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For years, everyone believed Sylvie LaForge Dubois was dead, and she worked hard to keep it that way. Now that her abusive, dangerous mate is dead, she's come back to face everyone. But it's harder than she thought it would be, especially when Gator Rollins watches her every move, making her uneasy and excited all at once. She never imagined she'd want another man, but her attraction to Gator is too strong to fight.

Before Gator had the chance to tell Sylvie how he felt about her, she was mated to someone else and then killed. Now she's back, and there's nothing he won't do to protect her and get that second chance he never thought he'd have.

But Sylvie is in more danger than ever when her old pack learns she's still alive And if they get to her, there's no coming back from the dead twice.

Each book in the Salvation Pack series is a standalone story that can be enjoyed out of order.

Series Order:

Book #1 Wolf at the Door

Book #2 Wolf in her Bed

Book #3 Wolf on the Run

Book #4 Wolf from the Past

Book #5 Wolf on the Hunt

Book #6 Wolf on a Mission

Book #7 Wolf in his Heart

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## **From Reader Review Wolf from the Past for online ebook**

### **Cyn Mistress Kitty says**

I love this series. Poor Sylvie had been through so much but survived. She was a smart, resourceful heroine. I loved Gator too and he and Sylvie were perfect together.

Now on to Louis.

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### **t'irla ~The Bookslayer~ t'irla's Talk Book Blog says**

I received this novel from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review....as it was 4th in a series I did go buy the first 3 novels to catch up on all the action.

I really enjoyed this series and this novel. I loved that a character thought dead and mourned was really alive especially when the impact of that death had just far reaching significance to two main characters. This was a match made in heaven and with this story all the threads that had been dangling was tied up in a nice big bow and we the reader could sit back and be happy with the characters and how things turned out.

This series was an introduction for me into NJ Walters writing and I will definitely be seeking out more of her work... Thanks for the great time. 4 star read for me.

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### **Marsha Spohn says**

First reviewed at Keeper Bookshelf

Wolf from the Past is an intense, compelling and I would even say captivating story of the love between mates – even when they are denied each other by outside forces. Even when one has to “die” in order to escape the constant, unimaginable abuse, only to come alive once again when it’s safe to no longer be in hiding for her life.

Sylvie knew that returning to her brother’s new pack would not be easy. Especially since he had thought her dead. The only way she could survive the abuse of her forced mating was to find the way to die convincingly and to stay hidden until the danger had passed – her former mate’s death. She also knew that running here was bringing danger onto this pack. But she couldn’t live hidden any longer. She deserved the freedom of any member of the pack, she knew that she’d have to earn it as well.

Gator had loved Sylvie, his mate. And had seen her mated off to another. The abuse that she had gone through was obvious, even now long after she had hidden herself through her faked death. She may want him as her natural mate, but that didn’t stop her from still being afraid. Even though he could understand the lingering fear, Gator hoped that in time Sylvie would realize that he only wanted to protect her and care for her as his mate. He would fight for her, even fight her in order to gain the love of his life. Nothing would stop him this time. Nothing.

Even though Wolf from the Past is part of an ongoing series, Salvation Pack, you do not have to have read

the previous stories to enjoy this one. Of course it helps, but you will get enough of the history within the story to fill in the spots that are important for this story. It will, however, probably tempt you to go back and read the series from the start.

Sylvie is truly a wounded soul. Proud, strong and wounded. She will need Gator's patience, affection, and presence in her life in order to heal once again. Gator isn't known for his patience. But he will do what he feels necessary to protect Sylvie. She is his mate and nothing will keep him from her ever again.

I enjoyed this story very much. The main characters were intense, believable and drew me into their situation easily. The secondary characters always make a huge difference for me in an ongoing story and I found everyone in *Wolf from the Past* to strengthen the story along the way. At times it is not an easy story to read because of the abuse. Yet, it is an empowering story that even in the paranormal world, we do what we must to survive and go on to live a better life. If you enjoy shifters, if you love a solid story with action, romance and an engaging couple then you would enjoy *Wolf from the Past*.

