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Falling for his deceased twin brother's mate was never part of Dustin's plan.

This midwestern Alpha might be a little rough around the edges, but he lives by a few simple principles and honor is chief among them.

Nonetheless, when tragedy strikes the Meadowlands Pack, Dustin feels he has no choice but to bring his twin's mate home to take care of him. The only problem is, Caleb isn't anything like Dustin expected of the city omega who stole his brother's heart and divided their family.

What starts out as trying to do the right thing soon becomes a blurry series of complicated decisions that lead Dustin further away from the path he's always followed—and further into the arms of the one omega he was never supposed to want.

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Caleb has been through the worst a mated omega could fear. He's lost his mate and their unborn child, and now he finds himself at the mercy of an Alpha who has every reason to hate him.

Despite being twins, Dustin and Caleb's former mate, Alec, are nothing alike. Caleb wants nothing more than to please his new Alpha and secure his position in the pack, but Dustin seems to take everything he says the wrong way.

As forbidden tensions mount between Alpha and omega, Caleb begins to fear that Dustin will start taking his developing interest the *right* way.

This is a hurt/comfort MPREG romance at approximately 37k words, HEA guaranteed.

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From Reader Review A Cowboy for Caleb for online ebook

Tammy says

Sweet enjoyable easy read.

Steph ?? says

Okaaaayyy.....

I did like the story, but at times it seemed a bit fast. IMO the whole death of Dustin's twin Alec wasn't an emotional read, which was a little bit disappointing given the subject matter. The only other problem I had was that there was no mention of a wolf (just mentioned no shifting involved) until 82% mark. Other than that no shifting which was a bit weird given it was a shifter book!?! So, yeah.....

Lyn says

Oh, give me a break! This story was full guilty feelings, misunderstandings, meddling parents and an omega trying for the role of a martyr. In other words, OTT drama and angst.

Lucy says

I admit I was a little worried going into this one because it sounded so angsty – the dead mate and baby really made it questionable for me. And it was sad. Caleb's mate, Alec, died in a car accident along with their unborn child. Caleb has no family, no one to care for him as he's grievously injured from the crash and grieving for his lost family and future. When Alec's twin brother, Dustin, come to take Caleb back to the homestead, Caleb is understandably scared but he's also so numb from it all that he just goes with it.

Meeting Alec's mother, Noreen, who considers him the reason Alec didn't return home, makes things so much worse. Noreen is a serious piece of work. I hated her, even after she softened some. She does things and says things throughout that make you wonder how two loving brothers survived her raising them.

While it did seem like it was too soon for Caleb and Dustin, there was imprinting happening, which apparently didn't happen with Caleb and Alec. Caleb feels guilt about that - things took longer with Alec but I liked that it did. They fell in love on their own, no shifter bonds. Now there is a fated mate bond and it makes it different from Alec. I liked that Alec and the baby are never pushed aside or forgotten, and appreciated that Caleb had a difficult time with his feelings. That made sense.

There's Mpreg in here, along with knotting, a nasty mother-in-law, a Federation issue of the highest caliber, a runaway Omega girl and some interesting side characters that I loved (Zander, Ariel). This is a nice start to a series and I look forward to continuing!

I want Zander to have a story and have it very soon. Just sayin.

Laura Nelson (Tangents and Tissues) says

This PNR girl is very happy. It was also my very first MPREG read to boot! I spent a lazy Sunday afternoon getting lost in Caleb and Dustin's story. It was a very easy read, which swept me away to the plains of Oklahoma, and left me with all the warm and fuzzies at the end.

Caleb loses the future, and family, he envisaged in the blink of an eye. Struggling to come to terms with his heart-breaking loss, he once again, finds himself all alone. Yet, maybe he's not as alone as he first thinks.

Alpha Dustin strives to always do the right thing. He may have lost his twin brother, but Caleb has lost, not only his mate, but his unborn child as well. Offering Caleb a home with his pack seems the least he can do. The fact he feels an instant attraction to the grief-stricken omega is just an added complication he could do without.

As Caleb settles in to life on the farm, it becomes apparent that the attraction is not at all one-sided. Each scared to reveal their secrets and admit their feelings for fear of being rejected. Let alone what others may think! My thoughts? – to hell with what others may think. Embrace the chance of happiness.

