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26 year old Presley Goult's life is anything but ordinary. Her mother abandoned her as a toddler after her father's death, leaving Presley to be raised by the only family she has left-her uncle Arnold. After years of being away she returns heartbroken and devastated knowing this is the last place she wants to be.

Unbeknownst to her, Kadenburg is not your ordinary town. There are secrets that have been kept from Presley for her own good. Will she find out the truth of who she is and the part she will play in the war that is about to erupt before it is too late to save everyone that she loves?

28 year old Lorcan Bamey was Presley's best friend growing up. He has always been there for her when she needed a friend and someone to lean on. Although he has always wanted more from Presley, rules are rules and he was forbidden to express his interest in having a relationship with her. You see, his upbringing was very different from most of the boys in town; the female must make the choice. It is part of Urseth's law; laws that Presley will soon discover when her uncle finally decides to be honest about their ancestry.

Will Presley accept the truth about Kadenburg, and herself, in time to save her people?

## **The Truth about Kadenburg Details**

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## Louisa says

Presley is doing the one thing she would never do return to her home town of Kadenburg. After a painful breakup with the man she thought she would spend the rest of her life with it's a hard home coming for her. Thankful she has her Uncle Arnold and her childhood friend Lorcan to help her through this tough time.

Little does she know that her uncle has been keeping a secret from her that she has the ability to shape-shift into a bear. There is worse news to come she and the other bears must deal with a pack of shape-shifting wolves hell bent on wiping out the bears.

T.E. Ridener is an excellent writer her characters are well written so that you feel invested in their lives and want to know the outcome of the stories.

This is the 2nd series I have read of hers and loved all the books I have read so far. Just about to start the second book - Return to Kadenburg

This one read you won't regret.

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## Seregon says

When 26 year old Presley Gault has a miscarriage and her boyfriend kicks her out (nice guy, huh?) she returns to Kadenburg-the small town where she grew up. Her uncle who raised her welcomes her back with open arms, but he's got his own secrets and they include Presley's mother who abandoned her. Before long she runs into Lorcan, whose older brother was recently killed.

The town's secrets include werewolves, ursithropes (half humans, half bear. Yes bear), and laws that dictate no male can approach a female first, as it is impolite and ungentlemanly. It is the female who must make the first move. Women making the first move...without being judged? I'm all about this!

Lorcan is a super sweetheart, but protective. He's a guy who, when Presley fights along side the men even though tradition dictates the opposite, says "You heard the lady. Let's go!" He's strong and supportive and someone who gets vengeance for his brother, yet as his woman fights beside him he welcomes her without feeling threatened.

The only reason I gave this a 4 instead of 5 is b/c bears aren't my thing really, but it's a very modern and more feminist version of Goldilocks and the 3 bears with a little bit of the big bad wolf thrown in.

Side note to T. E. Ridener: thank you for making a female character that's been through some crap, but strong enough to save herself and thank you for not making her love interest some rich super alpha jackass. It's refreshing!

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## **Debbie says**

4.5 stars.

Presley returns home to Kadenburg after her relationship breaks down. she finds little changed except....Lorcan. that boy did grow up mighty fine!

However, things are not as they seem, and Presley has been denied her true heritage. this is corrected, however, when all she loves is threatened.

an amazing tale of shifter bears, the Usithropes and werewolves, the Lycanthropes. there is no love between these breeds, and the leader of the wolves will stop at nothing to wipe the bears out completely. so, yes violence plays a part in this book, but I found it all very inkeeping with the tale, and not too graphic. some heavy petting, but no actual sex, (I do hope they finally get together in the next book!) the story moves along at a good pace, keeping you on the tip of you toes the whole way through!

the way the relationship between Presley and Lorcan grows is magical, made different by the fact that Lorcan is NOT ALLOWED to state his interest in Presley, due to their laws. Women make the first move! how Presley deals with her heritage is well written and, actually, until it was written down in front of me, I didn't click she was Usithrope! Lorcan deals with the death of his brother, finding out his brother has a mate, and said mate is not only MALE, but WOLF too! leads to an attack from Lorcan's father and a lovely scene when Lorcan's mother realise what the wolf says is all true, and she can smell Luke's love on him.

now all they have to do, is defeat a whole pack of werewolves hell bent on annihilation of the bears!