\*I received an e-ARC of *Wolf from the Past* from the publisher and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. That does not change what I think of this novel.\*

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### **Book Snob Sue says**

I'm sure by now you've all figured out that I'm pretty sweet on Gator. I mean he loves to cook and I love to eat....win, win....seems like a sign \*winks\*. This quote really sums it up for me "Gator was a badass, but how could you not like a guy who always wanted to feed you mouthwatering food?" Yeah...what she said. I have adored Gator since book 2 and apparently the other women do too....psst, that scene was damn funny. He is about perfect and his dry humor is just a bonus. Add in the fact that he is sweet and gentle to his skittish mate...perfect.

Sylvia is Armand's sister that everyone thought to be dead. She disappeared after her crazy ass mate thought he killed her....smart women if you ask me. She is sweet and skittish for obviously great reasons, but my Gator helps her through it.

In this book we still have their old pack coming for them, but as always they get what's coming to them. I absolutely love this series and I swear every book gets better. Total addiction.

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### **Tauri says**

This one had a better treatment of a rape victim, however, her trauma wasn't properly addressed at all, she was magically cured by her mating to Gator. What a load of crap. But he did ask, and he did treat her with respect and waited for her to be ready. So that's why I gave it 2 stars.  
I won't be reading other books from this series.

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### **Djg says**

3 to 3 1/2 Stars.

I've liked this series a lot. N.J. Walters writes big bad sexy werewolves who are all about their women. Hot love scenes and tender moments and characters who have close relationships and look out for each other.

Gator has been one of my favorite characters, a bad ass shifter who is also sweet and nurturing. There was only one woman he ever wanted and he had to stand by when she was forced to mate with another in the Louisiana pack and then was presumably killed by her abusive husband.

When Sylvie turns up at Salvation Pack land he can't believe his eyes. She was left for dead by her husband and hid out in cities until she received word her ex was dead. Now she's in Salvation to find her brother Armand. Now that she's back Gator isn't going to let her go. The Louisiana pack still poses a real threat.

There were some minor issues with this one for me. Sylvie is a victim of brutal abuse and can't stand to be touched by anyone pretty much but within hours of arriving she's stripping off her nightgown and he's going down on her. Okay, I guess. I was conflicted with Gator's approach too, he was sweet and patient but I missed the overpowering behavior of the previous heroes. I almost wish Sylvie would have returned and been all "mine" herself. How nice that would be for a change-up.

Still and all, no tsst behavior (yea!) and hot love scenes are a plus. Next up is Louis' book in January and I've already preordered.

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## **Pet says**

[ my one and only wince was an actual knee jerk reaction to a sentence in the dialog, when Gator threatened to spank Sylvie, he sort of realizes he's approaching her all wrong wi

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## **CAROLYN Wyman says**

Gator - one of the members of The Salvation pack - is shocked when a person from his past comes onto pack land. Sylvie - believed dead by her old pack - shows up looking for her brother - another member of the Salvation Pack. Sylvie has been on the run from an abusive mate. Gator has always wanted Sylvie - but with her history she isn't ready to easily trust. Gator knows she's it for him - and he intends to earn her trust and show her just how special she is. NJ Walters nails it again. Full of steam as well romance.

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## **Angela Goodrich says**

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

How in the world did I miss that N.J. Walters had started another shifter series? As a huge fan of her Legacy and Tapestries series, I jumped at the opportunity to review *Wolf from the Past* with very little hesitation. I suspected there would be a bit of back story I was missing out on, but my experience with the author's writing style made me comfortable enough that I assumed she would fill me in on what I needed to know for this installment. And she did.

Keeping in mind that I have not read the previous books, I fell in love with every member of the Salvation

Pack. While *Wolf from the Past* focuses on Gator Rollins and Sylvie LaForge Dubois, their story cannot be told without involving the other members of the Salvation Pack, especially her brother Armand. Several years ago, Sylvie's mate Andre attempted to kill her after she witnessed him beat his human mistress to death. As this occurred after Sylvie had suffered years of abuse at Andre's hand, she took advantage of the situation and fled, leaving all to believe that her mate had killed her. I'm not sure what shocked me more – that her mate's murder of her went unpunished or that she was able to hide out in large cities, while suppressing her wolf for years. When she learns of her mate's death and that her brother and some of their former pack members had broken away from her uncle's pack, she makes the trek across the country to see him in hopes that she can start her relationship anew with him. She finds that not only is her brother relieved to learn that she is alive, but others in the pack are as well – particularly Gator, the one man who may have grieved her death more than her brother. Unbeknownst to anyone, Gator recognized years ago that Sylvie was his true mate and knew that her father would never allow her to mate with him, preferring to use Sylvie to secure his power within the pack. Oh yeah, Sylvie's father was a real piece of work! While Gator makes her feel safe, Sylvie isn't sure that she can withstand another mating and being tied to a man again, no matter how he makes her feel. Needless to say, Gator has his work cut out for him.