"Maybe the timing isn't right now, but I can't think of two people whose broken edges fit together better than yours do."

There was minimal angst, despite the MIL from hell. I have to confess I had a few mutterings to myself about her. I may *coughs*, or may not have, given her a few home truths as I was reading – don't say a word! I loved learning about all the shifter dynamics, and how their world operated. Yet, at the heart of the story was such a sweet love story where two men find love, and a home in each other, that they never imagined.

Note: Copy kindly received from author in exchange for an honest review.

Melissa says

This was a very well done story. The shifter aspect is very mild and honestly could have been done away with and the story would have been the same. The two MC's only shift once and that's towards the end when Dustin marks Caleb.

The story centers around Caleb, who was mated to Alec - Dustin's twin brother - and his grief over Alec's death and that of his unborn baby. The two were involved in a car accident, killing Alec, and Caleb either had a miscarriage or the baby died as a result of the accident and the doctors had to perform surgery. I wasn't sure which, but it doesn't matter because the baby didn't make it, which was super sad.

Caleb is stuck in his grief, and Dustin is too, but to complicate matters, as soon as he meets Caleb, he imprints on him - not by choice, obviously. The tears and grief felt very genuine on both sides, and I thought

Dustin handled his feelings towards Caleb very maturely and authentically. There was nothing improbable about how these two dealt with the aftermath. I like this in a book and completely enjoy true to life actions.

In the end, the two agree it's weird to have feelings for each other so soon after Alec's death, but they also know that Alec would want them to be together. Alec was a very good man, and THIS I loved. I was so happy to see the previous partner come off in a good light. So often the ex-partner is shown as a villain, or just a cruel person, or flawed in some way. Thankfully Dustin and Caleb are left with good memories of this man they both loved.

There are some rather - trying - moments with Dustin's mother who is a bitch at first, but somehow her attitude changes (I didn't exactly buy into this but went with it anyway) for the better. I will tell you there is an HEA for all, and these two I expect will be very happy together. I look forward to the next book in the series (I need to look up who that is about).

3.5 stars round up to 4, because I felt this was better than just posting it at 3 stars.

Rachel Emily says

Well, this was a lovely surprise! A spin-off series from LC Davis' Mountain Shifter series, and I was so excited to see this and also get a review copy. I love his shifters, his romance, the way he writes ABO relationships and hurt/comfort. I just love it.

This seems like it takes place a couple years after the most recent Mountain Shifter book since the Furitive (I know I'm spelling that wrong but I don't have the book with me) breeding program has been initiated and we are reading about the results and goings on about the program. I don't think you'd absolutely have to read the MS series to understand this one since it's definitely a different pack and different area.

I really thought that things were handled very well here - it's tough to read a story where a character loses his husband AND child, only to find someone else to love so quickly. But I thought that Dustin and Caleb were respectful of Alec and their baby's unfortunate passing. Dustin imprints on Caleb (which I'm assuming means that Alec and Caleb did not imprint and were not fated mates) but Dustin obviously worries that he can't expect Caleb to feel the same after just losing his husband and baby. Caleb also feels the pull and they eventually give in.

I loved so many things about this story, all the new characters we get to meet, how things are being handled with the breeding program, and the romance between Dustin and Caleb. I'm hoping that Zander's story is next!

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Mimi says

3.5 stars

Great start to a new series. I hope a new Mpreg shifter series. I'm looking forward to Zander's story.

Tracy~Bayou Book Junkie says

4 Stars

When Dustin's twin brother, Alec, is killed in a car accident he heads to New York to collect his mate, Caleb, and bring him back home.

Caleb is devastated when he not only loses Alec, but their unborn child as well. He is broken and a shell of the man he once was, but having no other family or place to go, the Omega agrees to go home with his brother-in-law and continue to heal from the car accident.

Dustin, an Alpha, imprints on Caleb right away, but out of respect for his deceased twin, as well as to give Caleb time to heal properly, he tries to keep his distance and growing feelings for Caleb to himself. Can Caleb get passed the guilt he feels for the attraction he feels and the feelings he is developing for his dead mate's twin brother?

So, my co-bloggers challenged me to read a shifter book and although it's taken some time, I finally got the nerve to try. It's strange because I've read them in MF, but never MM and I have no clue why, but I'm glad I decided to pick up A Cowboy For Caleb.

