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What happens when your decisions affect an entire universe?

Ren Argent wanted to be an archeologist and spend her life exploring the lost cities of Earth. But when a new planet is discovered and her father is appointed King, she has to leave behind everything she knows to rule over a place she's only heard of in legends.

Not long after her arrival she discovers there are insurgents hiding in the darkened forests and the planet is on the brink of civil war. It won't be long until the Monarchy steps in to "neutralize" the threat.

Will she be able to stop the hostile takeover? Or will her actions ignite a rebellion across the universe?

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Michelle (Firstbooklove) says

I got this book free in an exchange for an honest review.

Notice: This review is entirely from my own point of view, and if you are really interested in reading the book, don't let this review stop you

I felt that the characters, story and locations lacked visual description. Various terms were not explained in a book, which would cause a lot of confusion in a sci-fi book. The plot twist was good as the character was masked quite well in the initial start of the book. Beginning and end of the story felt mundane, but the middle was good. Quite disappointed that the main character's romance was not developed

Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

I did a book blast tour for The Argent Star because I liked the concept of owning a star because someone in the past named it. The tour did not come with a copy of the book so I purchased it on Amazon.

Despite the great concept the book was a disappointment. I almost put the it down several times. The world building, back-story and characters all needed a good editor to bring everything into focus. This is the start of a series so I hope that things jell more in the next book. Having said that it was a disappointment I will still give book two a try because it does have great potential.

Jansie says

I received this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

The Argent Star is the first in the Monarchy series. The daughter of the "King", Ren is uprooted from her plans to become an archaeologist, and left in charge of a formerly lost planet. This planet, discovered and lost many years ago, has now been rediscovered by her brother, Elian. Although Ren is whiny and insecure, she does grow (some) throughout the novel and fights to prevent an uprising of the insurgents and assassins that inhabit Novae.

This book was a quick and easy read. It did not include too much complex explanation and I enjoyed the cast of flawed characters and their growth over the course of the book. I was a little dismayed at some of the sexism in the book - but it is somewhat balanced by some strong female characters, including the main character, in some situations.

Overall, I gave the book 3 stars. The main character was a little annoying and childish at times, but redeemed herself. There were not a huge number of characters to wade through. I was not excited about the abrupt ending.

Catherine Putsche says

The Argent Star is a YA/SF story set in the year of 2453 and is the first book in the Monarchy Series.

Ren Argent is the main female protagonist whose world is literally turned upside down when her brother, Elian discovers a hidden planet that has been lost for centuries. Instead of continuing her education to become an archaeologist and exploring the lost cities of earth, she is suddenly bound to join forces to help her estranged father who has just been appointed king by the Monarchy to rule the planet as some unexpected paperwork claims that an ancestor of theirs named the planet Novae. Ren reluctantly leaves with her father and brother to help rule Novae with a deep sense of loss as she must leave behind everything she knows to help govern a planet she knows very little about. Ren soon discovers nothing about coming to Novae was what she expected as there are a number of assassins and insurgents who are planning a rebellion to overthrow her and her family and will stop at nothing to achieve their goal. It is not long after that Ren is appointed a strong female Sotarian guide to help protect her against the uprising, however when a few unexpected series of events take place and Ren witnesses firsthand how the insurgents, rebels and even a secret society are all out to overthrow anyone governing Novae she begins to question her own loyalty as she is more convinced that the Monarchy wants to destroy Novae. Ren tries to separate the Monarchy away from Novae to avoid mass genocide and goes against everything she believes in, everything she was taught and everything she knew for the past twenty years of her life to save Novae, but will her efforts be enough strike a deal with the Monarchy and save Novae from their control?

Despite the conflicts, dangers and twists in the story the characters' are my most favourite part of the novel as they are all uniquely flawed because they all struggle with their own issues and find a way to deal with all the changes around them. One example of this is that Ren manages to overcome her own insecurities, anxiety and fears and finally turn them to her advantage. Fray has taken a young insecure woman and made her in to a force to be reckoned with as she has to escape assassins who attempt to kill her family as well as the fight against the Monarchy she no longer trusts. Any readers that get into Frays story and characters' will no doubt want to invest in the next set of instalments.

