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It's been two years since Devin Guthrie last saw Captain Makaiden Griggs. But time has done little to dampen his ardor for the beautiful take-charge pilot who used to fly yachts for his wealthy family. While Devin's soul still burns for Kaidee, she isn't the kind of woman a Guthrie is allowed to marry--especially in a time of intergalactic upheaval, with the family's political position made precarious by Devin's brother Philip, now in open revolt against the Empire. And when Devin's nineteen-year-old nephew, Trip, inexplicably goes missing after his bodyguard is murdered, this most dutiful of Guthrie sons finds every ounce of family loyalty put to the test. Only by joining forces with Kaidee can Devin complete the mission to bring Trip back alive. And only by breaking every rule can these two renegades redeem the promise of a passion they were never permitted to explore. At risk? A political empire, a personal fortune, and both their hearts and lives.

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Wendy Clark says

[How big is the universe again? And the heroine happens to be at the same space port as the hero and the kid he's seeking? (hide spoiler)]

RogueHireling says

this one wasn't my favorite, but its still fabulous!! I did figure out the ending waaaaay too early. Didn't matter.

Please Linnea Sinclair write more out of these!!

Kati says

Another great addition to the Dock 5 universe! I've loved each of Ms Sinclair's books, the ones set in the dock 5 setting as well as Games of Command and The Accidental Goddess - my only complaint is that I want more!

In this book we see more of the Guthrie family. Devin is the youngest brother, and as he sets out to find his 19 year old runaway nephew he runs head first into his long-lost and long-unattainable love Makaiden and a nefarious plot against his whole family. This is a touching love story entwined with terrific adventure set in a time of rebellion and upheaval against the empire.

Lizzy says

It's fantastic when you start a book and have no idea of what you will find. Once again Linnea Sinclair presents a very original plot with brand-new characters. I find this an alluring feature of *Sinclair's* writing. That's what *Rebels and Lovers* (the last installment of the Dock Five Universe series) was for me: a total surprise and a bewildering experience. Our hero here, Devin Guthrie, could never be confused with Sully (from *Dock Five's* first two books) and neither with Phillip (from *Hope's Folly*), even if his younger brother.

Thus, *Rebels and Lovers* didn't disappoint. Just the other way around: I loved it! After a somewhat slow beginning, I couldn't stop until I got to the last page. It's the story of Devin, a kind of *geek* in charge of the group's finances, and Makaidan Briggs, an ex-pilot of the Guthrie family with an ambiguous past.

It is everything any reader could wish for. There is a wonderful and touching romance, with a believable couple that lead an action packed plot; there are fantastic supporting characters, Trip and Barthol play an essential part in the plot; there is plenty of angst and suspense, with murder and kidnapping, as well as far-reaching betrayals; there is an evil and powerful villain with nasty accomplices, always on the chase; and finally, there is a surprising if quite abrupt ending. Altogether a great space-opera!

I only regret that *Rebels and Lovers* is the last book in the series. Despite the fact that *Sinclair* tries to give the reader a brief glimpse of previous characters (Sully and Chaz & Philip and Rya) it was an unsatisfactory wrap up of the series and it left me very frustrated. I can't understand why she abandoned the *Dock Five Universe*, for there was still a lot to be told and explored.

Highly recommended for fans of science-fiction romance and lovers of *Linnea Sinclair*.

Summer says

Yet again Linnea Sinclair didn't disappoint. So far there's only been one book by her that I haven't liked, but all the others have been really good. *Rebels and Lovers* main character is Devin Guthrie, brother to Philip Guthrie from the previous book in the series. It was kind of interesting to have a bit more of a beta hero in the Dock Five Universe. He even has glasses! Woo! I wasn't in love with it as some of the other books in the series, but in general it's a good addition to it anyways.

Tracy says

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The ending was confusing and unsatisfying.

