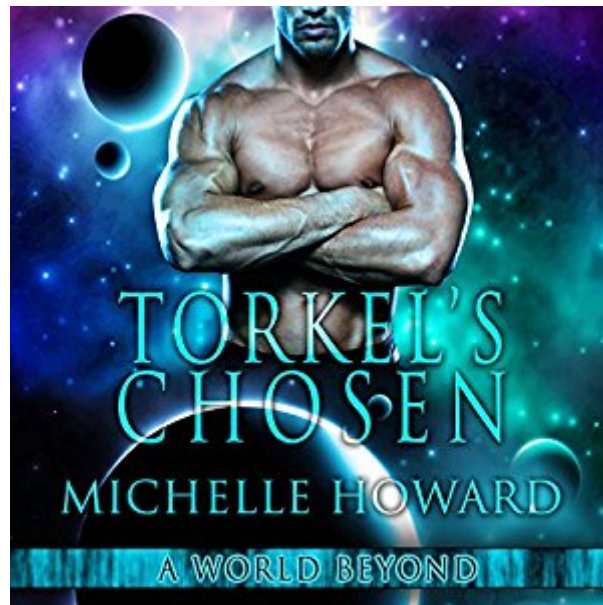


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# Torkel's Chosen: A World Beyond



## Synopsis

\*What would you do if Earth didn't have enough men?\* \*Would you take a chance and leave the only world you knew behind?\* This is the decision Faith Reid faces. Placing all her hope in a new government program, she seizes the opportunity that offers a chance for the women of Earth to find love among the stars, on a world beyond the one they know. \*How many times can one man risk rejection?\* \*Would you give up on your dreams?\* Torkel Alonson has had enough of being ignored and looked over by females on his adopted home world of Enotia. His pride has suffered and he must accept the painful truth. Females will never choose a male with his evil lineage despite his honorable service to his government's military. \*Can two people looking for the same thing find not just what they want but what they need in one another?\*

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## Customer Reviews

This first half of this book was great. Great story. Great characters. Great setting etc. Then because Faye (the chosen and Torkel's lady) made a mistake, was admittedly dimwitted and gullible; he completely turns his back on her. I mean, this is supposed to be a race that values and protects women at all costs. So, even if he falsely believed she did wrong I can't see him leaving her with people he knows are torturing her and plan to sell her into slavery. WTH? He ends up rescuing her thinking she's someone else. Then would have been a good time for him to learn of the torture she endured but refused to tell anything of him or his men even under extreme duress. But, no. Not a word that I recall. That would have been a good time in the story to turn it around. He ends up forgiving her after a long while and having threatening to have her put in prison. She was gullible

yes. But, a criminal? NO. The whole book was for nothing when the hero condemns his lady without hearing her out or giving her a chance to explain. What a jerk.

My least fave among her books I was looking forward to this book. It started really promising and the love scenes hot, the relationship was progressing in a sweet, funny and poignant moments. Hero is very affectionate and utterly lovable. SPOILER ALERT: Unfortunately, something happened halfway through the story that just not my cup of tea, I mean for the heroine to go through that - betrayal, torture and heart ache. The story just went down hill from there. I don't like that kind of story that it kinda spoiled it for me even if the ending was really good and funny. Even if the hero found in his heart to forgive and love her again, I just didn't like the story anymore. It lost its momentum for me. But the writing is really good, the story will hold your attention and the author's talents there and everything. I just don't like stories about betrayal and forgiveness. I dislike having the heroine tortured, kidnapped and helpless. I don't think I'll follow this series, the story left me feeling sad and dissatisfied. I am disappointed. I do hope that the Warlord series don't turn into this kind of story.

I too was looking forward to this new book by Michelle Howard since I loved Honor Bound. I'm afraid I was disappointed. Faye was shallow and I'm sorry, but stupid. All she cared about in the beginning was sex, Torkel's body, and keeping her secret. She was supposedly a smart woman - how could she bend to the blackmail when she knew that Torkel was trying to save women forced into slavery - not to mention the fact that she was putting his life and that of his men at risk? Torkel's turning his back on her when she was taken - not even bothering to look for her - really turned me off. As another reviewer stated, their reconnection was anti-climatic. Why didn't she tell him how she'd been tortured and refused to give up information? Why didn't Faye ever mention that she took the money because she thought she was helping a friend of Torkel's? She told Kyele, but never Torkel. I also hated that we were left wondering about Lindsey, and who the inside traitor was. Really disappointing and dissatisfying over all.

The worst part is that this story started off really well. The move from like, to affection, to love, between the characters was very endearing and sweet. It was also hot. But then the story moves from love to prolonged scenes of torture. The HEA isn't that happy, and you are left with an icky feeling. He seems to forgive her mostly because he felt (a little) bad about her torture, and she seems traumatized beyond recovery. It's tragic and depressing. Seriously, avoid this one if you are looking for a good, romantic, HEA. Because it's so not.

I was really looking forward to the start of a new series by Michelle Howard, and thought the twist on the 'mars needs women' trope would be a great one to explore. I was sadly disappointed with how it's been handled, however, and wish we'd had more background. I was also disappointed that the characters seem pretty one-dimensional, and I didn't get a sense of the planet Enota as a setting. The story got too 'dark' for what I was hoping would be a good, fun read... I won't be bothering to get the next book in this series.

I have to agree with the other three star review, I definitely didn't like how the whole unwitting betrayal and torture happened to the h. The book description didn't give any indication of this or I would not have bought it. I liked all of Ms. Howard's other books but was quite disappointed with this one. I will probably try the next one in this series, but if it is like this one that will be it for me. This premise had a lot of promise, but fell far short of what I expected.

I found it very difficult to root for a heroine that is so despicable. She was shallow with no redeeming qualities. Most of the characters in the book were not fleshed out, at all. I felt nothing for any of them and I only finished the book because if I paid for it. I will always finish a book, purchased, no matter how painful the read is. The story was supposedly to have taken place on an alien planet, but it could have been played out in Oregon. I see in other reviews that Michelle has a following. I will be cautious of buying any of her future works.

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