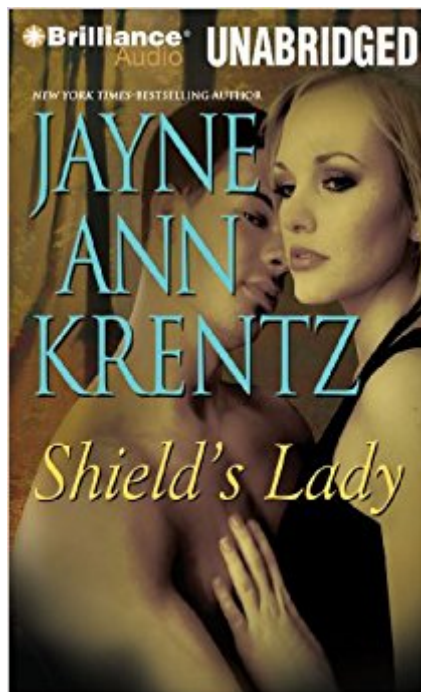


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# Shield's Lady (Lost Colony Series)



## Synopsis

Sariana was a cool, confident business-woman, an outcast from the East determined to regain her rightful status. Gryph was an intense mercenary respected and feared throughout the opulent cities and savage frontiers of the West. But from the moment they met, fate made them one. Was it their destiny to be bound to a powerful force that both captivated and frightened them? When Sariana and Gryph join forces in a dangerous quest to save their world, their love is tested to its limits - sweeping them into undreamed realms of shimmering, shattering ecstasy. "Soar upon the wings of imagination with [the author] as she takes us on a fabulous romantic quest to a faraway time on a faraway world." - Romantic Times

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## Customer Reviews

Setting: The Planet Windarra, sometime in the future Sensuality: 8 Born and raised in the far-off East on the Planet Windarra, Sariana Dayne's business expertise is desperately needed by the West sector's flamboyant Avylyn clan, but even her cool logic can't solve a serious business theft. Desperate, she devises a scheme to employ a member of the warrior Shield clan in the recovery operation. Unfortunately for Sariana's peace of mind, her practical plan turns shaky when she gazes into the fierce eyes of the Shield mercenary Gryph Chassyn, and realizes that she may have bitten off more than she can chew. Gryph takes one look at Sariana and decides that she's one of the few

women in the world who could become his Shield mate. Unfamiliar with the West sector's Shield society, Sariana can't even guess what mating with Gryph will do to her life--she only knows he stirs a depth of passion in her that she can't deny. Before she grasps the consequences, Sariana is allied with the powerful mercenary and they set off on a dangerous journey to recover the stolen prism cutter. Along the way, they discover unexpected possibilities in their bonding, even as their lives are threatened with deadly peril. And if they can only survive the obstacles, Gryph and Sariana just may change the future of Shield society forever. The multitalented Krentz flexes her fantasy muscles in this absorbing story of love on a planet far, far away. The heroine is sharp-tongued and quick-witted and she's paired with a hero who is equally intelligent and physically powerful. As expected from Krentz, the fast-paced story is expertly plotted with superb sexual tension in all the right places. Small wonder that Krentz is on the shortlist of the most successful romance authors of the decade; two chapters into this novel and you'll know exactly why she's so popular. --Lois Faye Dyer --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Jayne Ann Krentz is the author of fifty New York Times bestsellers. She has written contemporary romantic suspense novels under that name, as well as futuristic and historical romance novels under the pseudonyms Jayne Castle and Amanda Quick, respectively. She lives in Seattle.

