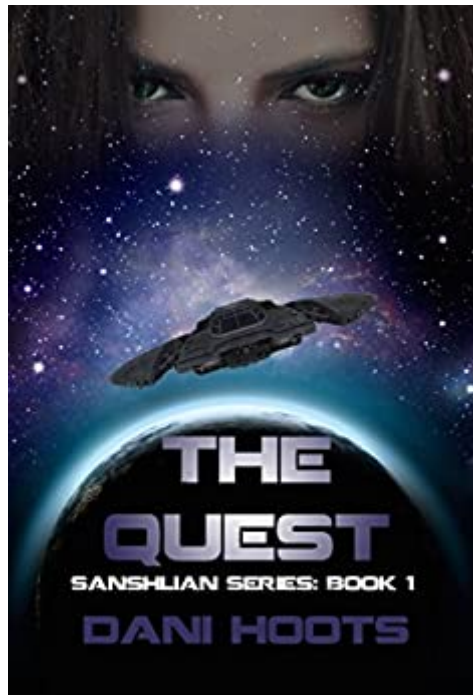


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The Quest (Sanshlian Series Book 1)



Synopsis

Eleven Years ago, my life was ripped away from me. My father, my brother, my humanity. Everything. I was thrown into the Kamps, created to become a mindless machine. But I fought against it, not letting them take away my memories of the past. And I succeeded. It has been seven years since I was taken out of the Kamps and made into the Emperor's Shadow. Now I only take orders from him, and him alone, without question. That is, until my brother, whom I thought was dead, shows up and kidnaps me in order to help him find some long lost planet that our father used to tell stories about. According to the legend, any who find the planet Sanshli can rewrite the past, and my brother wants to use it to destroy the Empire. My loyalty will always be to the Emperor, but what if this planet is real? And the longer I stay with my brother, the more I begin to find that the Emperor has been keeping secrets from me. But I can't turn my back on him... Or can I?*

This is the second publication of "The Quest" by Dani Hoots*

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Customer Reviews

As a child Arcadia was raised by her father until the day the empire came after him for rebelling against them. Arcadia's father was killed and her brother managed to escape but Arcadia was caught by the guards and taken to a place known as the Kamps where they try to break down the prisoners and steal their memories. However, after four years in the Kamps the Emperor rescued Arcadia and brought her into his close trust where she became known as the Emperor's Shadow. A sometimes brutal killing machine that was meant to protect the Emperor and the laws that he enforced Arcadia never expected that the latest assassination attempt would come from the brother she thought must have been long gone since he'd never made an attempt to rescue her himself. Eleven years after that fateful day Arcadia and her brother have found themselves on opposite sides of the war. Arcadia is fiercely loyal to the Emperor since he had saved her but when her brother seems to believe that their father knew of a planet called Sanshll that can rewrite the past and possibly change the future that they both now know Arcadia can't help but want to find the truth. The Quest is the first book of the Sanshlian series by Dani Hoots. The series falls into the science fiction category for the young adult/new adult age range and while normally this would lead in most books in this age range being romance mixed in there really wasn't much of that involved. The main character Arcadia after being taken from her family made a life for herself and became the strong character she was on her own. But even with being saved by the Emperor and being loyal for years when her family member came back into the picture it raised the question of what is stronger her blood ties or loyalty. The story about a hidden place to save the world was highly interesting to follow. There was plenty of action as loyalties are questioned and the characters go about their journey which made this sci-fi adventure one that kept my attention even though it's not a top pick for genre for me. Would definitely continue the story as this one left with quite the cliffhanger. I received a copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

I actually reviewed this book on my booktube channel so you can watch the video here: [youtube . com / c / Frumious](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFrumious) I was given this book in exchange for an honest review by the author. This review is spoiler free. As a huge fan of everything scifi/space related, I was really excited to read this book. The premise sounded interesting (long lost siblings, a rebellion, and space travel is an instant "must read" in my opinion), and so I definitely wanted to give this one a try. **GOOD THINGS:** Really great world building, an interesting plot and a main character who has a very interesting and complex background. There was enough conflict and intrigue in the main storyline to develop an interest in the characters as well as the mysterious Sanshllii. **CRITIQUE POINTS:** While I liked the overall idea

of the book, I felt like there were some points that definitely lost me as a reader. There was a lot of telling instead of showing happening with certain things (the main characters coldness, the relationships of all the characters during their quest, etc) that drew me away from the story as a whole. The action also felt a little slow at times. OVERALL: I liked this book, and would give it 3.5/5 stars. I definitely want to see how this story progresses, and hopefully see more character development that will continue throughout the series. TLDR; 3.5/5 Stars, good overall plot and interesting characters, would love to see more "show not tell" in the upcoming novels.

I don't mind a cliff hanger in a book that is part of a series. However when there is one I want something solved and a another problem as the cliff hanger. The Quest did not have that. It just ended with the entire cast of characters in place for some kind of solution and then a bright white light and wait for the next book. The book was mainly backstory, world building and some plot development. In spite of the length the character development left something to be desired. I did not warm to any one in the book and did not understand what their motives were. That left me wondering how or if they even fit into the very loosely woven plot. I will give the second book a chance. If it does not move the characters and plot alone better than book one I will leave the series behind.

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