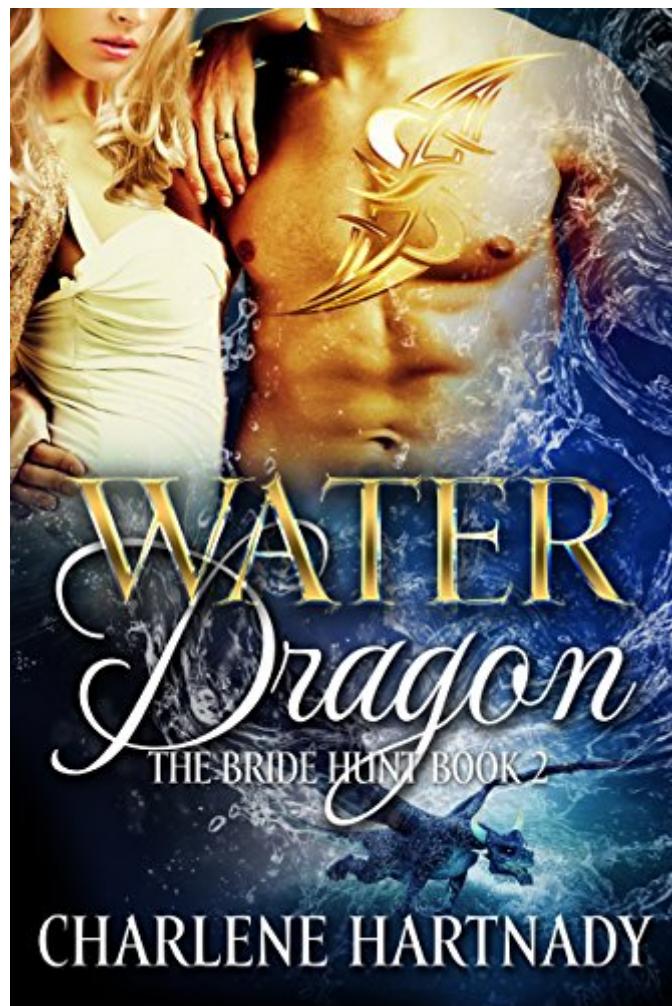


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# Water Dragon (The Bride Hunt Book 2)



## Synopsis

Dragon Shifter NovelTorrent took part in the much-anticipated hunt. Luckily, he managed to secure himself a female. Although the human was not his first choice, she'll do. A fertile female is a fertile female after all. An heir is what he needs and an heir is what she'll give him. In return, she'll get to be queen of the water kingdom. What more could a female wish for? Candy is hunted like an animal and won by an arrogant shifter who doesn't even want her. She doesn't care that he's a king. So what if he's really good looking and that underneath all that bristling, alpha male is a sweet guy. Although sweet is probably not the right description for the savage, water king. The only thing he's interested in is mating her, so that she can pop out lots of dragon shifter babies. Well, no thanks! She's not interested. As soon as she's able to get that through his thick skull, she's out of there. Torrent promised her she could leave if things didn't work out between them and she plans on holding him to his word. This book can be read as a standalone but would be best enjoyed as a part of the series (Start with Chosen by the Vampire Kings). The story contains strong sexual & violent themes/language and is not intended for readers under the age of 18. \*Some of the reviews below may contain spoilers\*

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## Customer Reviews

Didn't love this one as much as the first. I'm over the same formula where the guy has to change totally and accept all the faults and excuses of the human to be loved by them. In this one you have Candy the prostitute with a heart of gold, who unknown to her is pregnant by her 70 year client, who dies and leaves her everything. She makes Torrent jump through hoops, but won't have sex with him. After telling him what she does for a living he offers her jewelry in exchange for sex, she's offended and leaves him. Of course he finds her, saves her from her pimp and a bad john and takes her home to try to win her again, all while she doesn't recognize that she's pregnant. Later she assumes the baby's his after finally having sex, to only realize at birth that it's not. But it's OK because he begs again to be allowed to be the father. At some point the h should be made to feel guilt, even if it's internal, and she shouldn't be forgiven just because.