I won a copy of Return to Kadenburg, so guess what im off to read next!

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## **Sarah says**

I loved this book. The author knows how to include you in her world and keep you there. The characters are one of a kind and once you start you will want more. If you need a good shifter romance this is for you.

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## **Marichus Real says**

A friend of mine bought this ebook and gave it to me as a present.

I've just read this book and I did like it a lot. If you put together pain, deception, hatred, power, selfishness, and a big dose of love you can have a nice story. However, put all these ingredients in the hands of a hell of a writer as T. E. Ridener and the story is just breathtaking.

Ursithropes (bear shifters) against lycanthropes (wolf shifters). Before reading it, I thought it would be difficult to think about a romance with a bear but from the very beginning of the book I changed my mind feeling I could easily fall for Lorcan. The way the author describe the characters drives you right into the story to fight along with Lorcan and his family to keep Kadenburg free of the stinky wolves.

A very easy reading and difficult to put it aside. Looking forward for the rest of the story. Well done, T. E. Ridener!

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## Ashley says

The Truth about Kadenburg - I read this book in a bit less than a day. I loved it, I have a feeling I love most books I can actually make it through because it leaves me wanting more and I just can't put it down.

TTAK is about shifters - ursithropes (bear shifters) and lycanthropes (wolf shifters), the war between the two species will soon be seen.

Presley has always lived her life as a "normal" girl, until she comes back home to Kadenburg and her life is turned upside down and back up again. She is a strong woman, who as had some not so good things happen. She will get through this and accept everything that she learns!

Lorcan - oh Lorcan, you are just the cutest thing of all time.... wait I am not talking to him. Lorcan has to wait for Presley to make the first move, and oh is the wait worth it. I love how sweet and protective he is.

Dimitri - He took me for a spin that's for sure, it was great and I thought the way that Ms. Ridener wrote him in was perfect, you never hear about the situations (I don't like writing that like that but I don't want to give it away) in stories and the way that she brought this in made it all perfect and brought everything together.

I recommend this book to anyone who loves a paranormal romance with not a lot of hot and steamy scenes! This plot was written so well and will be worth the read.

\*I received an ARC copy of this book in exchange for an honest review\*

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## Daria says

\*\*\*\*\* book received from the Author for a honest review\*\*\*\*\*

Presley seemed to always seemed to into something, she's made some bad choices for herself and the only thing left for her to do is go back home. Home for her is a ever small town of Kadenburg, TN that puts a whole new mean "one horse" town. Everyone knows everyone and everyone's business. Coming home for Presley was less than bittersweet.

Presley has some bones in her closet rattling, her father is dead and her mother abandoned her. If it wasn't for her Uncle Arnold, she be more of a mess than she already is. At least her good friend Lorcan is still here, she has to wonder what a sexy well put together man like Lorcan is still in this boring town. When they do meet up again in the diner, Presley finds herself stuck on stupid gazing at him as if there is no one else around.

Lorcan a drop dead sexy beast of a man, catches the sweetest scent his nose can pick up. He sees that the beautiful Presley is back home, and his scenes go off kilter. His beast pushes him, but he knows ancient law keeps him from acting on his feelings. He and his brother has always been around Presley growing up of course the same school ect, ect. Loran always just seemed to be in the right place and the right time when Presley needed him (Even though she didn't know she needed him)

An old war between Usithropes and the Lycanthropes will brew danger to the small town, its bloody past as caused more than one family to move away. Lorcan's brother was brutally killed, and revenge is in the air. Locan and his family will get help from a unlikely source. But will it be enough to stave off the incredible

odds that Bear shifters face?

First off I enjoyed the story, though I struggled with it a bit in the beginning. Well written and author showed talent. It just didn't grab me as other shifter books has. Smiles, but you can feel the emotions that Lorcan was dealing with, the loss of his brother and the need to protect his family and Presley. My heart went out to Arnold Presley's uncle and even though I wished he would have done a few things differently, what he did and how he did it was out of love for the chubby fingered girl that he had in his care. For me the story could have had a bit more spice to it, but all in all a good book and I recommended to anyone that likes shifters. Enjoy.