I got Jayne Ann Krentz's newsletter and saw where *Shield's Lady* was offered as an ebook for 1.99. I had read the other two Lost Colony books *Sweet Starfire* and *Crystal Flame*. I even have a combined hardcopy of the two books but had never read *Shield's Lady* so I purchased and read. All three were written in the 1980's so are early examples of Krentz's futuristic writing. For me they are not as good as the St. Helen's books and those are not as good as the *Harmony/Ghost Hunter* books. That said they are worth reading and do let you see Krentz's progression as a writer. *Shield's Lady* was the last of the Lost Colony series and for me it is the best. In this colony there were two colony ships and they crashed on separate continents on the planet Windarra. Both groups thought that everyone on the other ship perished. They have just recently rediscovered each other. Both groups are developed in very different manners. Sariana Dayne is from the eastern continent where lives are very structured and in Sariana's mind much more civilized. She has moved to the western continent and although she does not realize it at first she fits much better on the western continent where life is full of surprises. Gryph Chassyn is a Shield. Shields are surrounded by mystery and legends. There are no Shields on the eastern continent so this is Sariana's first contact with a Shield. Sariana does not believe in legends. When the two end up working together sparks fly.

Shields have special powers that help protect the people of the planet. One thing that is unique about them is the fact they have to find their Shield Mate to every have children and then they only have male children. Sariana is Gryph's Shield Mate. Not that she believes that. The set up here is great. There is a lot of tension between Gryph and Sariana. She refuses to believe the part about Shield Mates. Gryph never asks, he orders. Sariana never follows orders. A prisma cutter has been stolen and Sariana needs Gryph to find it. What develops is much more than a theft. The theft is part of a dangerous plot that only Gryph and Sariana can stop. *Shield's Lady* was a quick fun read. If you like Jayne Ann Krentz's futuristic stories pick this one up and find out about one of the Lost Colonies.

*SHIELD'S LADY* was first published in the 1980s under the pseudonym of Amanda Glass. I first read it then and the unique setting, story and characters appealed to me then and I found the book unforgettable. *SHIELD'S LADY* is a sci-fi futuristic romance set on the planet of Windarra. The planet inhabitants are settlers from earth who were stranded. The settlers were unintentionally divided during the landing between the east and the west where their societies developed separately. The east contained the business and intellectuals and the west consisted of the artists and craftsmen. It had been intended that the two groups would form a complete society. The two groups have found one another again and have just begun to interact. Sariana Dayne has come to the west in order to prove herself a competent businesswoman in order to return successfully to her family in the east. When she needs help she drugs and abducts Gryph Chassyn, a member of the mercenary class known as one of the Shields. The Shields are protectors in the west and have been genetically altered to have some telepathic abilities that allow them to focus through prisms. While Sariana is all business, Gryph recognizes her as one of the few women that Shields can marry and have children with. This story has the two protagonists not understanding one another and working at cross purposes at first, but the two get to know one another, trust one another, work together and eventually love one another. In the process, the two discover they have a unique relationship. Gryph tends to be autocratic and at first dismissive of Sariana's strength. One of the things I like about this book is how he comes to appreciate her strength and unique abilities. I find the witty dialogue between the two makes me smile and I really feel in love with the two main characters. This book has many of the harbingers of JAK's *Harmony* books written as Jayne Castle. There is also a measure of overlap with her *Arcane* books. Readers of those series may be interested in seeing how JAK was working on the concepts for those books here.

Shield's Lady was your average type of story that you get from Jayne Ann Krentz (or Amanda Quick, Jayne Castle...) that was set in an unusual sci-fi universe. Since this was one of her earlier books I was hoping for something fresh and different. The plot was fairly decent, I can always stretch my imagination, but unfortunately I found the characters to be similar to a lot of other characters from other books- I have read about 15-20 from this author: Our girl does not fit in conventional society, very smart, fiesty, bold, argumentative, and atypically pretty. Our guy also does not fit in conventional society, take-charge, arrogant, not quite handsome, and overprotective. These are standard traits and made them kind just okay. I also found the dialogue a bit cheesy at times, especially with calling her my "shieldlady" and other variations quite frequently and especially during intimate scenes. So this gets three stars. Even though I find her characters cookie-cutter, usually the plots are very exciting and the dialogue a little less cheesy and always make for a good read. Not one of her best but one of the better out there for sci-fi romance. Thanks.

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