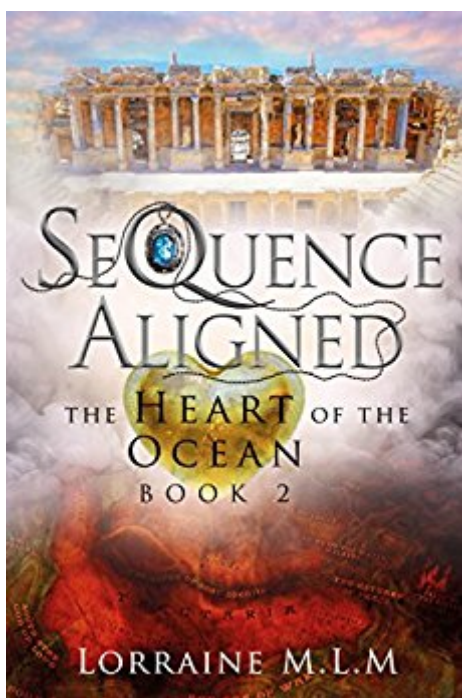


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Synopsis

Alessia and Dante's love has blossomed. Their Sequence of Hearts is sturdier than ever, but the shield that protects Tuscania is weakening and an invasion is imminent. Everyone knows Alessia's new-found power is the key--especially Alessia. Unfortunately, the energy inside her is unstable and expediting her training could have devastating consequences. But that's exactly what must be done. Whisked away to a secluded training facility, Alessia is forced to put aside all distractions, including Dante, to fully focus on the Sequence of Peace. But power always comes at a price. When Dante falls deathly ill, Alessia abandons her training to go to him, but she never makes it. Instead, she's kidnapped and dragged outside the shield where she's more helpless than she was back on Earth. As the captive of a vengeful madman, Alessia has only her wits and her will to save herself and the world she's come to cherish.

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Review: After reading Sequence book 1 and the events there I was very excited to read the second book. The preface of this book introduces the idea of death and how death is personified in this series. The first chapter returns us the peace and tranquility of Zeneshia and catching up with Alessia and Dante's life after the events at the end of the previous book. Alessia seems to have a much better grasp on Zenesh customs and understands better what a sequence entails, although she still doesn't understand entirely what sequence means to this place. Alessia is going to begin training to grasp her powers and strengthen the shield protecting her people but in order to do this she must leave her family behind, but to her delight Dante will be coming with her. When Alessia begins her training the Ralda, everyone is shocked by how much power she wields and how easily she can control it, although at times she does switch from one extreme to another for example, from freezing cold to boiling heat but she manages to find her balance and maintain it. The events in this book seem to be moving at a faster pace, while the first book focused on a lot of world building and character development this book seems to be more plot based. Not long into her training Alessia is kidnapped by some unknown people, the last thing she sees is Dante injured and unmoving. The next thing she sees is the inside of her prison cell, the people that have taken her are nowhere near as civilized as the people she has grown accustomed to. As I suspected the kidnapping was all a ploy to aid Alessia in her training, although it was a bit extreme for Ralda to imprison Alessia for over 21 days while she learns to control her emotions and channel her energy. After returning from her captivity Alessia wants nothing more to see Dante, but Ralda sent him away as he couldn't bear Ralda's training methods. She is told that Dante is bed-ridden with a fever so she travels to see him but she has been tricked and led into a trap set by the Tregtarians (Dante's people). We learn a little more about where Dante comes from and what his past would have been like through the eyes of De-Deganon's servant, and we see that De-Deganon has targeted Alessia for what her mother did in embarrassing and rejecting his marriage advances. Alessia is presented to Lord De-Deganon and is taken to the dungeons and we see very clearly in this scene that Alessia's looks remind De-Deganon of her mother who he was to wed before she fled to Earth. De-Deganon wants Alessia to take him to Earth to recover her mother but he doesn't know that she died before Alessia even came to Zeneshia. I really liked the fact there new perspectives were introduced in this novel, during Alessia's captivity she must learn the ways of the almost barbaric land and with the help of Jadhery, she again begins to slowly learn but this is also a test of her strength and resolve in this harsh and unforgiving place. After a month with little sign of De-Deganon or anyone else, Jadhery

