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Join the epic family saga of the Ouellette werebear clan in Safe Harbor, Canada. Four women take you on an adventure of true mate love, danger, and intrigue in the trilogy *Desired by the Bear*.

Nadia's life as a model is practically picture perfect until the day werebear hunters send her running. She lands in Safe Harbor with the Ouellette clan, but Nadia knows better than to call yet another place home, and she settles in to do the one thing she knows best, fight.

Izzy's rescue from drowning set her on a course for a fresh start as woman capable of love and compassion. Her savior and clan alpha, Jean Luc Ouellette sealed their true mate bond to break the bi-polar curse, but when Izzy finds out she's pregnant and experiences mood swings that are reminiscent of her past, she fears for her children.

Kelsey moves to Safe Harbor for an internship at the most prestigious boat-building company on the East Coast, Ouellette Yachts. She finds more than the start of a brilliant career when she falls for Val and discovers a family secret that opens up a whole new world. But as the truth comes out a disastrous mistake threatens to take it all away.

Tally spends her days tending to the needs of the Ouellette clan as their medicine woman, and she enjoys the perks of hunky werebear coming to visit her daily. Especially one named Marcel. But an evil force has plans for Tally that make her chance at love a near impossibility.

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Sue Riley says

Desired by the Bear - Book 1: BBW Werebear Shifter Romance V. Vaughn

Reviewed by SFF Dragon

Magic and mayhem are front and centre with love and happiness under threat from hunters and evil magicians. I loved it.

In the first of V. Vaughn's brand new 'Desired by the Bear' Trilogy, a thread of the on-going saga of the Le Rozier clan of polar bears carries on from Tempted by the Bear and moves to Canada with Isabelle as she makes a new life with her true mate Jean-Luc, Alpha of the Ouelette clan. Well written in the first person with alternating points of view, the story is told in the present tense by four women as their lives, as well as the lives of loved ones, are irrevocably altered. First person narrative isn't my favourite, it makes me feel like I'm reading someone's diary and I like to know what all the characters are thinking and feeling, but I love V. Vaughn's books and I got so engrossed in the story that I didn't really notice after the first few paragraphs. I enjoyed this first instalment of the new trilogy immensely, but it is a trilogy and ends on a cliff-hanger, so now I'm waiting impatiently to find out what happens next. There is some background and history given over the course of the book, and it isn't really necessary, but I think you'd get a lot more out of it, especially in terms of understanding Isabelle 'Izzy' and Nadia better, if you read 'Tempted by the Bear' first.

Izzy's in trouble. For the last few weeks she's been suffering from bad moods and rages, and is terrified the family curse has come back until Tilly, clan medicine woman and best friend, tells her she's suffering from pregnancy hormones. She's not entirely convinced until Tilly forces her into a rage to tap her powerful magic, and she manages to control it, to pull back from the edge, but the news that Tilly is in danger puts a dampener on the good news, and, despite Jean-Luc assigning two bodyguards to protect her, Izzy decides to pass on some of her warrior training so Tilly has more ways than magic for defending herself.... if she survives the training that is. Not so easy for a woman whose idea of exercise is cleaning her teeth.

Tilly has been told by Marcel Du Veaux, a seer and the man, or rather bear, she's been secretly in love with for years, that her life is in danger. Then all of a sudden, just when she thinks she might actually have a love life, he becomes something he never was before as well as a serious danger to her. Tilly knows something is terribly wrong, evil is at work here and she's laying the blame firmly at the door of Tokala, the Veilleux clan medicine man. A man she's beaten in a spell-casting competition, who is evil to the core, hates to lose and knows how to hold a grudge.

Warrior polar bear Nadia Boucher has been found by Hunters and has to flee her new life in New York as the face of Arctic Ice Vodka, but the idea of going back to Maine is painful. On the up side, at least she doesn't have to keep starving herself to maintain the image anymore and takes full advantage of being able to eat her fill. She doesn't really see it as a good thing when her Alpha, Tristan, immediately packs her off to his twin sister Izzy's new clan in Canada with lies about keeping her safe ringing in her ears. After the last two life-changing episodes she now knows better than put down roots or believe in forever and settles in as Izzy's bodyguard doing what she does best. Fight.

