the protection of the close-knit community. When she finally gets a chance to go somewhere for three weeks, she would be crazy to say no. Simon Drayton is a reclusive billionaire who has reinvented himself over and over again throughout the centuries. He is used to getting what he wants, and he wants the beautiful young woman who captured his imagination at first sight. He is shocked and just a little bit fascinated when she's unaffected by his charms. She isn't impressed by his wealth. She isn't impressed with his looks. She doesn't even bat an eye when he flashes his teeth! Find out what happens when a centuries-old werewolf discovers he isn't the only creature who loves to bite. Alexandru's Kiss: Tory has no idea where she sent Alexandru, but he'll be fine! Really... Far from home... Alexandru Carson has a major problem and it isn't with the woman who captured him - it is the fact that he can't remember anything but his name. He doesn't know where he is or how he ended up in the middle of a forest that feels completely alien, and he definitely doesn't know why it is so hard to keep his hands off the woman who claimed him as her prisoner... Main Content: 373 (6x9) pages, 116,991 words Moonbeam Children's Book Award double silver medalist...

Centuries ago, the Lodestone was split by the gods, sundering the power of magic into elemental quadrants. Each elemental quarter of the Lodestone was hidden in Watchtowers located at the cardinal directions, and human tribes formed around each Watchtower, taking on the qualities and powers of their elements. Pedar Tolris is the second son of the Chieftain of the Water Tribe, and he is a self-made dragon expert. His knowledge is needed when the Dragon Council sets out to reunite the Lodestone. He is chosen as the Dragon Bard when he is merged with the soul shard of the dragon Xaramuth. Along with representatives of the other Powers, he sets out to prevent the Dragon Council from destroying the natural order of magic by re-uniting the Lodestone and effectively ending the world. The fight centers on the mountain Shadowtop, where the dead dragon goddess Xetith lives again, tearing the fabric of time and gathering the Dragon Council and the elemental powers in her claws.

The "Encyclopedia" covers the genre from 1920 to 1994. The genre, however, can be very confusing: films often have several titles, and many of the stars have more than one pseudonym. In an effort to clarify some of the confusion, the authors have included all the information available to them on almost 3,300 films. Each entry includes a listing of the production company, the cast and crew, distributors, running times, reviews with star ratings whenever possible, and alternate film titles. A list of film series and one of the stars'

pseudonyms, in addition to a 7,900 name index, are also included. Illustrated.

The weird and whimsical short stories in Strange Tales from Liaozhai show their author, Pu Songling (1640-1715), to be both an explorer of the macabre, like Edgar Allan Poe, and a moralist, like Aesop. In this first complete translation of the collection's 494 stories into English, readers will encounter supernatural creatures, natural disasters, magical aspects of Buddhist and Daoist spirituality, and a wide range of Chinese folklore. Annotations are provided to clarify unfamiliar references or cultural allusions, and introductory essays have been included to explain facets of Pu Songling's work and to provide context for some of the unique qualities of his uncanny tales. This is the second of 6 volumes.