begins to talk about helping Alessia run away because the Tregtarians want to stop her accessing her full power and possibly destroying them, but they are caught by De-Deganon's sister which leads to them both taking a fair whipping. Things take an ever stranger turn when Alessia is held by three men trying to break into her mind and find the passage to her world but her new friend Jadhery is coming to free her and so she must be strong. As we pass the half way mark in the novel the pacing is better in this book but the things that happen are far stranger and is it quite hard at time to keep track of what is happening, it confused me slightly as a reader but I am hoping there will be some clarity in the second half of this book. Jadhery and Alessia makes their getaway and escape but Jadhery has sentenced himself to death by helping Alessia return to the shield. As he himself cannot cross through it he has no choice but to go back and face his fate at the hands of the Tregtarians. Once they return to Zeneshia Alessia helps Jadhery cross the shield into her land but she for the first time enters Dante's mind only to find he has been captured by the Tregtarians and she has to once more go back in order to save him. We then jump back slightly as see what led to Dante going back to the place he was born alone and all the while everything seems out of sync but are slowly being brought together again, into alignment. Dante unexpectedly get some help from his father who despite their checkered past seeks only to protect him and preserve the memory of the woman he loved so dearly and her death is a burden he has carried for years. Dante begins to head towards De-Deganon's home to get Lessi, still unaware that she isn't there. Alessia and Jadhery manage to rescue Dante from the arena of death with a little help from Tan and Erza, but in doing so she uses a lot of her power and is temporarily blinded. As they reach Zeneshia once more their family ride out to meet them unaware of the condition of the two most important people in the land. After they all return home safety Jad struggles to settle in but with help and time I am sure he would grow to love Zeneshia just as she does. Dante also proposes to Alessia making their love official in her becoming his wife. The final scenes of this novel were breathtaking filled with love, joy and admiration for the strength and the beauty in others. It was a perfect ending for this novel after all the pain and sadness both Alessia and Dante suffered at the hands of others it was beautiful to see them heal and find solace in each other. I would highly recommend this series to any and all YA lovers looking for a slightly different story and I can't wait to read book 3 later on this year.

Having read Part 1, I was interested to see how this story progressed. Where Part 1 concentrated on setting up the world around / or below us, and Alessia's character and powers, this Part 2 really drives the plot forward, and as such you can see the authors skills at storytelling really coming through. There are sub plots involving Jad (once a slave) who takes an interest in her - who may or

may not form a love triangle ? (I wait with baited breath !)Dante shows his other face in a Gladiator style Colosseum that is really well written and surprisingly violent (though not too much).And Alessia learns to use her superpowers outside the shield with some surprising results.All in, I thought it a great continuation of a really fun romantic fantasy. I received this as an ARC without obligation from the author.

Wow!As much as I enjoyed the first book.... the second book blew me away! It was phenomenal!We find ourselves back in the magical kingdom under the sea, where SeQuence rules. Alessia has begun her training and finds herself becoming a pawn by more than just one player in the game. We get an inside look at some of the fearsome foes plaguing this otherwise peaceful land... and a glimpse of life outside the shield.Although this book starts off a bit slow, it really picked up starting with Chapter Four. I almost think that the author could have done away with the majority of the first three chapters. From that point on, however, I found myself completely hooked. I didn't want to put the book down! In fact, I snarled at more than one person for interrupting me as I devoured the pages.Lorraine M.L.M. had already completely won me over in the first book with her poetic and sensual writing style. This book, however... was so much better!!! This author has an incredible ability to capture and convey emotion that will leave you with non-stop tingles or leave you on the edge of your seat wondering what's going to happen next. From the non-stop action to the wonderful romantic tingles as we explore the deepening feelings between Alessia and Dante... This book is going on my list as one of my favorites of 2017.For fans new to the series, I strongly suggest you begin with the first book. This is not a standalone novel and you'll be missing out on so much if you don't read the first one. However, for those of you worried about starting a series that isn't finished... this author doesn't leave you with any pesky cliffhangers. There's still a lot more to look forward to, but the ending was beautifully written and extremely satisfying.So if you're a fan of Young Adult Fantasy Romances, I strongly suggest you check out this series. It's original story line, incredible world-building, poetic prose, enthralling descriptions, and memorable characters make this a must-read! As for me, I'm going to be anxiously awaiting the next installment in this series. I rank this a 4.5/5... dropping a half point only for the slow beginning. Other than that, this book was AWESOME!This review was originally posted on The Novel Lady.*Disclaimer: I received a complimentary copy provided by the author with the sole purpose of an honest review. All thoughts, comments and ratings are my own.

I got this book as an ARC and I had read the first one and I could not wait to get my hands on the

second installment of this series. It has my heart racing and my mind screaming for me to find out what was going to happen next. I could not help but wonder if this one was going to be as great as the first one. I was not disappointed. I enjoyed the pace of this book. Well slow to started it does not say that way. We are back in the land under that sea and here Alessia is going to start her training. Her romance with Dante is in full swing, but danger is on the rise and she is forced to put aside her distractions and that includes her love. She has to be focused on get her powers to be stable. You will have to read to find out all the details of what is to come.

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