Kelsey has managed to land her dream job, an internship at Ouelette Yachts in Safe Harbor, and despite her mother's unhappiness about the move, Kelsey is determined to work hard and get a permanent job with them.

But her life is about to change radically as feelings of déjà vu, then falling in love followed by one revelation after another, and a case of mistaken identity, leave her trying to make sense out of everything and turn her world upside down.

I love V. Vaughn's books and she's one of my favourite authors, but a lot of her stories are written as serials with cliff-hanger endings until you get to the last instalment, and the Desired by the Bear trilogy is no exception. It has action, humour, magic and mayhem, good vs. evil, hunters, true mates finding each other only to have circumstances intervene, a case of mistaken identity which could cost, or at least completely destroy, lives and happiness, surprise revelations from Kelsey's mum, Marcel, Val and others as well as some hot and steamy bits, and a high tension cliff-hanger which ended in such a way that it left me on the edge of my seat, and waiting to find out what happens next.

I was given a copy by the author in exchange for an honest review and I loved it, despite it having two of my pet hates... first person narrative and a cliff-hanger, but I'm never disappointed with V. Vaughn's books and always get so hooked on the story that I hardly notice the writing style and usually don't have to wait long for the next instalment.

Sharon Hatt says

Desired by the Bear follows the perils and trials of finding their true love for four women (3 introduced previously) in this outstanding series from Violet Vaughn. Following in the tracks of Called by The Bear, Tempted by The Bear, and Rocked by The Bear, Desired continues the Northeast Kingdoms' werebears struggles to find true mates and keep out of the hunters sights. Focusing on the Ouellette clan this first book is written from the alternating POV of Izzy (former De Rozier, now true mate to the Ouellette alpha), Tally (medicine woman to the Ouellette clan), Kelsey (new character with an interesting back story), and Nadia (a De Rozier that has kind of lost her way). The story gets more and more involved as these characters' lives intertwine as secrets long kept and new dangers jump from every page. Granted I'm a fan of all of these series and the characters hold a special place on my "to be read again...and again...and again pile" ? I still believe everyone who reads them will fall just a little for them too!

****this book received in exchange for an honest opinion****

Barbara says

New series by V. Vaughn but still part of the Tempted by the Bear series it is of the Canadian pack and about four women who are part of the clan. Nadia is a polar bear shifter and super model she was once married but then her husband found his true mate which is an automatic divorce which left her feeling like she did not count. She got angry on a set and Hunters realized she was a shifter and started hunting her, now she is on the run with Darin. Izzy is the clan alpha, Jean Luc Ouellette's true mate but she is afraid she is getting the same curse her mother had, she is pregnant with triples, one is a girl will she pass the curse on to her daughter? Tally a human and the medicine woman for the clan she is also a witch and Izzy's best friend, she has a crush on Marcel Kelsey has moved to Safe Harbor for an internship at the most prestigious boat-building company and work under Jean Luc, but there is something she does not know, will we find out what it is as this series

Yvonne Daniels says

Desired by the Bear - Book 1: BBW Werebear Shifter Romance

by V. Vaughn

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Ms Vaughn never disappoints! This story is a completely phenomenal! I absolutely love this fantastic start to a series from V.Vaughn , and I'm counting the days to the next book of Desired by the Bear, This is an interesting collection of four women lives but the story is the perfect blend of drama, mystery and sexiness. It's a awesome book that changes pace and keeps you interested. I feel this book provides a in depth look at the details of events that happen between the members of the clan and it's a another of my favorite. Ms Vaughn writing style is exciting, mature, and compelling. Her writing style is always spot on. It's unique and refreshing with a sensual and witty feel. This is a book I Recommend for everybody who wants to read something a little different. I like teasers and I would like to give you a small taste so you can read why I liked it so much.