USA TODAY Bestseller! Two novellas in one book: Pearl's Dragon You are never too old for love! Pearl is the grandmother most people want to hide. There is one dragon-shifting warrior who is happy to kidnap her. Internationally acclaimed author S.E. Smith presents another scorching hot story sure to become one of your favorites! Asim Kemark has lived a long, lonely life. It is his pledge to his former king and to Mandra Reykill that keeps him, his dragon, and his symbiot from going mad. He has given up on finding his true mate and devotes himself to caring for the wide assortment of creatures on Mandra and Ariel's mountain retreat. The last thing he expects to happen when he visits the palace is to lose control of his dragon and his symbiot after they sense their true mate. Before he knows it, he has kidnapped her! Pearl St. Claire is enjoying a new adventure - learning to live on an alien planet. As a mature woman in her sixties, she thought she had experienced just about everything life could throw at her - only to discover she hasn't really experienced anything yet! She is both amused and exasperated when one of the dragon-shifting aliens kidnaps her, believing she is his true mate. Life is no longer boring or lonely as Asim courts the enchanting and spirited, human woman, but he isn't the only one who has noticed Pearl or the unusual animals under his care. When poachers attack, determined to steal the exotic creatures under his protection - including Pearl and a new clutch of alien eggs from Earth - he will do everything he can to protect them. Can one dragon keep the most precious creatures under his care safe, or will he lose the biggest battle of his life? Romance (love, explicit sexual content, older couple) | Fantasy | Paranormal – Shifters, Magic | Science Fiction (Aliens) | Novella **Pearl's Dragon was originally released in the Embrace the Romance: Pets in Space 2 Anthology. The Great Easter Bunny Hunt: A Dragonlings of Valdier short story Alien eggs can only mean one thing - an adventure! A pile of unusual eggs leads to an exciting Easter egg hunt for the kids and the adults alike in this delightful holiday tale. The children must work together to recover Jabir's coveted eggs after the Great Easter Bunny is caught taking them away. Can the Dragonlings and their besties save the day? Parent Romance with brief explicit content | Family Life – Kids' Adventures | Fantasy | Paranormal – Shifters, Magic | Holiday | Novella | Science Fiction - Aliens Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents 2 action-packed stories full of romance and adventure. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid scenes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite! Main Content: 42,593 words, 138 (6x9) pages

Born prematurely, Christoff wasn't as big or as strong as the other younglings, but when the mountain near his family's farm awakens, he is sure that he is the only one who can quiet it. He spends the next few centuries watching over the the village that shunned him, dreaming of the day he can move on to his next life, a life that he hopes will include a true mate. He knows his time has come when the mountain begins to tremble again. What he doesn't expect is a group of younglings who suddenly appear in the hopes of saving a thing called Christmas. The mountain will erupt this time though, and Christoff will finally get a new life – on a strange planet light years away with a woman who sees beneath his deformity to the warrior hidden within. Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story full of romance and adventure. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid landscapes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite! Main Content: 106 (6x9) pages, 34,057 words

Prince Walkyr d'Rojah's mission is to find an ancient artifact known as the Heart of the Cat—a powerful gem that connects his people, its magic woven through the Sarafin like his predatory cat is woven into himself. Walkyr's only clues are an ancient scroll and the legends passed down through generations. However, he isn't the only one searching for the it. A sect determined to overthrow the royal families of the Sarafin, the Curizan, and the Valdier wants the gem for themselves. They are more than willing to do whatever it takes to obtain it. Trescina Bukov's affinity with large cats has taken her all over the world, but this time a frantic call from a rescue group compels her to fly to Wyoming in the United States. A new species of leopard was discovered near death, she's told, and this 'new species' sounds enough like a shape-shifter that Trescina hurries to examine this cat. Their first meeting is explosive, and Walkyr is shocked when the human female connects with his leopard—recognizing what he is and what his weaknesses are, and this is only the beginning of how his mission has gone wrong! Assassins, traitors, and a Goddess with a guiding hand culminate in more than one life-threatening secret....

This volume consists of two sections. The first is a general analysis by Manfred Heuser of "The Manichaeism Myth According to Coptic Sources." The second is a collection of essays by Hans-Joachim Klimkeit on various aspects of Manichaeism including Manichaeism symbolism and art. Queen Petra Sergius' daughter has been kidnapped. Her captor is demanding the Sword of Alexon as ransom. The sword that was officially stolen by Landis, the half-elf prodigal prince of Alexon, who used it to put an end to a threat to the Westland nearly two decades earlier.

Making matters more troublesome is the fact that the kidnapper claims to be Landis' son. Now Landis and his companions must travel to the civil war torn Empire of Roole in hopes of rescuing the princess. There they will encounter a new enemy seeking to hunt down the last of the Elf Lords to gain possession of the magical Pearls of the Elf Lords, and use them in his evil plan to unlock the Dragon Realm and restore the ancient Dragon Lords to power.