Will Gwaltney says

Excellent book. Linnea Sinclair is one of the best science fiction romance (or "skiffy rom" to the inner circle) authors out there. I believe we've got every book she's written, and they're all great. (Gush, gush.) Seriously, this is good stuff. Her past few Dock Five Universe books have focused on the Guthrie family; this one deals with Devin, the seemingly shy, nerdy scion of the Guthrie clan. Trying to find his brother's runaway son, he meets an old flame, and both mayhem and romance ensue. Not only does the book have a satisfying love story, the SF action in space is great, too. Highly recommended.

(Ok, so, I'm a guy that likes romance. Sue me.)

Janice (Janicu) says

<http://janicu.livejournal.com/98090.html>

***** Warning: VERY MILD SPOILER about Philip Guthrie FOR THE FIRST TWO BOOKS (although I think this book can be read without reading them) *****

The Premise: In *Hope's Folly*, the focus was on Admiral Philip Guthrie, a commander of rebel forces of the Alliance. Now the focus on one of his brothers: Devin. Devin Guthrie is the youngest Guthrie brother, and the quiet, numbers crunching, computer guru. He's had a crush on Makaiden Griggs for years, but she was

married and in his family's employ as a captain of one of their many private ships. And in the aftermath of his brother's defection from the Empire, Devin is being pushed to marry someone the family approves of. When Devin's nephew Trip, heir to the Guthrie empire goes missing, Devin takes action to find him and in the process Devin and Makaiden cross paths once more.

My Thoughts: This is a book that stands enough on it's own that I think you will be OK reading it without reading the first three books. Past characters make very small cameos or are talked about while they are off-screen, but aren't the vital to the story. I think that Sinclair does enough explaining in the first few chapters that a reader will have the basics - that the Guthries are a wealthy family with lots of holdings and with a second son who has rebelled against the current regime. Although that does color Devin's current situation, the focus is squarely on Devin and his problems, and since he's a character who hasn't really shown up till now, you don't need to have read past books.

The book is action packed as Makaiden, Devin, and Barthol, a long time Guthrie employee with an Imp-Sec background protect Trip and try to discover who is behind the security breaches on the Guthrie properties and the murder of Trip's bodyguard. The world building in this book is what I expect from Sinclair now - it's seamless. She makes it look easy and believable. The action too is well paced. It's a game of chase as Devin and friends stay ahead of whoever is following them, while trying to learn as much as possible why the bad guys are so interested in Trip. I had my guess who was behind their problems but I was perplexed as to why until the end. The surprising accomplice was also something I suspected but I saw in the review I'm linking below that it was unexpected to others.

In Rebels and Lovers we get a closer view of the Guthrie family than we ever had before. Details about the family dynamics and holdings come to light. I didn't know that the patriarch, J.M. had such power over his children, or what roles each of his sons had in the family company. It was interesting to find out what Guthries had similar traits and how they got along with each other.

Since I have a soft spot for geeks, I liked Devin's character. He's not comfortable in social situations, but he's good at his job as a senior analyst at his firm. His geekiness does not mean he's weak or incapable. The only big problem he has is knowing how to tell Makaiden that she means something to him.

Devin thinks that Makaiden is married and in love with her husband Kiler. When Kiler was fired from the Guthrie employ, she left with him. Meanwhile Makaiden believes that her low beginnings would repel Devin and the rest of his family. This is where all the romantic conflict stems. I understood Devin's point of view, but I got a little tired of Makaiden being so easy to jump to conclusions before talking to Devin about her fears. I'm not sure if this is very healthy. She often spends time assuming how Devin will feel and acts based on these assumptions. I was expecting the two of them to resolve this issue by the time the book ended so I was surprised they never really do. Maybe their talk happened off the page, or suddenly became a non issue after they survive near death in the climax. The ending threw me a little because it felt rushed after the rest of the book. It was a summarized version of things tidily and quickly wrapped up and I wanted more than what I got.

This book comes out March 23

Overall: It felt like classic Linnea Sinclair so it was what I expected and wanted to read. A straightforward science fiction romance, with the emphasis on a relationship amid action packed space opera. No frills added. Despite wishing the ending wasn't so abrupt, I enjoyed this one.