Excerpt From: Desired by the Bear - Book 1: BBW Werebear Shifter Romance

by V. Vaughn

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Nadia

The rhythmic beat of my feet galloping down the dirt tunnel is soothing as I make my way toward my escape, and I recall how it was less than a year ago I was in fear for my life for a different reason. I'm part of the De Rozier clan who used to rule the Arctic. But when our ice began to melt, our kingdom got smaller, and we faced extinction. Fortunately our alpha, Tristan, made an agreement with a black bear clan in Maine to take us in. My stomach aches with hunger as I think about how my clan arrived. We were emaciated from lack of food. And while I had plenty of opportunities to fatten up again, my love life made it impossible. My husband, Sven, had come ahead of me and found his true mate, which left me by the wayside. I was heartbroken, without family who survived, close friends, or Sven, the only man who had ever loved me. Living in the same place as my ex-mate and his true love made me too miserable to eat. But that ended up being to my advantage, although I didn't know it at the time. When Tristan's marketing department saw me, they insisted my beyond-pale coloring and tall, stick-thin stature made me the perfect woman to become the Arctic Ice Queen. Being a model was not something I'd ever wanted, but when your alpha tells you to go, you do.

Izzy

The curse wasn't broken. As a direct female descendent of Ingrid De Rozier, my grandmother, I was born cursed by a vengeful medicine woman to become bipolar by the time I'm thirty. The angry mood that used to be my usual state is back, and I need to find a way to get rid of it. I can't subject my husband, Jean Luc, to the woman he's never known. Panic licks at me the way the water threatens to envelop my feet when a wave rises higher on the beach. In the human world, bipolar disorder can be treated with medication. In the polar werebear world, our bodies are designed to heal themselves, and drugs don't work. Seaweed is slick under my feet, and when I slip, I catch myself on the barnacle-covered rock wall at my side. Burning pain makes me glance at my hand to see I've scraped it raw. Blood oozes out, and I flash back to the day I decided to break the curse. My mother had gone off on one of her manic adventures, and after my brother, Tristan, and I retrieved her from a Canadian police station not far from here, we stopped at a convenience store, where all hell broke loose. Helga sliced a man's throat open and killed him because the store didn't have strawberry milk. He was just one more in a long list of innocent people killed at the hand of my mother, so I made a

fateful choice that day to end her reign of terror and stop mine before it started. The wool fabric of my pants is rough on my hand as I swipe the blood away, and I glance at my palm to see my healing powers make it appear as if nothing happened. When I decided to take my mother's life I tried to drown myself too in order to break our family curse, but Jean Luc found us and saved my life. And once I discovered he was my true mate, hope blossomed in me, because my mother claimed a true mate bond could break the curse. Since finding Jean Luc, all the telltale signs of my approaching bipolar condition subsided. For the past few months I have been living a life of happiness.

Kelsey

?The moment the Border Patrol building disappears from my rearview mirror I breathe a sigh of relief. Those guys were so not up for good old-fashioned flirting, and my botched attempt to lighten the mood when they asked for my passport led to a thorough vehicle search. Or maybe when I asked if they wanted to frisk me, they took it as sexual harassment. I gaze out at the blue sky ahead. The Canadian blue sky! I squirm in the driver's seat of my trusty Subaru. I managed to land the highly coveted internship at Ouellette Yachts offered to one graduating student at my boat-building school. I grin to myself when I recall the look on Lance Everett's face when he found out. He was so sure his blue-blood background would let him waltz through the door to the most prestigious sailboat company on the East Coast. I love knowing it killed him that the lowly daughter about having a father, because my grandfather filled his shoes well. In fact, I had it better as a kid than many of my friends who had both parents, because I was close to all three of the adults who raised me. And I think that's why I'm so sure I can realize my dream. Nobody ever made me feel as if I couldn't. And when the Lances out there tried, I didn't listen. I sigh, because lately my mother and I haven't gotten along. She was dead set against me coming here for my internship, and I have no idea why. Every time I tried to talk to her about it, she shut me down.

Talley

My friendship with Izzy started when I began to train her to use her abilities, and we quickly became attached to each other. I think we were brought together by destiny, because Izzy needs me. I sigh as my pestle scrapes on the mortar. I need to take care of her, because I won't be getting the children I want any time soon. I'm in love with a man I can't have. Marcel is a werebear, and some day he'll find his true mate to leave me by the wayside. I fear I'm destined to be alone. I sniff as I force myself not to cry, because the salty moisture of sadness should not be a part of Izzy's tea. She needs sunshine and love.