The interplay between the external world (ching) and the poet's inner world (ch'ing) lies at the heart of Chinese poetry, and understanding the interaction of the two is crucial to understanding this work from within its own tradition. Closely coordinating her discussions of poetry and criticism so that practice and theory become mutually enriching and illuminating, Sun offers sensitive and original readings of poems and a wealth of insights into Chinese poetics.

The King of the Giants has met his match... When her brother goes missing, Ruth Hallbrook follows the only lead that she has – a story told to her by a strange woman she meets in town. Armed with a 'magical' shell that will supposedly guide her, all she has to do is repeat the words she hears when she puts it to her ear. That would have been fine if she could have understood what it was saying! One wrong word lands her in a kingdom filled with giants, including one very large, irritating one who thinks she belongs in his gilded cage – fat chance of that! An opportunity to escape for a little peace and quiet turns into a disaster when Koorgan, the King of the Giants, finds himself stuck in an old well. Unable to climb out, he is sure his only hope of rescue will come from the search party eventually finding him. The last thing he expects is his rescuer to be barely larger than his hand. Afraid that something might happen to the tiny creature, he feels duty bound to help her find her missing brother and return her to her world. The trouble is, the more time he spends with her, the less he wants to let her go. Life is dangerous on the Isle of Giants for the diminutive Ruth. It will take every skill this King of the Giants possesses to protect her. Guided by the legend of a mythical plant said to have created the giants, Koorgan will not rest until he can find a way to keep Ruth by his side. Find out if love can overcome the barrier created by a misspoken spell!

Abandoned by her husband, Shernaz is rescued by the Queen of Patalama and given a Dragon pearl. Thanks to the pearl, Shernaz enjoys prolonged youth and the independence she'd always dreamed of. When the pearl loses its power, obtaining a second carries a

dreadful price, one that Shernaz must decide whether she's willing to pay. Shernaz's Story starts the moment the celestial Meijin, Hotsuka, sets eyes on her. It spans the next two hundred years and describes events that precipitate three wars, two on Shernaz's world and one in the heavens.

USA Today Bestseller! A hilarious action/adventure thriller that can be read as a standalone! Tina St. Claire was finally happy with her life until her older sister, Riley, suddenly disappeared. Tina suspects Riley's boss had something to do with it, and sets out to get proof. Soon though, she inadvertently leads the danger back to her home, and the unexpected arrival of an eerie stranger is more frightening than helpful, though he does eventually give her and Grandma Pearl a packet he claims is from Riley. Prince Viper d'Rojah is not happy when he is sent on a special mission by his older brother Vox, King of the Sarafin cat-shifters. He has handled tougher assignments in his sleep and just wants to get back to finding the traitors trying to kill him and his family! Soon though, events spiral out of control and it's all Viper can do to keep Tina and her gun-toting grandmother alive. The question is, how is he going to survive when the women discover his plans to kidnap them? Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story full of romance and mischief. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid landscapes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite! Main Content: 188 (6x9) pages, 62,704 words

Ariel Hamm has always had a tender heart. Her love for her sister, Carmen, and her best friend, Trisha, has always been a priority in her life. But at twenty-eight, she is ready to start focusing on what she wants. After her fiancée unexpectedly ends their engagement, she is searching to redefine who she really is. She's a pilot but knows flying is not her first love, and finally decides to move to Wyoming and care for the stray and neglected animals that have always captured her heart, but her plans change suddenly when she finds herself on a warship headed for a distant planet! The new plan is to escape and make her way back home. Mandra Reykill never expects to find his true mate so unexpectedly - or so painfully. He knew his older brother was returning home with his true mate and her friends, but never suspected his true mate could be among the women. His dragon recognizes her immediately, and falls in love with the delicate beauty. His symbiot is enchanted with her gentle touch and kindness. Unfortunately, all Mandra the man gets is a stubborn female refusing to acknowledge his claim on her and determined to escape him at the first available moment. To top it off, his nice, orderly life is suddenly turned upside down when his home - and his warship - are suddenly infested with creatures from all over the galaxy! Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story full of romance and adventure. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid landscapes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite! Main Content: 223 (6x9) pages, 78,700 words