I really enjoyed watching Sylvie come into her own. While events unfold over a short amount of time, we spend so much of that time with Sylvie that the story doesn't feel rushed. The author adds touches of authenticity to the horrific abuse that Sylvie suffered for years throughout the story. Her inability to be hugged by her brother upon her arrival was heartbreaking and while she was able to hug him (and Gator) fully by the end of the book, she was still unable to endure such contact from the other males of the pack. Intellectually she knew they would not hurt her, but her years of abuse made her reactions instinctive. Fortunately the others understood this and were more than willing to accommodate her, even if we do see signs at the very end of the book that they will continue to work with her to overcome the ingrained reaction. Many of the other signs of her abuse are physical and their exposure gives Gator the openings he needs to show Sylvie what a true mating is meant to be like. He never once belittles her or shames her for her scars, quite the opposite actually as he sees her scars as badges of survival. I loved that both Sylvie and Gator had harbored feelings for the other in their youth, yet neither said anything because they knew that Sylvie's father would make things worse than they already were. The chemistry between Sylvie and Gator is intense, yet because of his love and concern for her, their sex scenes are both steamy and tender – seriously swoon worthy. The moment when Gator proves that no one will harm Sylvie is awesome and I kind of feel sorry for the next person who attempts to harm Sadie (not really though). The *Wolf from the Past* was an excellent read and I look forward to backtracking to read the previous books in the series.

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## Cheesecake says

Sylvie and Gator.

Been a long time since I read book 3 but I had no trouble picking up where I left off. In this book it's Gator's turn to find love. While in previous books it's been intimated that Gator is the playboy of the group, it isn't really addressed here. Like the last two books, you don't even leave the setting of the salvation pack lands. Which to be honest, kinda makes for a dull read. I really liked Gator and Sylvie though but I did skim a bit through the middle.

Sylvie is Armaund's sister whom everyone thought had been killed by her mate (one of the villains from a previous book). But really she used the opportunity to run away. She had an even worse childhood than her

brother and his friends. Then on to the forced mating with Andre who abused her terribly. Gator has always been attracted to her but their positions in the pack kept them forever apart. It kinda bothered me at first that Gator hadn't done anything for her back then, but by the end of the story I understood how impossible their lives had been. And now Gator is determined to do all he can to prove his love for her.

I thought the author was pretty sensitive to the issue of abused women. It being a short book, though she gets around how long it would normally take by playing the wolfy mates card. I was fine with that.

One last book to go and it sounds like it will be the best one, cross yer fingers ; )

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### **Eva Millien says**

Sylvie LaForge knew coming back from the dead wouldn't be easy but the way Gator Rollins watches her every move makes her decidedly uneasy and excited in this gripping paranormal romance.

Gator never got a chance to tell Sylvie that he loved her and now that he has a second chance he's determined that this time he won't let anyone or anything get between him and Sylvie and the reader's heart can't help but be touched by the love and tenderness that Gator shows Sylvie as she tries to adjust to being among family again. The chemistry between Gator and Sylvie sizzles with lots of heat and the sex scenes are sweet and sensual but with such a horrific past, there is a lot of emotional walls that will need to come down in order for the relationship to progress and these strong, compelling characters grab the attention as the fast paced, smooth flowing plot captivates readers with suspense, excitement, turmoil and romance.

Expectation builds throughout the story as the Salvation Pack realizes that their former pack will be coming for Sylvie and excitement builds as tension within the pack escalates and they discover that someone with an obsession for Sylvie may just be leading the charge. The intriguing events draw the reader in while the well written scenes and details capture the imagination and make it easy for the reader to become absorbed in the story and the intense emotions that flow from every page.