I really enjoyed reading this collection of stories. I'm a hopeless romantic and everyone of these stories gave me romance and so much more. Every book isn't for everyone so If this is not the kind of book or genre you like to read, skip this book. However, if you're a fan of all things naughty, sexual tension, action and humor, this is perfect for you. This is a great collection to start with and to add to your TBR list. I'm so excited about reading the next book in this series. I would recommend this book to anyone and everyone. It needs to be on Your Must Read List!

If you believe in the world of paranormal romance, than the possibilities are endless and fascinating!

Melissa King says

Desired by the Bear is the first book in the BBW Werebear Shifter Romance series by V. Vaughn. It's unique from the other bear series because it about four ladies, Izzy, Tally, Kelsey and Nadia.

Izzy meets Tally after Izzy and Jean Luc Ouellette have sealed their true mate bond. Tally is the Ouellette clan medicine woman. The

Ouellette werebear clan lives in Safe Harbor, Canada. Read this wonderful written book about all four ladies to see how Nadia and Kelsey ended up in Safe Harbor with Izzy and Tally. I don't want to say too much in my review because I want you to be able to experience the story the way I did.

Just know each of these women have something going on in their lives whether it be, finding a true mate, finding out if their cursed, finding unknown family members, or finding out where they fit in life.

Read Violet Vaughn's new epic family saga of the Ouellette werebear clan. It's unique series that has love, danger, chemistry and suspense.

Melissa K received a complimentary copy of this ebook to read in exchange for a honest review.

Luz Maria Valle says

Desired by the Bear Book 1

Gave it a five star rating. Love the story so far, but continues in the next book looking forward to read the next book in the series.

Susan Otto says

Great Bear shifter romances for for women / bear shifters/ witch

There are four women who are human, bear shifters, witch and brought together as friends that find their mates.

The characters are intramural with the plots to bring the whole stories within the same time frame. Each plot is different but still interwoven with other plots to make a fascinating book. The scenery is very descriptive and Vivid.

Highly recommended for paranormal readers or readers who just like good story. This book continues with with another in the series.

bookwormsuzy

Sherill says

DESIRED BY THE BEAR-Book 1-MAGIC-DANGER- MYSTERY & HOT PASSIONATE ROMANCE

THE STORY FOCUSES ON FOUR BEAUTIES; NADIA, a gorgeous polar bear shifter who was a model for her alpha's vodka company and is now the bodyguard for his sister Izzy in Safe Harbor under the protective care of the Ouellette Clan; IZZY, another beautiful polar bear shifter is now mated to Alpha Jean-Luc Ouellette who are soon to be parents, but Izzy worries about the bipolar disease that haunts the women of her family; TALLY, a stunning witch, and the medicine woman of the Ouellette Clan has had two alarming visions, and is in love with Marcel who is now forbidden to her; KELSEY; a red-headed beauty is in Safe Harbor for an internship under the tutelage of Jean-Luc; she also finds love and a slew of her family secrets is revealed.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND IN THIS FASCINATING SAGA; a cast of remarkably impressive and engaging characters, awesome storyline, picturesque and dynamic vivid scene descriptions, clever banter, camaraderie, family love, heart-rending moments, thrilling action, gripping suspense, horrific danger, life-threatening incidents, intoxicating jaw-dropping sensual romance, and a conclusion that leaves you yearning for the answers you desire.

Unfortunately, the HUNTERS are still seeking out the bear shifters with a murderous vengeance which is causing stress and uneasiness of all the bear clans involved. Trusting humans does not come easily to some of the werebears. The four woman must be strong to conquer the horrific danger that is coming.

INCREDIBLY FASCINATING start to a new series. The author immediately draws you into the story from the first line leaving you totally intrigued and turning pages to learn what comes next. The characters are certainly praise-worthy and come alive with breathtaking vivid scene descriptions and witty dialogue. I was ecstatic to see characters I adored in this story as well as new ones added to the mix. This adventure had me glued to my sofa till the end, and I cannot wait for the next book; a most exhilarating and gratifying read. If you treasure shifter stories this is certainly a terrific book for your library. {I was gifted a copy of this book and this is my honest review}. In the world of shifter romance, the possibilities are endless and always fascinating. Without reservations, I recommend this book.

Ingrid Stephanie Jordan says

Title: Desired by the Bear Trilogy Book 1

Author: V. Vaughn

Reviewer: Ingrid Stephanie Jordan

Genre: #PNR #PolarBearShifter

My Score: #5stars ?????