Tia is the Keeper of the Stories for the inhabitants of Glitter. She dreams of a life she knows will never happen, but hope blossoms when a strange creature is captured at the entrance to their kingdom, and Tia remembers the legend of the goddess that will renew their world. Jett's thirst for adventure leads him to an previously undiscovered cavern where an unusual kingdom exists, and he is captivated by their beautiful Keeper. Unable to resist, he returns again and again until he knows he must steal her away. Main Content: (5x8) 28 pages, 8,283 words Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story full of romance and adventure. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid landscapes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite!

USA Today Bestseller! Twin dragons have been feared above all other dragon-shifters because of Barrack and Brogan, the original twin dragons, who became murderously insane. Their new story begins with their death. Barrack and Brogan have memories of

their death – and it isn't a pleasant one. When the Goddess Aikaterina gives them a second chance at life – and at finding their true mate – they are willing to do whatever it takes to change their destiny. What they didn't expect is that it would be so difficult! It turns out that their true mate is a human, a species they have limited knowledge about, from a planet they have never visited. With time running out, it doesn't take them long to realize that this may be one battle that will take all of their skills to win. Delilah Rosewater is haunted by dreams of her death. She doesn't understand why the dreams feel so real, or why she knows that time is running out for her. Her frustration strengthens as she searches for the one person she feels could understand her increasing panic - Sara Wilson. She is shocked when instead of finding Sara, she comes face-to-face with two irritating men who claim to be from another world! Caught in an unexpected snowstorm in the Appalachian Mountains, Delilah doesn't know what to think of the two men and their wild claims of a powerful Goddess, alien worlds, and new destinies.... Main Content: 206 (6x9) pages, 65,949 words Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story to transport readers out of this world! Brimming with her signature humor, vivid landscapes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite.

Carmen Walker has spent the last three years of her life focusing on avenging the murder of her husband, and she's closing in on his killer. To meet with her informant, she catches a ride on the business jet her sister is co-piloting to California, but plans change when one of the women is kidnapped when they land, and Carmen is mortally wounded. She wakes on board an alien warship heading to a distant world. Creon Reykill is credited with ending the wars between the Valdier, Curizan, and Sarafin worlds, and building a strong alliance with their former enemies. But that victory came at a cost. Creon has given up hope of ever finding his true mate, believing his soul is too dark to ever be gifted with one. That all changes when a female unlike anything he has ever seen before is brought to his world. The moment he sees her, he knows she belongs to him. His dragon will do anything to claim her, his symbiot will do anything to protect her, and he would do anything to chase the shadows from her eyes, for just her presence has brought light to his darkness. Can a dragon-shifting warrior with his own demons help heal the broken heart of a human woman who wants to give up everything—including her life—for revenge? Main Content: 200 (6x9) pages, 70,960 words Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story full of romance and adventure. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid landscapes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite!

the introduction of the cybernetic human interface modem causes absolute global social order, until this new technology leads to the next step of human technology; the "REALITY-SHUNT" projector processor. The resulting war for this absolute power decimates society and the ecology until the hero makes HIS appearance.

Readers' Crown Finalist! A brash, kick-ass heroine with a hidden vulnerability and an arrogant king forced to be a slave... Riley St. Claire has always followed her own rules. When she discovers her employer's secret, she has to leave town in a hurry or end up buried with the dead guy she found, but when Riley is picked up by a passing trader from another world, she ends up a little farther away than she intended. After the King of Sarafin, Vox d'Rojah, was captured and sold to a mining operation, the last thing he expected to find was his bride mate. Vox isn't sure which would be easier: another war

with the Valdier or holding on to the human who will be his Queen. Fighting pirates, traders – and Riley – this will be one heck of an escape! Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story full of romance and adventure. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid landscapes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite!