My Ranking: 4.5 Stars

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Derek White says

A Copy of this Book Was Given To Me By The Author In Exchange For An Honest Review

Within the first forty pages I had already decided on three stars for this book and nothing in the next two hundred (or thereabouts) changed my mind. If I was not reading this particularly for a review I would have given up. There were, however, many good things about it. The main character Ren is interesting and if the author had used the services of a good editor for a day or so the resulting work would, I'm sure, have kept a

reader turning pages to the end as the story is a good one. Hopefully as this is the first in a series things will get better. I was certainly impressed enough to give Book Two a chance.

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Kathy says

Please see my full review here: <http://www.morebooksthantime.com/the-...>

The Argent Star has several events that require leaps of faith, something I see in YA more than in adult fiction, meaning that things just happen, gadgets just happen to be available and people just happen to be around when you need them.

Overall I think younger teens, say 12-15, would enjoy this, especially girls. Ren is far shrewder than her brother Elian and outwits the Monarchy a few times, making her someone that younger girls will like. The novel isn't for adults.

I would rate The Argent Star 2 stars if rating for adults, but 3 stars for teens for whom Emerson Fray wrote the novel.

Jolie says

I so wanted to like this book. I mean, the storyline is great:

Girl goes to another planet and save its inhabitants from an evil reign set on wiping them out.

Unfortunately, even a great storyline can't help awful characters.

I could not stand Ren. She came across as whiney in some parts of the story and almost childish in other parts. Her relationship with her father was nonexistent because she was still carrying a grudge over something that happened over 7 years earlier. The only person that actually likes her is her brother Elian....and she treated him like a child half the time. Two people call her out on her BS....Sheridan, her Sotarian (think bodyguard) and Abetha, her Guide (think of a tour guide who is a servant). Those scenes I liked.

She did because almost bearable during the last half of the book but still, she acted like a child and it drove me nuts. Definitely not my favorite character of all times.

The substory of the rebels was actually pretty good too and I enjoyed the twist that happened about midway through the book. Totally changed my view of one character.

The ending was really good (and this is where Ren almost redeemed herself) and the substory lines were tied up in a very satisfactory way. But it ended in a cliffhanger...which again, drove me nuts. I can't stand them.

There is a 2nd book in the series but I am not sure if I want to read it or not. Like I said above, Ren really

grated on my nerves and I don't know if I could read another book with her in it.

I chose to leave this review after reading an advance reader copy

Michael Mardel says

The Argent Star by Fray centres around a teenager called Ren, who with her brother, Elian, and father travel to the Novae planet to be their rulers as part of the Monarchy. Ren is at odds with her position and wants to be friends with her minders. She soon identifies with the rebels which leads to more complications. We are led through various scenarios including a dinner with the women's group. Are they the real rulers of this planet? Being book one, there are no real conclusions.

Kristen Canady says

My first thoughts on this book was that it was way too technical. I feel like there was so much jargon to sift through, and it wasn't written in a way to make it interesting. The ideal situation with jargon is The Martian, but The Argent Star is a far cry from Andy Weir's bestseller. This book also had a crazy and abrupt cliff hanger that feels like he was trying too hard.

The positives were that the scenery was nice and described well, and the writing style was easy to read. The conflict was believable, with enough moral dilemmas and political issues to keep the small cast of characters moving through the plot.

I did think it could have benefited from more hardships, though. There can never be too much conflict, and things happened a little too easily for the characters. I didn't feel like there was enough information about the characters, either, and it made it difficult for me to get attached to them and care about them.

Bottom line? If you have other books to read, maybe pass on this one for other YA fantasy works. ARC received for honest review.

Bookschatter says

"The Argent Star" is the first YA sci-fi novel by Canadian YA fantasy / mystery author D.L. Miles, published under the pen-name of Emerson Fray, and part of the "Monarchy" series.

Warning: this book does end ambiguously and fairly abruptly, as it is of course part of a series, hence the cliff-hanger to make you want more! However, I feel that it is still enjoyable as a stand-alone read as long as you are happy to draw your own conclusions on how the proposed resolution would actually have unfolded - in the same way that many films do.