I have never been disappointed in Charlene Hartnady's work, for the first time; I am disappointed, with Water Dragon. Throughout the whole book I was hooked; I couldn't put it down and I loved how it was going, until the end. I don't know if it's just personal preference. Things just did not add up when it came to the ultimate outcome. Candy, one of the main characters is a call girl who is selected to be one of the women to become a dragon's mate. There are a few prerequisites to be selected for The Hunt, (the event for dragon shifters to win a mate). In the end you find out that Candy, (Torrent's mate), was already pregnant before The Hunt. The dragons who pick the women to participate in The Hunt were following all the women who were selected to ensure they fit all the prerequisites. Firstly, wouldn't the dragons have sensed she was pregnant in the first place? In the other books that are connected to Water Dragon, all the shifters/vampires are able to smell the hormones that come with pregnancy. Secondly, Candy would have known she was pregnant prior to being selected as a potential mate since according to the timeline in the book she should and would have had a pretty good idea she was already pregnant. You come to learn that the baby is somewhat of a "Theseus situation" (Greek mythology reference) Why wasn't it suggested that the baby ended up being that one in a thousand chance of being a girl and taking on more of the mother's human traits? According to the timeline and "rules" the baby would have been Torrent's baby.

I guess I liked the first book of this series so much that I had high exceptions for the second one.\*\*\*SPOILERS\*\*\*\*I felt that Candy's was more unreasonable when it came to certain stuff even more than Julie was. Torrent was an ass but for a majority of the book, he was actually sweet. The sex scenes were meh. They were nothing compared to the first book. Their first time wasn't very intimate nor did go into detail, it was quite short and problem with size wasn't mentioned at all despite of their differences. And just because she felt bad that Torrent was being teased that they haven't done it, she just decided to do it with him even though minutes before (with his grandma may I add) she was feeling unsure about their relationship, and that she wasn't sure how she felt about him?\*\*\*\*\*SPOILERS OVER\*\*\*\*\*So no, it didn't work with me and I regret purchasing. I will still read the third book to the series when it comes out though but depending how the book is, that would be it for me.

So many negatives. The only reason I actually toughed it out & read the entire story is because the first in the series had a couple of scenes from this book in it & I wanted to find out what happened. First - HATE the number of cliches - ESPECIALLY the heroine's name - a hooker named Candy. (Apologies to anyone out there who use or love the name). Second - if the redundancies had been edited it out - the story would have been a short story and better for it. Frequently the same sentence was used twice in a 3 sentence paragraph with barely any adjustment. Redundant language, redundant angst, redundant situations OMG! Third - too many Stupid or Implausible situations - she wants to be a vet or doctor but is blood-phobic; they have pets with amazing bladders & only the King takes care of? Royal couples without doctors until labor? (Big surprise the youngling is human by another male & female) Candy's a born again virgin? She never tries to escape; isn't ranting & raving with nothing to do all day. He lets himself get killed - not just beaten up - ever heard of defensive moves? Elaborate & contradictory explanations who has what color tattoos. Fire dragon human mate will birth an egg not baby. Fourth - HORRIBLE ENDING! Besides discovering its someone else's baby - in the last sentence of the BOOK Candy's having contractions - a 2nd baby? Maybe a dragon (they're only 4 lbs at birth & no prenatal care) and the healer has left (despite discussing the placenta needed to be passed - incompetent). Maybe these should go into Stupid or Implausible Situations. All in all - I wish I hadn't wasted my time reading this book - I read Romance to unwind not get aggravated.

Lustful thoughts of Torrent's body, someone she doesn't know, she must keep her hands to herself, she knows she will lose this battle. Placing images in her mind, she is amazed that he is leaving all

the decisions to her. When to touch, how to touch, and what she wishes for when their bodies to come into full contact. Oh and he knows that it is in the near future. Candy knows she has to tell him of her life before she was taken. And he has to be accepting and understanding, seeing all from her point of view, But with jealousy" an unknown emotion" coming and hitting him hard he does the unspeakable, he reaches deep into her soul and he degrades her! She is leaving-lord what has he done.....And will he come into his true feelings for her, to save her from a life worse then death?

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