I was thoroughly enthralled by Sylvie and Gator's story from the very beginning and I have to say that I enjoyed meeting the Salvation Pack but in regards to that while it wasn't absolutely necessary to read the previous books in the series, I do wish that I had because I missed out on the events that led up to this point but of course that means that I have some enjoyable stories to get busy reading.

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### **Kat Piparo says**

I really enjoyed this series and this novel. I loved that a character thought dead and mourned was really alive

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### **Lorraine Orozco says**

Awesome read. My Favorite from the Series

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## **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Autry's review posted at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

Wolf From the Past is a heart-breaking emotional journey, from loss to forgiveness and eventually life-changing love. Gator and Sylvie have had a life long connection, being born into pack but never feeling as if they truly belonged, outcast within their own society.

Gator has always been a strong-willed, determined wolf. From the day he realized his mate would never be his, he turned into a wolf to be feared by everyone, his physical strength would destroy anyone who challenged him.

Unable to live under the cruel controlling alpha, Gator left along with a few wolves' friends to establish a better, more equal pack. In this pack, he feels as if he belongs, all of the members care about each other and value the others input. The only thing that could be better is if his mate was here beside him, instead he watches his pack member find their mates while his true love died at the hands of another.

Sylvie has been abused most of her life, at the hands of people who should have loved and cared for her. Unfortunately they turned against her and mated her to another that would continue the cycle of abuse. After years and years of abuse, Sylvie does the one thing that takes unimaginable strength and somehow pulls it off. She can only hold off so long before she reaches out for forgiveness and strength from her former pack mates, however she did not think she would ever find true love or a mate again.

Gator and Sylvie is a couple that has fought against all odds, and continues to for the sake of each other. Their emotions are intense and from the moment their eyes meet again the fire ignites again, the pull become stronger than ever. The past years are hard to accept and move forward from but they seek forgiveness and strength from one another, each one drawing out the best qualities from the other. I love N.J. Walters characters, but Gator and Sylvie will always hold a special place in my heart. I crawled into this novel and was a little skeptical about how she would pull this one off, but she did it flawlessly. Each character has depth and emotions that are so real its scary. I was hoping for Gator and Sylvie to overcome all the issues they faced in the past and lay them to rest, pushing forward into a bright future and they did. I cannot recommend N.J.'s paranormal shifters series enough, they suck the read in and continue to hold the readers interest well past the end.

Review copy provided for an honest review.

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## **Jacque says**

Wolf from the Past by N.J. Walters is a double first for me. Both a first by this author and first in the series for me. Sometimes jumping into a series can be a big mistake especially if there is quite a bit of world-building to go along with introducing characters. Thankfully, I was able to get right into the story with only a few minor hiccups,

To escape a violent mating, Sylvie has been faking her death for years. Once she receives word her mate was dead, she approaches her brother in his new pack in hopes to have him back in her life. Not only is she welcome back with open arms, but a werewolf she has always had feelings for is part of his pack. Gator was raised in the swamp, always on the fringe of his former Louisiana pack, he has struck out with his friends to



form a new pack. He's always wanted his best friend's sister but her parents have never considered him worthy. Now that she's back in his new pack and in his life Gator will do whatever it takes to protect her from further harm.

Wolf from the Past was a good read. Sylvie was abused fairly harshly by her previous mate and as the story about how she faked her death came into play, it was hard not to feel bad for her. Gator is pretty sexy and intense about his feeling for Sylvie. There's a really instant attraction between them that, at first, was kind of difficult to get over. Let's face it, she was abused pretty badly by her dead mate. For her to jump into a relationship so quickly with Gator had me doubting the velocity of the romance. Once, it can out that both had been carrying torches for one another for a long time, then I was okay with it.

What really had me cheering this story on was the dynamics of the Salvation Pack. The interactions of all the mated couples and how they interacted with each other, good stuff here. It was such fun and friendly, it makes me want to go back and read all their stories. On top of that, there is a good world building here with the what and whys of the Salvation Pack. As I mentioned, this is the first book I read in the series, but it's easy to see there's an epic battle coming. There's one more member of the pack that has yet to settle down which tells me I have some back reading to do before the final book comes out.

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Stars – 3.5, Flames - 3

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