While it was heartbreaking to read of Caleb's loss, the author does a good job with the timeline of his healing process. Caleb moving on wasn't rushed and I didn't feel like Alec was forgotten or that his memory intruded overwhelmingly into the story and the budding relationship between Caleb and Dustin. The story was well-balanced in this respect.

Both Caleb and Dustin were sweet and likable and they fit well together. The story was well-written and interesting. They had good chemistry and although there isn't much, the sex was passionate and loving.

Let's talk about Dustin's mother. I wanted to throat punch that evil woman! She was mean and nasty and I know she makes amends in the end, but for me it was too little, and too late. I absolutely hated her. Sorry I had to vent, now Blake, Dustin's father seemed sweet, friendly and caring. I liked him as well as Dustin's best friend, Xander. The secondary characters were all well developed and really added to the story nicely.

My one real issue was, even though Caleb definitely had male parts, I found his character read more like a female and in my head I had to keep reminding myself this was a male and not a female. This was a bit disconcerting. I think part of it is because he had roles in the household and relationship that are primarily seen in female characters, not that I don't think men can cook and clean, I also think maybe the pregnancy threw me off, I've never read m-preg before, so maybe you get used to these roles the more you read them? Still, this was an enjoyable and recommendable read.

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Karen Lane says

What a great start to a new series

4.25 stars

I always struggle when books start with a sad event, I feel sad. But sometimes loss means new beginnings, and that's what this book is about. Caleb has such great loss, not believing he deserves or will ever get a second chance at happiness, but like all good romances, in walks Dustin to save the day. Without rehashing the blurb too much, Caleb was Dustin's twin brothers mate, Dustin goes to bring his brother home to rest, but unbeknownst to him, his life is about to change forever. Guilt and sadness rule their lives, until finally when faced with more loss they accept what is happening. The book wasn't overly long, in fact it was just right, and of course sets it up for a second book at least. I suppose the reason why I didn't give it a slightly higher rating was because although a shifter book, there was only 1 scene as wolves. I expected a little more about the pack and being shifters, and probably a little more angst with the federation would of been interesting. I enjoyed this book, and I look forward to the next one in the series.

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Tanu Gill says

3.5 stars

Okaaaay. So I don't really like stories with cowboys, they're not my favourite type of character, but I gave this book a chance anyway because not buying a book by L. C. Davis was eating away at me heavily. So as I told him, too, I couldn't take that feeling any longer and went ahead to give it a try.

I have mixed feelings about this one. After getting a thrilling ride everytime I read a Mountain Shifters book, I was looking forward to something like that. So the slow, subdued pace of story and domestic setting I got, I'm not sure it was the result of the period of adjustment after Futurus Initiative came into action or just the setting of the plains itself.

Also, the length of the story and the lack of too many secondary characters didn't give me a chance to fully immerse myself in their world. Rather, it felt like the whole book happened in a single room. I don't know what I am saying, but it just felt very...tight, no room for stretching and feeling it out.

BUT I'm not going to let it set me back. I have a soft spot for MPREG and when it gets the branding of L. C. Davis, I know that I will end up giving it a shot. So I am still going to eagerly anticipate the next book in this series (giving a shout out to Zander, and maybe Ariel's brother?) and in the Mountain Shifters series.

Joyfully Jay says

A Joyfully Jay review.

3.75 stars

A Cowboy for Caleb is the first book in L.C. Davis' new Great Plains Shifters series. I learned after reading it that this is a spin off of her Mountain Shifters series, but while I haven't read any of those books, I had no problem following along with this story.

What drew me to try this book was the connection between Dustin and Caleb and the idea of one brother falling for his twin's mate. I was a little worried this would take a turn towards the overly sensational, but I thought this part of the story was handled really nicely. The first portion of the book focuses on the aftermath of Alec's death and the men getting to know one another. We don't get an exact timeline, but there are at least a couple of months between Alec's death and the guys getting together, so while fast, it wasn't ridiculous. This part of the book shows the guys connecting, getting to know one another, and trying to hide their growing feelings. I think the mate bonding that Dustin feels is a little too convenient a way to exonerate him for any perceived wrongdoing in falling for his brother's mate; I kind of would have liked to see these guys just fall in love on their own without that element. But I think Davis does a nice job building their relationship here and showing their struggle, even as they find the pull between them is too strong to ignore.

