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# First Command: A TIDES Novella



## Synopsis

Master and Commander meets Sarah J Maas in a seafaring adventure of duty, love, magic, and a princess's quest to protect her kingdom on her own terms. Born to privilege, called to service, trained for command, seventeen-year-old Lieutenant Nile Greysik finally gets the chance to prove herself a leader. As she takes charge of a captured enemy ship, her orders will take her through hostile waters and stormy seas with a hold full of prisoners, a skeptical crew, and a handsome first mate whose every move undermines her confidence. To navigate to safe harbor, Nile must earn the crew's trust . . . but first she must dare to trust herself. **FIRST COMMAND** is a prequel novella in Alex Lidell's **TIDES** series. Recommended for fans of Sarah J. Maas, Tamora Pierce, and Naomi Novik.

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## Customer Reviews

So not usually a novella kind of girl but this book was brilliant! I'm already an Alex fan (Cadet of Tildor was one of my top 2015 reads) because she writes YA fantasy and realistic heroines that remind me very strongly of my favorite author, Tamora Pierce. So to find out Alex wrote a seafaring fantasy? Yea, I one-clicked that in a heartbeat. Nile actually beats Renee for my new fave heroine of

Alex's: she's intelligent, headstrong (but not recklessly so), trusts her gut, logical, and real in a this-is-a-refreshing-heroine kind of way. My favorite moments were seeing her deal with normal teen girl insecurities (wanting to kiss a handsome officer, wanting the crew to like her/prove herself to them, wanting to believe she can be found attractive) and rising above to make the hard decisions even if they're the less popular ones. In some ways, Nile IS every girl (can't take a compliment, self-doubt, wants people to like her), but in other ways, she's the heroine you admire but could never quite be >> the one that makes those HARD decisions. The girl you kind of relate to but don't know if you could be as brave, but you still suffer alongside her as you read and just want the poor girl to have some nice things happen because HASN'T SHE EARNED THEM? :)Also, I didn't expect to find a good twist in a novella, but I was actually caught totally off-guard and pleasantly surprised with the villain (who I must admit I actually did like even when said person was on the opposite side). Endearing characters and a crew I can't wait to read more of!!!!

I was skeptical when I first started this novella.First, what exactly constitutes a novella? This book was actually a very adequate length, so if it means page numbers then I think novella is a bit misplaced here.As for the book, I really enjoyed the story, action and character development a great deal.I was surprised at how well it turned out.The only complaint I have, and it happens a lot with authors trying to be unique, is the names of certain things. They can be way out there. Some even ridiculous. Some sound like a sci-fi alien world. If a country had a reasonable name then it's much more believable than giving it some odd title that is borderline comedic.Other than some of the names give characters, countries, cities, etc., I really enjoyed the book and look forward to the next installment.Thank you for a fine read!Sincerely,Alan McDonaldEdit of my first review:As I continue reading Alex Lidell's series I have to retract my comments on the names she uses that I criticized.I now see how appropriate they are in the whole story series context.I jumped to a horrible conclusion without thought of her character and environmental development.So I want to apologize to Alex, the author, for being so critical and misinformed of her intentions.This is a well thought out and believable world apply named, from her vessels to her cities, to her continents/countries and beyond.I am so enjoying her vivid imagination and quality story telling.I've read and purchased all of her stories to date and am anxiously awaiting her next installment.Sincerely,Alan McDonald

First Command is the prequel to what promises to be an exciting seafaring adventure with a brave young heroine dealing with political intrigue, romance, and danger on the high seas. I adored First Command and I can't wait for the rest of the series! Definitely a must-read!

I couldn't put it down. Fun introduction to a new series. It's great to see a strong, young woman take the lead in a naval adventure. She's flawed and complex with a strong personality. She makes some mistakes and works through the consequences. Then she works through the consequences of her correct choices too. There's plenty of romance, mystery, suspense, and swashbuckling; and the action skillfully reflects and accentuates the human drama surrounding it. Can't wait for the next book in the Tides series!

Our heroine is a strong young woman of 17. This is a tale of tall ships and the smell of black powder on the wind. Our YA officer gets a little more than she bargained for when she assumes her first command. The story flows well and offers an unexpected chance for love. I enjoyed the book and think you will find it a quick but tasty read. The author kindly gave it to me at a reduced price, but I voluntarily reviewed it because you should enjoy it.

This is a great companion to Air and Ash. Although I'm glad I read Air and Ash first, I love this little prequel! I enjoyed Air and Ash so much and reading this novella was almost as enjoyable! I can't wait for the second book in this series to be released in less than a month!

Thank you, Alex Lidell, for yet worthy another addition to the YA genre. The writing is clear yet not oversimplified. The fact that the story is told in first person makes it that much more "relatable" for the young reader. The teenage struggles of gaining confidence while trying to match your own expectations and desires to every one else's is familiar to every young woman. I thought that the particularly important message of the novella was one of finding courage to make up your mind, to follow your decisions, and to learn from your own mistakes. I am very curious to see where this story goes.

Wow! Love this prequel! Can't wait for the whole trilogy. Great language, enticing plot, one of those books you can't put down easily. Parental control is needed or kids can read through the night.

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