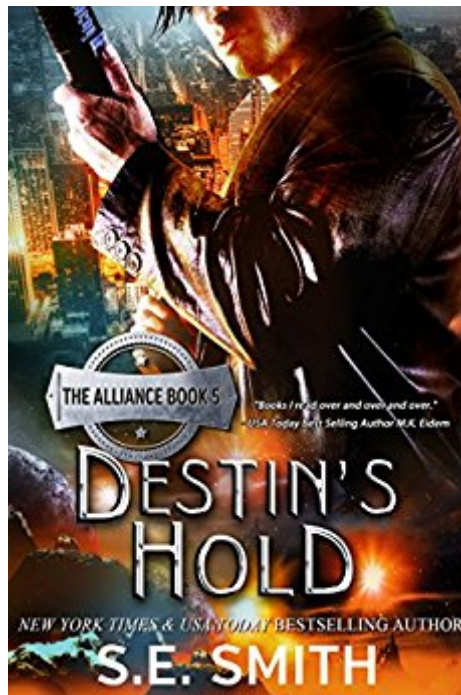




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Destin's Hold: Science Fiction Romance (The Alliance Book 5)



Synopsis

Internationally acclaimed, New York Times and USA TODAY bestselling author of Science Fiction, Urban Fantasy, and Paranormal Romance, S.E. Smith, brings another action, adventure, and suspense-filled story to transport readers out of this world! Destin Parks will do whatever it takes to rebuild the city he calls home, even if it means working with another alien ambassador. Her predecessor left him hesitant to trust the alien diplomats assigned to Chicago's rebuilding, but Destin knows that if he refuses to work with them, he will be replaced, and he won't give them the satisfaction. Jersula Ikera was assigned to Earth by the Alliance Council. The Council hopes her logical mind and calm demeanor will resolve the upheaval caused by the last ambassador. Jersula has fought hard for her position, and while not pleased with her current assignment to liaise with humans, she will do her best to help rebuild the world its inhabitants have destroyed. What she does not anticipate is her reaction to the hardheaded human male that she has been assigned to work with. His ability to get under her skin and ignite a flame inside her is quite alarming, mystifying, and leaves her questioning her own sanity. When Jersula uncovers an alien cartel's plans to traffic human women and children, a near fatal attack leaves her unable to trust anyone but Destin, who can't bring himself to trust her in return. Together, Destin and Jersula race to stop the cartel before anyone is taken off-planet, but the traffickers are not the only ones they are fighting against; Waxian and Drethulan forces have targeted Earth. Can Destin and Jersula stop the traffickers and prevent the deadly forces of the Waxians and Drethulans from destroying the progress they have made? Will the Alliance be able to protect Destin when the enemy discovers his connection to a powerful Alliance family? The battle for Earth has just become personal.

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Customer Reviews

Book 5, "Destin's Hold", is another exciting addition to one of my favorite S.E. Smith series, The Alliance. While visiting his sister on the Trivators' home planet, Destin meets Sula, an alien Princess. They fall in love and travel to Earth. Back on Earth, Destin is in charge of rebuilding Chicago after it was destroyed by war. Even though the city is being rebuilt, it is still a dangerous place. Destin and Sula will have to bravely face that danger. This book is full of action, suspense and sexy romance. I really enjoy reading about the larger-than-life, sexy Trivators, the aliens from other worlds and the human heroes who work and fight beside them to rebuild Earth. For me, the books of The Alliance are an automatic buy. Enjoy!

Destin's love for Jursula was as unexpected as it was passionate and heart warming. The book is just so amazing. As the love between the human Dustin and the beautiful alien Jursula comes together there is an alien battle yet again coming to a head in Chicago, the city that the humans and the alien alliance have spent years rebuilding. Human women are still missing, Jursula had made it her mission to find and return these women home. They were abducted by the ambassador before her, and taken off planet to be sold. Now that Jursula is the ambassador she is fighting hard to earn acceptance of the earth people. With Destin by her side they are once again at war with two other species who want to destroy earth and the Trivator warriors and their home world. I recommend reading the first 4 books in the series to better understand the trivators, the original coming to earth by the alliance, and the first glimpse of Destin and the great man he is. There is so much love and excitement in this book, as well as some heartache that comes with battle. I can not wait for the next book.

I really enjoy this new installment of the Alliance Series. I like the interaction between Destin and

Sula. This book was one of my favorites along with Hunter's Claim and Razor Traitorous Heart. I didn't like the stories between Dagger and Jordan neither Saber and Taylor as they left me unsatisfied. Destin's book was well written and made me understand why I liked the Alliance Series at the beginning.

This is a great addition to the Alliance and Lord's of Kassis series'. S.E. Smith has merged them together smoothly. There is plenty of action and more clues as to where this story is heading. There are hints of possible future books, Jarmen (we knew), Trig, Edge (I have been wondering what happened to him), Cutter. I liked that Destin had an alien mate. Sula is intelligent and strong but also compassionate. Destin deserves some happiness after all that he's lost and all that he's given to others. It appears that the Frenchmen and IQ and Numnuts may play a bigger role than we realized. I was happy to see Ajaska again and it made me wonder about his love life. lol

Good news, I enjoyed the relationship development between the characters. I was getting tired of the men having too much angst and the women having to placate them. This was much more equal. My problem was that it seemed rushed. Things weren't explained well and suddenly wrapped up. I've read the other series multiple times but still can't figure out the time warp with all the characters, not to give anything away.

I absolutely loved this book. SE Smith is one of my favorite authors and I always am looking for the next installment of any of her series. I loved the way she connected the Lords of Kassis series to this one. As always her story was exciting and filled with danger, drama and love of course. Suri and Destin are attracted to each other immediately but circumstances get in the way. When they meet again it's instantaneous and combustible! I can't wait for the next one and hope I don't have to wait long. Start at the beginning and read the Lords of Kassis series first so you understand more. You won't be disappointed and you'll fall in love with the characters, the intricate story and this author! You can't go wrong with any of her books! I'd give this one 20 stars if I could, but I guess 5 will have to suffice.

I love her series. The Alliance Series was my first but the Valdier, Kassis, Curizan, Sarrifen, Cosmos etc are also amazing. And I love that she slowly links them together. They are exciting and funny. You probably should read them in a better order than I did. Her Magic and Second Chance series are also amazing. I love love love that they are almost all on audio especially since my eyesight has

been so bad due to health issues. You won't be disappointed with her series but I would look to see the order first. It helps them make more since when you know everyone. LOL. Even though she does not consider herself an erotic writer, she is amazing at the scenes with it even though they don't take over the book like some authors but she does tend to not put enough in on others. Plus she does write under 17 age books too, I have not read those because I like the ones I am already in. Waiting for a new book to them is bad enough much less another series. I just wish you could write faster and David would read them faster. He has the sexiest male voice out there so far but I guess he is in high demand because it seems to take forever. I use to never start a series unless it was completely done but with S E Smith, I just couldn't wait. Darn it.

This book takes the characters from previous books, dealing with a ravaged earth and shows how they can work together to rebuild what fear and xenophobia destroyed. The fact that 2 different species are involved in both the effort and the love story is interesting. The story gets a bit preachy at times about the difficulties of building trust when dealing with unknowns but the characters do seem to settle quickly into mutually agreeable relationships. The story is not entirely believable but it is a pleasant fantasy with which to combat today's reality.

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