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A curse can erase her from his mind, but never from his heart.

" and the Beast, Book 1"

After three years at war, the High Lord of the Forest returns to his lands, a victorious wolf leader intent on claiming his mate. Instead Ciar finds an empty bed and a court with no recollection of the woman he loved. Following her long-cold trail proves far easier than facing what awaits him at the end.

Sabine's first instinct is to beg her beloved to leave. The High Lord's mother hired a witch to curse Sabine, desperate to wipe the lowborn wolf from her son's mind. But the spell worked too well, and Sabine has vanished from the thoughts of everyone who sees her. Including her own family.

The edges of his memory already blurring, Ciar and Sabine must race to find a way to reverse the spell. Yet every searing moment together is not enough to stop the curse's inexorable progress. His only chance is to bind Sabine to him too tightly to be forgotten, before she disappears once and for all.

Warning: This story contains cruel betrayal, destined love, vile curses, smoldering reunions, wicked deeds between wanton shapeshifters and a happily-ever-after worthy of any fairy tale. "

Sabine Details

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Jess the Romanceaholic says

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Three long years ago, Ciar, the High Lord of the Forest, left his lands for battle. He left behind the Sabine, the woman he loved but had refused to mate for fear that he would die in battle and leave her alone for the rest of her days. However, his mother never approved of Sabine as her son's lover and potential mate, thinking the lowborn wolf was no match for her royal son. His mother's witch cursed Sabine, with the intent that Ciar would forget about her and mate with someone more "worthy" of the match. The curse backfired, however, and instead of merely causing Ciar to forget her, now everyone who has contact with her is destined to forget her.

When Ciar returns from war, he's furious to discover that not only is Sabine not waiting for him, but that his mother and all those around her claim to have no idea who he is talking about when he asks after her. Seeking her out, he comes across Sabine in a broken-down shack where she has been living since she was cast out of the castle after Ciar's departure.

Refusing to touch him, for touch merely speeds along the curse, Sabine reluctantly agrees to travel with Ciar to the palace to attempt to convince the witch to break the curse, but even refusing touch is not enough to prevent Ciar from falling victim to the heartbreaking curse..

Overall, I of course adored it. I love the world in which there are different kinds of shifters who warred amongst themselves but have now gained a measure of peace, and where different species have different "mating magic". I also loved the premise with the curse, and how incredibly horrific it would have to be to live with it, never having a single friend, or really being able to interact with other people.

On thing I do question, is will there be a sequel involving Farran and Iloria?? The next book up in the series according to the authors' website is Kisri (which I already have pre-ordered, and so should you) and centers around the lion shifters mentioned in this book. I'm desperate to find out what will happen with Farran and Iloria in the future, and really hope that they have a sequel planned for them. So Moira Rogers, if you're reading this, HINT HINT ;)

4.5/5 Stars

Cecile says

I was given this book for an honest review and my honest thoughts, so here goes...

Ms. Moira is not a new author to me. In fact, I would have to say that Ms. Moira is a go-to author for me. Her skills of making me fall in love, making me feel like I am on pins and needles and simply enjoy her creative story telling has made her one of my favorite authors. She has the unique ability to make you fall in love with her tales of love and happy ever after and it doesn't matter what size her stories may be.

And this story was no different. Actually, this story had me in a sniffal the whole time. This is a story of utter "love over comes all" essence. Ms. Moira will make you believe and pray that love will conquer all. That love will prevail the evil of the world.

Sabine and Ciar's story will touch you like no other. It truly is a sweet and endearing story with a touch of hurtful sorrow to it. I don't want to give away to much of the story since it is a short story - but this story will touch a part of you and make you go.... Awwwww.

The passion is thick, the betrayal hurtful and the reunion priceless. Ms. Moira did an outstanding job of making me wish for my own Ciar. Someone to fight for me till the death. Someone who knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that I was theirs.

If you pick this one up, I promise you won't be disappointed. In fact, quite the opposite... Enjoy...

Ms. Moira, I will be looking for more... Hint hint

Susi says

This novella is set in a wonderful fantasy world with all the things we usually love about Moira Rogers work- sexy shifters. *g* I myself have a very soft spot for those so I was thrilled to realize we would find those in this series too. The setting itself is very different from what we're used to "Moira Rogers"- wise. We jump headfirst into a world where the 4 shifter nations are at war with each other- or better said the war just ended.