Pamela(AllHoney) says

The fourth book in the *Dock Five Universe* series by Linnea Sinclair. When his nephew, Trip, goes missing and Trip's bodyguard murdered, Devin Guthrie takes off with trusted GGS employee, Barthol, to search for him. After arriving on Dock Five, Devin tracks Trip to a seedy bar and also finds Makaiden Griggs, a former GGS pilot. Devin is stunned to see Makaiden. He has been in love with her all these years but never made a move because of her married status. And now his father is insisting he marry someone worthy of the Guthrie name. Makaiden would never be acceptable to his father.

Makaiden left GGS employment two years ago after her husband was fired. Now her husband is dead and she has inherited his debts. All she has is her ship, and soon she won't even have that if the embargo on cargo ships isn't lifted. When she sees Trip in trouble she rushes in to help.

I loved the book and I loved the characters. I did not like how the story ended. I felt too much was left hanging. Maybe this was deliberate. I don't know. But it would not be hard for the author to pick up the series and add to it. Something I'd be totally okay with.

Jen Davis says

It hurts my heart to say this, but I did not love this book.

That stinks for a lot of reasons. Like the fact that I adored the earlier installments in the series. Or that I was starting to think that Linnea Sinclair could do no wrong. Or perhaps because this is the last in the Dock Five series. More than likely, it's all of these things put together. And though this book wasn't bad, I am walking away bummed from a series that has, by and large, rocked my socks off until now.

The story centers on Devin Guthrie, younger brother to the last book's hero, Philip. He's about to be strong-armed by his father into a society marriage when his nephew, Trippy, goes missing. Devin defies his family's wishes to go in search of the young man in fear for his safety. Armed with his super-smarts, his ninja-like elderly butler, and determination, he embarks on a journey to the seedy Dock Five to track him down.

Makaiden finds him first. "Kaidee" is a former employee of the Guthrie family and just so happens to be the object of Devin's unrequited affections. At the time she worked for him, she was married and off limits, but he never stopped thinking about her. How convenient that she manages to keep Trippy safe until Devin catches up with him... and even better, she is now a widow. But catching up with his nephew is just the beginning of Devin's problems. Someone is after the boy and when you add that to the creditors harassing Kaidee for her late husband's debts, it takes his considerable wealth and cunning just to get off planet.

Here's the thing: it was all race, race, race with very little of the great chemistry or plotting that were hallmarks of the previous books. The villain was obvious; I wasn't invested in the romance; and there was virtually no advancement in the larger series arc. This is the last book in the series and there is no ending. Barely a mention of Chaz and Sully. No resolution to the political maneuvering that the series centered on. It just left me hanging.

I think the worst part is that it lacked cohesion with the rest of the books. Where were the awesome Stolorths? The mind-reading? The darkness and angst? This felt more like a standalone episode of a sci-fi action show than a sweeping space opera. The sad thing is that I know this author can rock my world. But unfortunately, the series goes out with a whimper, not a bang.

Review: B-/C+

Kathleen Burket says

I have just loved all of the books in the Dock Five Universe by Linnea Sinclair: Gabriel's Ghost (Book 1), Shades of Dark (Book 2), Hope's Folly (Book 3), and now, Rebels and Lovers (Book 4). Devin Guthrie is the youngest of the four sons of interplanetary tycoon J.M. Guthrie. The eldest son, Jonathon, assists with management of Guthrie Global Systems (GGS); next eldest is Philip, the only brother to defy his father to pursue a career in the Imperial fleet rather than employment with the family businesses; then Ethan, adulterer, womanizer, drunk, and perceived by all as weak and ineffectual; and finally Devin, numbers cruncher, computer genius, and complaint. Only Devin proves a little less complaint than he is thought to be when he takes off in defiance of his father to search for his missing nineteen year old nephew Trip (Jonathan's eldest son). Everyone thinks that Trip has been taken by imperial forces or is being held for ransom because his bodyguard is found dead. Devin believes, as do Trip's younger siblings, and family butler/ex-ImpSec agent/assassin Barthol, that Trip has run off to join his Uncle Philip in the rebel alliance, BEFORE the kidnapping attempt that resulted in the bodyguard's death.

