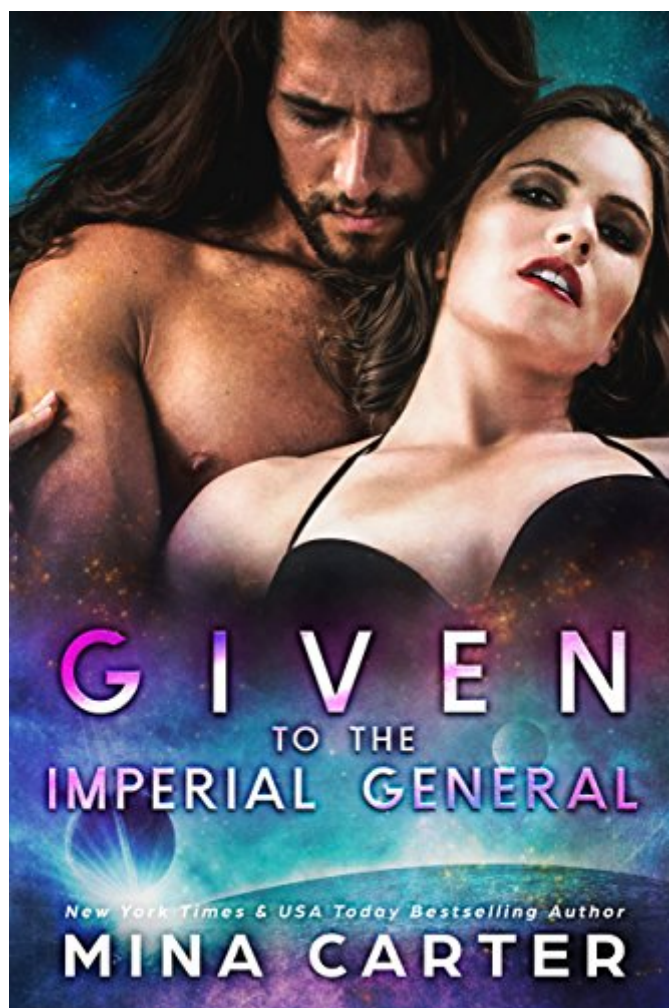


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Synopsis

Illicit love, for a man she shouldn't even look at. Keliana knows it's forbidden, but she can't get the handsome colonel out of her mind, nor can she ignore her dreams of one day loving him openly as a free woman. When she's called before her prince and given to Nikolai as a gift, she thinks her dreams have finally come true. Until Nikolai is raised to prince. Now royal, he cannot marry a harem mistress and her fledging dreams are dashed. He's always wanted her, but she belongs to his prince. Until now. Keliana is an imperial harem mistress, but that doesn't stop Jareth Nikolai from wanting her. A colonel in the imperial fleet and the prince's right hand man, Jareth has earned his reputation as a loyal, stone-cold soldier, but thoughts of Keliana heat his blood to boiling—even though she's the property of his prince. But the Prince's marriage means the imperial harem is being disbanded and when Jareth sees his chance, he claims the curvy little courtesan for his own. But enemies plot in the shadows, and Jareth receives information that makes him believe he's not the only man in the ex-harem-mistresses' bed. Furious, he banishes her from his house to fend for herself on the streets only to realise weeks later he's been played. Can he uncover the truth and reclaim the woman he's loved for years, or has he lost everything that matters? **Please note - This title has previously been released with another publisher and has not been revised or altered significantly. **

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Title: Given to the Imperial General Series: Imperial Princes Author: Mina Carter Designation: Book Two of Series, Novella Length, Standalone, No Cliffhanger Reading Platform: Kindle Edition My Rating: Four Deliciously Sexy Sci-Fi Stars***** Disclosure: This is the re-release of a book originally published in 2012 under the title Harem Mistress. There have been no major changes other than the title and cover. Oh my! I adore science fiction, addicted to heart-pounding adventure, completely smitten with sexy aliens, and a total romance junkie, so when I get it all in one great read, I'm in heaven. And nobody writes super sexy aliens like Mina Carter! I've been a Carter fan for years and love everything she writes. Carter's work includes a menagerie of subgenres and fantastical creatures, ranging from aliens to gargoyles, reapers, shifters, vampires, zombies, and anything in between. But out of everything Carter pens, her sci-fi romance is one of my favorites! And Given to the Imperial General is no exception. I read this story five years ago when it was originally released as Harem Mistress using the Kindle Unlimited Program. I love Kindle Unlimited but you can only borrow books in the program; you don't actually own them. I loved this story so much, when I saw it had been re-released, I couldn't wait to purchase it for my permanent library and read it again. Although there have been no major changes other than a new title and cover, I enjoyed it even more the second time around. That alone is quite a recommendation! But let's talk a few details. Given to the Alien General is an exciting, fast-paced, easy-to-follow, standalone novella-length super sexy sci-fi romp filled to the brim with danger, drama, angst, action, adventure, suspense, steamy sex, and dreamy romance. The narrative is beautifully written in the third person with multiple perspectives but with primary points of view from the two protagonists, beautiful, exotic harem mistress Keliana and handsome, commanding, and very dangerous commander of the Elite Sector Seven Forces, Colonel Jareth Nikolai. The dialogue is smart, seductive, well executed, and flows effortlessly. But without a doubt, my favorite element of this erotic tale is the cast of intriguing characters. I was immediately drawn into the story by Keliana, a lovely young woman who was little more than a child when she was sold by her family to become a member of the Prince's harem, condemning her to a life of slavery. Although she became the Prince's favorite and eventually the harem mistress, Keliana was still very innocent and naive, especially in matters of the heart. As part of the harem, she belonged to the prince and could never be touched by any man other than him. She was trained in the art of pleasing a man but was taught to never fall in love with her master. It would only result in heartache since she was considered to be merely property, a possession that