Our hero, Ciar- just came back to his mansion(more like a castle actually) to realize that nothing is as he left it behind. His one big love is gone without any trace. Everyone seems to deny even her existence. So he starts searching for her and when he finds her everything gets only more complicated even though he thought all his problems are solved. Ciar is a warrior with a very good heart. He's compassionate and cares deeply for his people. He's the kind of leader you have to wish for- he isn't above actually joining a battle. I loved how his strength stood in contrast to his feelings and the way he actually showed his emotion. He's over head and heels for Sabine and would do anything to get her back. He feels guilty for what happened to her even though he only had her best interests in mind.

Sabine is only a shadow of the woman she once was. Life wasn't fair to her and after living a life of forced exclusion she is lonely. She's hurting and all this loneliness nearly destroyed the strong and teasing woman she was. At first glance she seems to have resigned- but after a few pages into this story we discover how much strength she still has left. I highly admired her and her strength of character. She and Ciar are made for each other and with every beat of heart she wants to be near him but she also knows what's at stake when she

actually risks it.

The tension in this novella is extreme high. Our protagonists are drawn to each like magnets but they still have to keep their distance. Only through talk and a glance here and there they actually bring their attraction to a new high and we as the reader are taken on a ride we won't forget that easily. I loved how their relationship rebuilt from page to page. It was fascinating to see how deep their connection is and even more that it survives so much durance.

The plot was nicely woven into the love story and through the story I often wondered how Moira Rogers would solve this whole mess. In the end it was easier than I thought it would be and perhaps I would have like some more struggle.

Sabine is a wonderful fantasy romance- spicy emotional and romantic. A bit more thrill at the end would have spiced things up a bit but I can't say that this really made the book any less worth my time. Highly recommended for the short and very enjoyable break in between.

Erin Shanahan says

Very quick read. Not amazing but not horrible

(Tori-Smexybooks) smexys_sidekick says

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Favorite Quote: "Something was missing, had slipped through his fingers like a spirit, and the world seemed paler without it."

Once upon a time the High Lord of the Forest who went off to battle. He left behind a beautiful young woman whom he loved with all his heart. However, the High Lord's mother did not approve of the young lowborn wolf and tried everything to get her to leave the castle. When all attempts failed the High Lord's mother had a witch cast a spell on the young lady. The spell caused everyone around her to forget her. Soon, the castle inhabitants all forgot her and she left.

When the High Lord returned from war, he found his love gone. So he searched and found her. But the young lady was scared. If they stayed together, he too would forget her. But the Lord would not be denied. He would find away to break the spell and bind his love to him forever.

In the true fashion of fairy tales, this short but powerful novella takes us on an emotionally magical journey filled with deception, betrayal, and the power of true love. Moira Rogers creates a fantastic world that makes you feel as if the story was written just for you. Coupled with their dynamic and endearing characters; Sabine is a tiny treasure to read.

I found myself falling deeply in love with Sabine & Ciar. Both strong and intelligent; the passion and love between these two soul mates leaps off the pages. With some naughty, naughty smex scenes for the cherry on top of my shifter lovin' sundae.

The betrayal that is cast upon them heartbreaking and I found myself tearing up. *sniff*

A climatic ending that is worthy of fairy tale lore as they confront Ciar's mother and the witch. There is also a small surprise for a friend of Ciar's that I hope leads to it's own novella.

All in all a wonderful sexy fairy tale and I look forward to the second book in the series, Kisri (and the beast#2), which releases June 21st, 2011.

Rating: B

Caroline The HEA Lover says

*(This was originally posted on **Book Lovers Inc**)*

I admit that I've never been disappointed by the books I've read by Moira Rogers. I'm happy to say, I was once again charmed by the authors' writing. Sabine is a very short but very steamy fairy tale. From the very start you are thrown into this fantasy world and everything just flows right. The world-building was artfully done, you're not crushed by pages of back story, it's just very easy to get into this world.

Sabine has been cursed by a witch and ever since, everyone she knew has forgotten about her. She just became a stranger to them all. She's been living alone for years now, doomed to solitude. Why was she cursed? Because the High Lord was in love with her and his mother disapproved of the relationship. She wanted her son to forget about Sabine, but somehow the curse backfired and everyone forgot about her.

When Ciar comes back from war, all he wants is to find Sabine. When he realizes no one remembers her he starts searching for her. In this world the characters are Were-animals, and just so you know, it doesn't change anything to how beautiful this love story was. The authors made it look so natural, you could easily forget they are not completely human.