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### **Erin says**

I'm giving this one 3.5 stars

I can see some potential for this series as I really love shifter books but something held me back from totally loving it

This one didn't quite drag me in but I wanted to know what happened and read it until the end. I will give the second one a go and hopefully it will entice me more

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### **For the Love of Books says**

5 AMAZING STARS

This is the first book in the series and I am on pins and needles waiting on the next one. I received this book from T.E. Ridener and started reading it at once. I then found myself several hours later (3 a.m.), still reading, entranced in the story of Presley and Lorcan. I read this book in one sitting and could not put it down! If you are a fan of paranormal romance then this is definitely the book for you! But, you can't have Lorcan, he's mine!!! :) There is action and adventure galore and you will also swoon over the romance. It's one of those romances that makes you just melt at the love Lorcan displays for Presley. But let me go ahead and warn you, there is a BIG cliffhanger, but it is SO worth dangling over the edge until the next book comes out. Until then, I will be re-reading The Truth about Kadenburg so I can get my fill of Lorcan and Presley. This is a wonderful beginning to what I know is going to be an AMAZING series!

~Lauren~

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### **Erica says**

The Truth About Kadenburg is an intriguing story, it draws you in and keeps you there to the very end!

Presley is about to do the one thing she never wanted to do, come home to Kadenburg.

She's lived life in the city with a man she loved only to have it all fall apart, and now she's returning to her home in smalltown Tennessee.

After suffering a mind numbing loss followed by the rejection of her boyfriend she's back in Kadenburg.

She comes home to her uncle, and many old friends only to find things are not what she always believed them to be.

Presley is a ursithrope(bear shifter)only she never knew this. Her family and the Bamey's (her high school crushes family) are the only ursithropes left in Kadenburg thanks to the lycanthropes (wolf shifters), who killed her father and ran the other ursithrope families out of town.

She's back in Kadenburg and so are they, and they want Presley.

Lorcan Bamey has always known Presley is for him. In the ursithrope world the man cannot go after a female, it must be her decision. He's determined to keep her safe and let her know, indirectly, that he is hers.

After shifting for the first time, things begin to become clearer to Presley, her inner bear guides her, but she hasn't had enough time with her new self to know how to control her bear and fight when the lycanthropes come for them.

I love this story, it keeps you hanging on, drawn into the story so you can't put it down. I read this one in one day, I just couldn't stop reading, I had to know what was next! In the end the fight comes to the ursithropes door, and against the males advice, Presley stands to fight with them.

I can't wait for the next book, I'm hooked on Kadenburg and NEED to see what happens next!

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## **Joood Hooligan says**

<http://www.platypire.com/j-hooligan/t...>

I've heard a lot of good things about this author, so I figured it was time to finally check out of her books. Honestly I didn't give much thought to which I picked. I grabbed the one at the top of the list on her Amazon page without even reading the synopsis.

I can assure you that I do not regret my decision. The main character, Presley Goult, was fantastic. Despite all the bad that has been thrown at her, she's one heck of a person. If this story had just focused on her, I'd have been content. Thing is, there's a whole gaggle of awesome in this book.

Despite the captivating storyline and wonderful characters, there are some issues that made it hard for me to be immersed. For one, there's a number of grammar and typo issues. (There's a point where Liam is called Lima, as an example.) Other than that, the story does ramble on a bit and sometimes starts a point without finishing it.

All together, I really did enjoy reading this. It was a fantastic telling of bear shifters versus wolf shifters with some romantic bits in between. I am looking forward to book 2.

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## Debbie says

WOW. Now that was a nice story. I'm so glad I read this. I entered a competition and won a copy of book 2 Return to Kadenburg. After talking to the amazing author TE Ridener who offered to gift me this as well as the copy I had won (how nice is that) I actually did go and buy it. Authors need to eat too. As I said to Ms Ridener the Ebook is cheaper than a cup of coffee and I get to keep it forever.