NO.... NO.... #100stars is not enough

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OMG!! What can I say, I feel like I've been waiting for this Trilogy forever, I swear I started from day one, well for me day one!!

CALLED BY THE BEAR.

(I read 2/15/2015 thru 10/26/2015)

TEMPTED BY THE BEAR

(I read 9/2/2015 thru 12/9/2015)

ROCKED BY THE BEAR

(I read 2/24/2016 thru 5/25/2016)

Woo-hoo now we have the trilogy

DESIRED BY THE BEAR

You know I love *Rocked by the Bear*, but I missed Tristan & Annie and Izzy & Jean Luc, Tori & Keith everybody in the De Rozier Pack and the Le Roux Pack, yes I'm very excited to start reading this new series. The Trilogy is about 4 *Courageous and Strong Women* and there *Fated Mates*.

Nadia Boucher (Ice Queen Model) and Darin

Izzy and Jean Luc Ouellette is Alpha to the Clan in Safe Harbor, Canada

Kelsey and Val

Tally and Marcel Du Veaux

Nadia Boucher is a Polar Bear that has had it ruff 1st her husband, the love of her life, finds his true mate consequently Nadia is nothing to him, their marriage was over, Heartbroken Nadia starts working for her Alpha Tristan's vodka business becoming a super model The Ice Queen. Enjoying the limelight didn't last long though because the hunters found her, now she was running for her life. With Darin's help Nadia make it back to her clan only to be sent to Canada to guard Izzy. Tally is a human witch, plus the clans medicine woman with eyes only for Marcel. Kelsey is fresh out of college and working as an intern for Jean Luc than she see's Val and a light bulb goes off. Oooooooooo oooooooooo the best part left for last Izzy isssssssss awwwww you'll have to read to find out. And yes CLIFFHANGER. I was gifted this book for an honest and truthful review.

Puna says

WAY too much going on. Four stories that are told piecemeal, short chapters so you never have time to really get into any of them. Cliffhanger books always bug me but I won't be reading the other two books, I don't care what happens to any of them

Beth Schafer says

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I was such a fan of both series, *Called and Tempted by the Bears*. This third series that not only brings back some of those favorite characters, but the new ones are outstanding. This first book introduces us to four beauties, NADIA—a gorgeous polar bear shifter who is a model representing the clan Vodka production and is now the bodyguard for her alpha's sister Izzy. Two) IZZY, another polar who is now mated to Alpha Jean Luc Ouellette, but Izzy worries about the bipolar disease that haunts the women of her family. Three) KELSEY is a red-headed college grad with an internship under the tutelage of Jean Luc. She finds love and learns some very interesting things about her family. Then you have TALLY who is human, a stunning witch and the medicine woman of the Ouellette clan.

This is a fascinating start to a new series with a cast of new and return characters, a great storyline, hunters, heartbreak, action, family love gripping suspense and did I mention love. The characters in this book are wonderfully developed and complex. The interaction between the families keep the stories interesting and exciting. If you treasure shifter stories this is certainly a terrific book for your library. Do not miss this steamy, yummy story. I cannot make a stronger recommend.

I was provided an ARC for my honest review.

Belinda K Miller says

Great story can't wait to read the next book!

Great story line although a little hard to keep up with the constant change in who the story is about!

Nancy Eaton says

loving this series

Thelma Conner says

I love these series of books

I love V. Vaughn books. They are hot, sexy, sexy stories of finding your true mate. The way the characters interact with family, friends & other people who come into lives is important to the plot & stories.

MyzanM says

A story, or rather 4 stories about four girls that through different paths arrives at Safe Harbor in Canada. For me this doesn't work as there is no ending to either story line. I would have liked a HFN to round everything off, even if I do understand the need for a cliffhanger with the author dividing the whole story. To me, it didn't really work as a cliffhanger ending as it mostly felt like the story just cut off. It could have been done much smoother.

The four different POV's was just making me annoyed. The chapters with each girl was so short that you never got the chance to get to know the characters, and frankly, only one of the girls caught my interest somewhat. I think that I might have liked it better if the stories were broken up and we got to follow one girl from the beginning to end. As it is now I didn't feel like it was worth my time. I will not continue these books.