Barty (Barthol) and Devin catch up with Trip, who is being pursued by kidnapers, on Dock Five. Trip has already crossed paths Makaiden Griggs, former GGS pilot, who has taken him under her wing to prevent him from being nabbed. Devin has long been in love with Makaiden who was married when previously employed by GGS. Ethan may be a womanizer, but Devin respected Makaiden's marriage. Devin discovers that her husband is dead and the path is clear for his fantasies to become reality, if Barty, Makaiden, Trip, and he can avoid assassins, kidnapers, the Imperial fleet, ImpSec, and other nefarious elements and discover who is behind the threat against his family.

Couldn't put this book down, wonderful blend of scifi, romance, and intrigue. Want to see more of all of these characters. In time, I am sure that Trip will grow into a hero in his own right. Loved that Philip Guthrie made an appearance. Hope we have another book set at the same time as this book that deals with the escape of the rest of the family from Sylvadae. This story isn't over yet and I could see several books resulting from the loose ends. Awesome, awesome, awesome!!!

Katie(babs) says

Rebels and Lovers is book four in Linnea's Dock Five Universe series. Devin Guthrie is the youngest brother of the very respected and powerful Guthrie clan. His oldest brother, Philip, who's an admiral and the newest commander of the rebel force of the Alliance is now somewhat of a black spot on the Guthrie name. Devin is the complete opposite of Philip. He spends his days surrounded by a glass-walled office working at his family's corporation, the Guthrie Global System's financial headquarters. There's a great deal of pressure for Devin, not only being a part of the oldest, wealthiest and most established families in the Empire, but his father, "the indomitable Jonathon Macy, known better as J.M." wants Devin to settle down and get married. He's disappointed in Devin because at thirty-five he's still single, unlike his two other brothers, Ethan and Jonathon. Devin is dating Tavia Emberson, who J.M. finds very suitable as Devin's future wife. Tavia comes from money and is everything beautiful and much a society darling, but Devin doesn't really feel anything for her. The problem is he's never gotten over Makaiden Griggs, who along with her husband Kiler, used to be a captain for one of their private ships. He and Makaiden grew close, but never overstepped those boundaries, although Devin longed to. He respected Makaiden's marriage and unfortunately lost contact with her when she and her husband were fired from the Guthrie employ. Devin knows he has to get over his long

time crush even if it means marrying a woman he doesn't love. But before he can move on with the engagement plans, his college age nephew Trip has gone missing and his bodyguard murdered.

The family thinks Trip has been kidnapped. Devin doesn't think so and regardless of his father threatening him to stay and not search for Trip he and his family's chief steward, Barthol will find Trip before he's harmed. Devin believes his nephew has gone to Dock Five, a well known unsavory outpost, to find out information about Philip. Finding Trip on Dock Five will be like looking through a needle in a haystack But as Devin searches for Trip, he meets up with the least likely person, the woman of his heart, Kaidee Griggs.

Kaidee is stuck on Dock Five. She has less than a week to hand over a large amount of money to a very dangerous man all because her deceased husband became involved in some underhanded deals. There's no way Kaidee can come up it, especially with the Empire's restrictions on trade. And the last result maybe her handing over the only thing of value she owns, her ship the Rider. She can slink away and hide for a few more months until she can raise the cash but that's close to impossible, unless the restrictions are lifted. As Kaidee tries to come up with an answer to her problem, she spots Trip and saves him from a nasty looking individual she nicknames Fizz-face. Devin and Barthol are able to track Trip and that's when they meet up with Kaidee. All four hide out, trying to figure out a way to get off of Dock Five before they end up dead. Devin is more than happy to reconnect with Kaidee even as danger surrounds them. Devin comes up with a plan Kaidee is forced into and goes along for the ride so to speak.

As intergalactic bad guys are on their trail, Devin wants to help Kaidee and a shoulder to lean on, as well as something much more. Now that she's a widow, Devin believes he has a chance with her. Kaidee thinks there can never be anything more between them because he's a Guthrie and she's nobody, a daughter of an illegal smuggler. But Devin doesn't think that and will tap into his very underused romancing skills to show Kaidee that she's been the only woman for him and no other.