could be traded or sold at the whim of her owner. Society viewed her as little more than a whore. My heart literally broke for Keliana, a now thirty-year-old woman who had never experienced love. Jareth had been infatuated with the beautiful Keliana since he first laid eyes on her sitting at her master's feet many years ago. Jareth knew he could never touch Keliana much less have her for himself but that didn't stop him from dreaming of someday possessing her as his own. But fate may have finally smiled upon these two unlikely lovers. Keliana's master was now Prince Sethan who had finally won the heart of his long-time love, Lady Jaida, and they were newly married. The Prince's new bride was not fond of his harem (*snort* What wife would be?), so Prince Sethan was dismantling the palace harem. Keliana had no idea what her future would be but she prayed she would no longer be a slave, to finally be free to make her own choices and live her life without judgment, a life she hoped would include Colonel Jareth Nikolai, a man she'd lusted after from afar for years but knew she could never have. And it seemed both would receive their hearts' desires after the prince rewarded Jareth for his extraordinary service with a gift of his choice. Three guesses as to what he chose! Yup, he chose Keliana. These two intriguing characters literally exploded from the pages and captured my heart. The sexual chemistry between them was so hot it sizzled! But as much as I loved Keliana, I wanted to throttle Jareth. He was dangerous, domineering, quick to anger, even quicker to jump the gun, and always assumed the worst of people before getting the facts. But he was a real panty-melter with a dirty mind and even dirtier mouth. *swoon* He just needed a good woman to tame him. Sounds like smooth sailing for Keliana and Jareth, right? Wrong! Apparently, the universe was conspiring against them. As most of us know, the path to true love is never easy and Keliana and Jareth's journey is fraught with danger, angst, lies, unexpected obstacles, and people determined to keep them apart. But will they each be strong enough to find their way back to the other? We'll see! Did I like this book? No, I loved it! Was it perfect? No, but nothing that truly distracted me from the story. There were a few instances where the narrative became a little confusing when the point of view changed suddenly mid-scene. Usually, I don't enjoy stories written with anything resembling a third-person omniscient narrative and generally prefer perspectives to be more clearly defined, either by chapter or scene with break designations, especially when there are more than two perspectives and this story did have a third, but the two primary povs were from Keliana and Jareth. But that's just me. Would I recommend it? You bet, and I am but only for adult readers since it does contain quite a few steamy, dreamy love scenes and a domineering alien alpha hero with a dirty but oh so sexy mouth! Hubba! Hubba! It may be a relatively quick read but it packs quite a punch! If you enjoy sexy romance featuring strong, sexy aliens and the women they love, lightly seasoned with elements of science fiction and sprinkled

throughout with danger, action, adventure, drama, and suspense, then this book is screaming your name. Will I read this author again? Abso-freakin-lutely! And finally, was I entertained? Completely! I snickered, snorted, sobbed and shook my fists in anger but by the end, I was happy, satisfied, and well entertained! Fabulous entertainment and an awesome read.

Badass sexy military man falls in love with a courtesan. ... a romance story. Throw in miscommunication, a hot temper and a set up and you have the makings of a awesome romance story!

Great follow-up to the first booj. Hoping to eventually get a book about Bane. Loved how the big, bad Alpha learns that he's not all-knowing or strong compared to the woman he loves.

Mina Carter has once again given us a true delightful read. Romance, longing, adventure is just what every good book needs. Bravo to the Author.

Ah, the prince and the courtesan. A love story for the ages, or is it? Hot love, intrigue and more!

I had originally read this book back on 10/20/14 but it was entitled "Harem Mistress" and, shame on me, I failed to write a review at that time. Now I have another opportunity. General Jareth Nikolai was just as much of a jerk then as he is now. Then I wasn't really sure how to take Jareth. His alpha attitude and mannerisms really irked me. It wasn't until the book's end that I really liked him when his love of Keliana really showed through. As for Keliana, here was a woman living on the brink. Keliana was or had been the harem mistress of Prince Sethan which was disbanded since the prince had found his princess. Keliana was now a free woman which meant she could choose any man she wanted but her heart belonged to Jareth and she believed he wanted her for his wife. Unfortunately, she overheard the prince "giving" her to Jareth and his response of "Well, I can't marry a courtesan" broke her heart and left her with the only one option she had: leave, run, hid or whatever it took to banish Jareth from her mind and heart. Well, she had been "property" for too long so she did run. Jareth reacted to Keliana's absence in typical "she's mine; how darn she leave me!" fashion. The most important thing Jareth forgot was that all Keliana wanted to hear was "I love you and want you for my wife." Jareth's vindictive retribution on Keliana was hard to read and just made me want to tear my hair out. As stated before, what a jerk and no good dog he was. If not for Major Devil Bane's decent help and rescue of Keliana who knows how the ending would have

turned out. The re-reading of this story was just as good the second time around. As previously stated I had already read this work but I did get an ARC of this reissue and I have voluntarily written this review and the opinions expressed are completely my own.

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