Also, if you like your science fiction ultra complicated, full of jargon, technical explanations that require a PHD and oodles of wacky names that you do not stand a chance remembering... sorry, this is just NOT the book for you.

The Argent Star is incredibly easy to read with simple or mysterious explanations and concepts that you would have already met many times before just by watching any sci-fi series. A fairly limited cast of characters and locations are presented in stages and with names which can be easily remembered. The main focus and strength of this novel is the development of its protagonists, the moral dilemmas they are faced with, the political intrigue that surrounds them and their location: a pillaged Earth and the unspoilt, backwards Novae, where things are not necessarily what they seem.

The story is narrated from the point of view of Ren Argent, in the third person, and it flows effortlessly, at a very good pace throughout. Hence I found this to be a lean, action packed, lightening quick read, with no extra no padding: repetitions, unnecessarily long or convoluted descriptions or extra text for the sake of it.

I would have liked to have known a bit more about certain characters and their interactions with others, but this may come in the next books in the series, which I cannot wait to read.

The Argent Star has set the scene beautifully - what will happen next?

The last 5% of the book is a sneak preview at an excerpt of an early draft of the next book: "The Howling Jade".

[ARC received from the Author]

BooksChatter

Heathery says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for review.

I like the premise of the book--a girl trying to prevent a hostile takeover of a planet. However, I found the execution to be a bit... simple. As characters were introduced, they fell directly into a predetermined stereotype and never really left it. They weren't intriguing and mysterious, and they didn't really grow.

Similarly, the plot was overly simplified when it came to interactions and conflict. Also, Novae was basically Earth 2.0. It looked the same (as modern day Earth, not future wasteland Earth), and the people were the same. There was nothing to set them apart as an alien species. But beyond that, I found there to be just a bit too much suspension of disbelief. Ren and her family came to be the royal family of Novae because their ancestor did the \$50 "sponsor a star" thing that people did in the 90s. It was, to be blunt, absolutely ridiculous that an advanced human race would suddenly decide a family--who was in no way fit to rule a planet--would suddenly be the owners of that planet because of such a silly reason. It was just a bit too unbelievable.

There wasn't anything particularly offensive about this book, but neither was there anything to elevate it in my memory.

Ashley says

As of this review, this book can be bought for free on Amazon Kindle.

I saw some of the issues that people mentioned. The world building doesn't suck you in, and it is very much a young adult novel. Ren does mention several times how bogus it was that her family was chosen and that it honestly doesn't make any sense. There was a few continuity issues within characters, but they were minor.

I am hoping things are a little more fleshed out in the next novel. I would like to finish the story, but do not feel compelled to.

Overall, this is an entertaining light read. This author has a lot of potential. I definitely suggest this book especially if you have Kindle or do Kindle unlimited.

Ivette says

Hopefully as this is the first in a series things will get better. Did not realize this was a YA book when I requested. Totally my fault. :)

Olivia Farr says

"The Argent Star" begins with Elian, Ren's brother, discovering a planet which had been settled by Earth and then disappeared. The Monarchy who rule over Earth are watching when they see that this has been found and quickly place their father, Maks, as king of this planet. Maks has long worked for the Monarchy which has prevented him from being much of a father to Ren and Elian. Their ancestors also bought the rights to name the star around which the planet revolves (funny use of the name a star gift).

They travel to the planet and find a mixed welcome. Ren begins being very classic teenager, disliking everything but just whining about it. She grows throughout the story into someone who takes action and tries to make a difference. Although the omnipotent Monarchy has never seemed bad, there are things that don't add up. Revolution is coming to the planet, but which side will Ren be on? I won't spoil anything, so I'll stop there.

This book had a lot of ups and downs for me. I like the idea of this future world, but am not really sure Earth would devolve into a Monarchy. I'm also not sure about all the sexism. Would the world have regressed so much in 500 years? I'm not convinced. I did like the warrior Sheriden, who watches over Ren. she's a strong character but clearly breaking the mould in which females are cast in this future. Rem was pretty annoying and whiny for the first half of the book, but she does improve and grow as a person.

Overall, I liked the idea here and am intrigued to follow future stories of this world. Please note that I received this book through netgalley in exchange for my honest review.