Rebels and Lovers has this awesome Star Wars type feeling to it where there are great fight scenes, horrible villains and a wonderful and touching romance between Devin and Kaidee that delvers in so many ways. The romance is a bit more primary here than over the past few books because Kaidee is always on Devin's thoughts, and not because he just wants to have sex with her. He's fallen hard for Kaidee, who he'll only call by Makaiden because he finds her full name to be beautiful, just like the rest of her. Kaidee tries to keep him at arms' length, but Devin is at the point where he's sick and tired of following the herd and doing what he's told. He wants Kaidee and no longer will be denied. And when he claims her for his own, the fireworks between them are intense and emotional.

Linnea is so skilled at making the down time between these characters interesting even if there isn't much action going on. The dialogue is great and you feel as if you are right in the middle of it. You will have no idea who the killer is causing the Guthrie family grief until the very end, and that will come as a shock, especially considering one specific act that will rock the Guthrie clan to their knees.

Linnea Sinclair has delivered yet again with Rebels and Lovers. She's master storyteller who writes the best in science fiction romance.

Gail says

I'm a big Linnea Sinclair fan. This book is #4 in her Dock Five universe series, which begins with Gabriel's Ghost. The heroine of GG (and the 2nd book) is the ex-wife of Philip Guthrie, who is the older brother of the hero of this book. (Are you confused yet?)

Devin Guthrie is the youngest son of the mega-rich, ultra powerful Guthrie family. He's always done what was expected of him, and since he's good with numbers, he's been tapped as the CFO for the family business. Now he's been called home to marry and make an alliance for the good of the family, and since the woman he really wants is already married, and in love with her husband, he figures he might as well. He likes the woman they've picked out for him, even if he's not in love.

Then his nephew vanishes and the young man's bodyguard is murdered. The family thinks it's politically motivated, but things don't add up for the hero. So he takes off to find the kid (Trip is college student age). And when he catches up with him on Dock Five, he also catches up with his dreamgirl.

She's a freighter pilot who owes money to people she doesn't want to owe, and stacked up in dock because of political squabbles. Her life is falling apart, and then she sees one of the Guthries she used to pilot around when she still had her job...

Lots of adventure. More adventure than romance, really, but there's a fair bit of that too. It's a good read. I enjoyed it--but it did kinda feel too short...

Nevada says

While I thoroughly enjoy this universe and don't understand why there aren't more stories in it, this is my least favorite.

This book deals with one of Admiral Phillip Guthrie's brother, Devin Guthrie, who we have heard very little about before hand. I had no previous interest or curiosity about this guy and the female, Makaiden, was completely new and unknown.

Unlike the other 3 stories in this universe, this book had no actual plot. It was one big chase, and to me, it wasn't even that exciting. I feel like there was a lot of room to grow the overarching plot of this series and keep it going, but the author clearly wasn't interested in that and wrote a very self-contained story with barely a passing nod at the larger story that was wrapped up very conveniently without even exploring the possibilities presented by the ending.

It would be nice if the author decided to continue this universe with the larger plot and some of the other side characters. I would definitely read those. I would encourage anyone interested in reading this series, but I would say that this book could be skipped without missing anything too relevant.

Lynn Calvin says

Amazon preorder

I always like Linnea Sinclair and this was right on target. Good three dimensional characters, although I wouldn't have minded a little more exploration of Kaidee's early life.

I particularly liked that neither character ignored the fact that they were in imminent danger to boink and emote endlessly. Not that there wasn't adequate emotional story arc intertwined with character/relationship arc, but it didn't suffer from the "people, get a grip, they're trying to kill you" that romance novels sometimes suffer from.

I guessed two big reveals toward the end, but that was ok and organic to the plot.

We see some characters from previous books toward the end, but I don't think you need to have read the previous books to enjoy this one.

It felt a little slow/long in places, and maybe could have used a little tightening, or a little less repetition of some of the key backstory, but all in all a very nice book.