When Ciar and Sabine meet again, she's afraid he will forget her if she touches him. Ciar doesn't want to forget her, he wants his love for her to be stronger than the spell, he is resolute to find a way to reverse the spell. It was very heart-wrenching to see them suffer like this. Sabine's acceptance of the inevitable was very moving. Their passion was very intense, even if they couldn't touch (maybe BECAUSE they couldn't touch). I really enjoyed reading this book.

Sabine reads like a very beautiful fairy tale. It's a fast and sweet read. I can't tell much more about it without revealing too much of the plot. I am really looking forward to reading Kisri, the 2nd book in the series.

I give Sabine 4 Bookies

Gemma says

Full review is at Book Chick City - Guest Review 'Sabine' by Moira Rogers

Overall Verdict

It seems to be a book with lots of potential that was never fully realised. If the book had been longer and the characters better developed I may have enjoyed it more. This book has not made me eager to read more by this author, nor read the next in the series, which is a shame as the blurb promised much.

Rhianna says

Short n' Beastly but Smoldering

In a world of warring shapeshifters can a curse destroy true love?

When the High Lord of the Forest's mother decided to rid her son of the woman he loved while he was away at war his memory of her was all that was supposed to go. But magic is a funny thing and her meddling causes a grief far greater as Sabine is forgotten by all who come into contact with her. When Ciar returns to find Sabine gone and his kingdom unaware she ever existed he must set off on a journey to find his beloved. As his own memory of her begins to fade the pair must find a way to reverse the spell, create a bond that even a curse cannot make him forget.

This little novella is a gem! I really wish this series wasn't going to be novella length romances only because the world building really intrigued me. It's a romantic fantasy with shapeshifters that's sultry and sensual, the chemistry between hero and heroine palpable. To be honest I cannot offer a lot more about it because what you see is very much what you get. A short tale of lovers reunited filled with passion and ending sweetly.

If you love fantasy romance featuring shapeshifters, erotic toned love scenes, and in particular soul-mates tropes this is a fantastic quickie to fill a rainy afternoon. Another great read from Moira Rogers!

Miku says

It is a very short quick read. It has a great world building with a good plot where Sabine gets forgotten by the people around her and Cier's struggle with the curse. Even though it is short I enjoy reading it. I just wish it was shown what happened to her mom and the witch because if it were me I would hate them very much when even my own parents don't remember me.

Sabine says

Just have to read a book with my own name on it. ;)

Holly says

For such a short novella this really packs an emotional punch. Sabine was cursed by her lover's mother. Now

no one remembers her - not even her mother. I can't imagine how solitary and depressing that would be.

When Ciar returns from war to find Sabine gone from his home, he immediately searches her out. He's surprised to find her living in a cabin in the woods, cutoff from everyone and everything. Once she shares with him what happened, he determines to fix it by getting the witch to remove the curse. But..will he remember?

I loved the connection between Ciar and Sabine. Ciar loved Sabine just as much as she loved him. I wish there had been more on the final resolution. Especially more about Ciar's mother, and her part in what happened to Sabine. I also want to read more about Ciar's 2nd and his new wife. I'm hoping there will be another entry in the series featuring them.

A.R. Von says

This is a great book for Were lovers that like it hot and heavy and don't mind profanity (which I DO NOT). Moira is an excellent writer and very creative in all ways when putting it on the pages. This is the 6th book I've read of hers and have enjoyed each one of them. I just wish she would give more detailed endings. All of her books are pretty fast reading (because they are hard to put down) and makes you want to get all of her books!

iDreem2 says

3.5 overall stars

Couple 3.5

Plot 4.0

Story 3.75

Sex 3.75

Series 3.5

Nichole says

bbl

Lady Raven RAVE! says

Lord of the forest, Ciar is a wolf shifter and leader. Back from war after 3 years away, he has returned to his home and his love Sabrine. Sabrine has isolated herself because of a spell/ curse cast upon her. A witch hired by Ciar's mother cast the curse. The spell is cast to prevent anyone from remembering Sabrine, as Ciar's mother did not want him to mate with her. The spell made you forget who Sabrine is once around her or if she is touched. Now that Ciar has found Sabrine he will try everything he can to find a way to reverse the spell.

This was a nice short quick read. I was a little worried in the beginning with talks of love and missing each other with Sabrina and Ciar; I thought this would be the whole book. After reading more, it became more interesting with the curse, Sabrina, and Ciar not being able to touch each other. It is another one of those books that you wish was a little longer but it was definitely about the curse and romance between Ciar and Sabrina.

Storyline: GOOD

Intimacy: FAIR

Enjoyment: FAIR

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