Read Jay's review in its entirety [here](#).

~☆~Danni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

I have certain expectations when I read shifter books, and this book failed to meet most of them:

WORLD BUILDING: Non existent. The entire story basically takes place in Dustin's house. There is mention of the pack living in a small town and other pack towns, but where are the humans? Do the shifters walk among them? How does the pack support itself? Do these shifters have jobs? Your guess is as good as mine.

SHIFTING: Call me crazy, but when I read a wolf shifter story, I expect . . . well, WOLVES. We get only one short shifting scene here, and that's it. There's no mention of pack runs or wolf legends or anything that would differentiate these MCs from humans.

FIERCENESS: I want biting, clawing, hot sex, passion. I like these things in ANY story, but they're mandatory when we're dealing with wolves, who are closer to their animal natures. Dustin and Caleb's romance was a big snooze fest. The steam was LOW; knotting was barely mentioned.

MPREG: I don't require mpreg. I can take it or leave it, but if mpreg is going to be a thing, I need some details.

VILLAIN: A villain is not mandatory, but if you're going to include one, they should be sneaky, unexpected, and intelligent. A bitchy, conniving mother does not a good villain make, especially when her deceitful, cruel behavior goes unpunished and she's completely forgiven in the end.

EDITING: This is a given with any published work. I found a few grammatical issues, but my biggest pet peeve was the overuse of the words "the omega" and "the Alpha." Referring to yourself or others by roles feels really forced.

To be fair, the MCs, especially Caleb, were likable. I liked how sweet Dustin was with Caleb, and the epilogue tugged at my heartstrings. The cardinals were a nice touch. Even so, I most likely won't read another book by this author.

Didi says

There's plenty of potential in store here. The ABO dynamics and Mpreg element in are interesting for sure. The same can be said for the characters; such as the MCs are not leaping at the chance to claim his destined mate *just because* fate intend them to, hint of painful past in one of the secondary character, or the unusual of Alphas mating one another like another side character. I get the gist of the the story. Yet I feel there's something off with it as a whole, in a way like there's insufficient bulk to form a shape. Perhaps it's me being unfamiliar with the author's writing, given this is the first L.C. Davis's book for me.

Caleb and Dustin are likable enough characters, each with their usual Alpha and Omega traits. Plus - like I mentioned earlier- although there's obvious chemistry between them, they don't act on it straight away. Trying to keep a level head and not solely relying on their inner wolf instinct, so to speak. Both their POVs give off this sentiment to me.

Plot-wise, A Cowboy for Caleb is rather sedate-paced. It's nice to read a shifter story with a rather soft romance (it's pretty tame on the heat-o-meter level) and less pack-politics like this one. There's family drama with malicious pack member that predictably went south. On this regard, I like how it's all resolved.

For the first book in a series, this book proffer any possibilities (there's that secondary character I mentioned earlier for one). This entry also doesn't have much in the way of shifting compared to shifters stories I've read so far. As for the world building, I haven't got a solid picture but it's still early in the series. Overall, this is an interesting but subdued start to the series. I'm still game to look into what the next book bring.

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Diverse says

4.5 Stars

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This book ended up being a truly wonderful surprise. I never read this author before and the blurb made me very nervous. Omega falls in love with his deceased mate's twin brother. Eeeep! Yeah, I was scared because it's a hard story line to pull off and make the reader believe it's real. In this case, the author did an amazing job.

Let's talk about Caleb. He's everything in this story. I adored him. He's stronger than he realizes and yes, he had me crying a few times. His past was a pathway of shattered rejection and choices. Until he met Alec and they fell in love, only to have that love taken away. When he meets Dustin he is prepared for more rejection, hatred, and blame. But, Dustin will surprise you with his awesomeness.

Dustin is the alpha and he's the best kind of alpha there can be. Protective, but he respects his omega's choices of freedom. He grieves for the loss of his brother all the while embracing what is happening with

him and Caleb.

This is book one of this series and there's no doubt that if the rest of this series is as good as this one it will be a top shifter series. The author did this in dual POV and that just made it even better. I love being in the head of the MC's. The emotion is felt in these guys and you won't help but feel moved by everything they go through.

Great read!!
