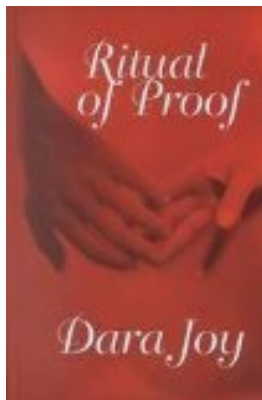


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Description:

From Publishers Weekly "It was a woman's world," Joy (High Intensity, etc.) states in her debut hardcover, and she's not making a metaphor. On the Forus moon revolving around the planet Arkeus, women have it all, especially women of noble birth. They govern through the House of She-Lords, own the property and are the sexual aggressors dividing men into pleasers and name-bearers. Joy has left no gender-based stereotype unturned, except that men don't get pregnant however, thanks to the invention of a natal accelerator, gestation only takes three months. Set in a Regency-style past-future, the story pits noblewoman Marquelle Green Tamryn against aqua-eyed Jorland Reynard, the conventions of their society, and her lifelong nemesis, the evil Claudine D'anbere. Marquelle Tamryn can buy Jorland from his grandmother, command erotic magic from his

perfect body and "fasten" him in a public ceremony but can she win his love? And when things get out of control, can he save her life? Arriving at the foregone conclusion is both more fun and more work than it should be. The eponymous ritual, during which a man's virginity is tested in public, ranks as libidinous high camp. But the pace is slowed by Joy's invented language, a tiresome amalgamation that sounds like a cross between Dr. Seuss and Klingon, in which Klees and Kloos prance over the landscape and sassbits eat lumpies for breakfast. Agent, Richard Curtis. (June 12) Forecast: Joy's appeal is undeniable, as evidenced by her Web site receiving 45,000 hits during its first three weeks and all her previous titles having been USA Today bestsellers. Expect more of the same, bolstered by a national print ad campaign and New England author appearances. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate edition.

From Ever since a ship brought a select few from Originpoint hundreds of years ago, women have ruled on Forus. Men are valued only for their looks or their property, an idea against which handsome Jorlan Reynard has spent his life rebelling. Wealthy landowner Green Tamryn has no desire to take a name-bearer, but the more she sees of Jorlan, the more she wants him. Her decision to make an offer for him is hurried along by the fact that her archrival, Claudine, a brutal, ruthless woman, has also made an offer. Jorlan's grandmother, Anya, agrees to Green's suit, much to Jorlan's displeasure. He is attracted to Green but doesn't like being treated as property. Yet, against his will, he marries Green, who treats him well and gradually brings him around to being happy in the marriage. But Claudine continues to cause trouble, even bringing a challenge before the Septibunal that threatens Green's property and her marriage. Joy's first hardcover novel is a fun romp full of colorful characters. *Kristine Huntley*
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