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Book 1: Abducting Abby The beginning of an epic saga! Discover new worlds, clashes of cultures, schemes of power, revenge, rescues, and above all, hope.... Abby Tanner was content to live on her mountain creating works of art and enjoying the peace and quiet until a golden space ship crash lands with the King of the Valdier inside, desperately hurt. Zoran Reykill knew he had to find a safe place to heal after he escapes from a Curizan military post. When his symbiosis Mothership takes him to an unknown planet he finds more than he expects – he finds his true mate. The only problems are Abby doesn't understand a thing he says and the local sheriff wants her, too. Book 2: Capturing Cara Cara Truman is a pint-size pistol whose inquisitive nature has gotten her into trouble on more than one occasion, but this adventure took her farther than she ever expected – on a journey out of this world! Trelon Reykill thought he had his hands full. A militant group of Curizans had captured his brother Zoran, and he was busy trying to fortify the Valdier defenses against the Sarafin Warriors, even as his dragon was roaring for him to find a mate. He was furious about the first, excited about the second, and pissed about the last. The last thing he expected to find on the primitive planet his brother has taken refuge on was his true mate. Now, he has a whole new set of problems... capturing Cara long enough to make her his. His symbiot loves her, his dragon wants her, and he can't catch her. On top of all that, someone is trying to kill her. Book 3: Tracking Trisha Trisha Grove enjoyed her job as a pilot for Boswell International but realized something was still missing from her life—her family. She was ready to call it quits and head back home to Wyoming where her father lives, when her last flight for Boswell ended with an unplanned trip out of this world. Trisha isn't sure at first what is real and what isn't, but she is determined to get back to her dad no matter what it takes. Kelan Reykill is the fourth son in the royal line of Valdier. Commander of the V'ager, one of the largest Valdier warships, he prides himself on his strict self-discipline, his ability to remain in command in any situation, and his skill at handling any challenge. That is, until he meets a stubborn human female from the primitive planet his older brother sought refuge on. Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story full of romance and adventure. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid landscapes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite!

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Man has been intrigued by the origin of pearls, sensitive to their beauty, & convinced of their medicinal value for at least five millennia. A mixture of folklore & observation preceded the earliest scientific inquiries. Fishing & trade commenced in southern Asia, between India & Sri Lanka & around the Persian Gulf. In Western & Central Europe, Inner Asia & China, & North America, freshwater pearls were probably known & treasured before those of marine origin. R.A. Donkin combines written sources with the results of archaeological & philological research. A refined nomenclature lends support to other evidence pointing to long familiarity, & etymologically related words for 'pearl'-

reflecting former trading connections or colonization. Pearls were prominent among the luxury products which, for many centuries, the West associated with the legendary East & South; conversely, the Chinese looked to the West & South. From the opening of the Age of Discoveries & for the next two & a half centuries marine pearls were high among the objectives of expeditions to the eastern & western Tropics. The often remote centers of demand were affluent & culturally advanced societies where dealers & purchasers exercised fine judgment in matters of shape & color & iridescence, as they continue to do today. Beyond Price: Pearls & Pearl-Fishing, organized both chronologically & by region is called by reviewer, James Parsons, "the crowning achievement of a world-class scholar....The folklore regarding pearls has created an endlessly imaginative literature, here analyzed meticulously." The book is enhanced with over 100 maps & illustrations.

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Sura, however, have other ideas. In Tamuda Rising, the storylines for all six main characters, Gaurang, Barid, Omid, Kunie, Babak and Shernaz, converge. Each has a role in determining the fate of the Empire and ultimately the universe.

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