I haven't really spent much time reading about other types of Were. I mean I have read the Anita Blake and I know she has all types of different Were. I know there are others too. Mostly all you get is the Wolf. I love the wolf. Big ex marine, cowboy or biker wolf....\*fanning face\*

I loved this to though. I liked the bears and the idea of the Bear.

Loved the history lesson on how and why the were-bear came to be. I thought that was a great touch.

This is a paranormal romance, just not your usual. Another thing I love about the were-bears is that its up to the woman to decide. Lately all the novels I have been reading have been about dominant alpha males. I understand how the mating idea works and its really hard on the males especially if the females aren't being co-operative. The nice thing about the bear culture though is that even though they are alpha and very dominant they still leave it for the female to make the first move. Beautiful. It was so wonderful to read the thoughts of this headstrong young male Lorcan about how Presley was his mate and he wanted to go against tradition and the ways of the bear and claim her as his own and then sense prevail and him say he will wait,that's how it had to be.

Now its not only romance. There is a little bit of danger and some action in this story. Lorcan's brother is killed by a werewolf because the Alpha didn't want 1 of his wolves being mated to a bear let a lone a male being mated to a male. So he killed him. (Liams' parents accept Dimitri into their family when they learn he was Liams' mate) That's it for spoilers.

Couple of days and I will read and review book 2.

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## Pamijo Perkins says

I have read bits and pieces of this book since Tonya first started writing it. I was so excited when she sent me the completed book. I fell in love with Presley, felt her pain, her joy, her fear in discovering parts of her life, and that of others. The secrets cannot go on forever.

Lorcan has been in love with her since he has known her. He recognizes her as his mate. What he goes through to protect Presley, and convince her he is in love with her, is so tender, and loving. Lorcan, I love you!

Dimitri was a huge shock, but an important piece of the story.

The friendship between Lorcan, Presley, and Dimitri grow, so then passes into other family members. All of these coming together, with each having their own personal reasons to love, to protect, and to find the "Truth In Kadenburg".

I highly recommend this book. Especially to those who have never read about Urseth's, (Bear shifters.)

I can't wait to read her next book about Presley and Lorcan. In it's entirety!

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## **Mad about says**

Read this is just over a day as it was so addictive and compelling I genuinely had to know what was happening next.

Presley is back home in a small Tennessee town after moving away years ago with her ex-boyfriend. Things didn't turn out how she'd planned so she's back with her Uncle Arnold and expects the slow humdrum life she had before only now she's older and see's her childhood friend Lorcan in a different light.

Lorcan is stunned to see Presley again and realises his dream of the two of them ending up together could finally come true although first he has to come clean with the fact that he's an Ursinthrope (Bear shifter).

The pace was steady but peaked and ebbed when it was needed. The characters are all perfect and fit the storyline well, I particularly like Lorcan's parents and their funny quirks that pop up i.e. liking honey. It is a paranormal romance but it's not thrown in your face and it doesn't overwhelm the story but more told in a matter of fact way that we're bears get used to it. So glad I have the sequel to read as an ARC as I can't wait to read on.

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## **Ashley Hampton says**

The first book in the Kadenburg Shifters Series introduces you to most of the major players you need to know (the shifters - wolves and bears) and the rules and customs of each group. While Presley and Lorcan are the main couple, you learn about all of the characters in a wildly fascinating manner that is well-written, easy to follow, and SUPER interesting!

At first, I was a little leery to read this series, as I thought it may feel a bit like the final fight in the Twilight series. However, I was VERY wrong. It took one chapter in the first book for me to be hooked, which is pretty early for me. I immediately felt a kindred spirit with Presley. Having gone through similar things, I identified with her early on. I love her determination and her independence, yet her complete ability (eventually) to depend on her chosen family. Lorcan was easy to adore, as his complete infatuation with Presley was genuinely heartfelt. The remainder of the characters are just as lovable and easy to read as Presley and Lorcan.

I thought this book was extremely well written. It was very easy for me to follow the multiple points of view, as well as the many story lines for each of the characters. I loved this book so much that I immediately started reading the second one and put off work all day today in order to finish the second book. Although I'll pay for that later, I could not stop reading! I highly recommend this book (and the second in the series), even if paranormal/shifter books are not your usual genre. You'll genuinely enjoy the story and the characters!

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