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Tess Laurelton, PhD, likes things wild and unexpected. She's curvy, smart and not the kind of woman to let life stand in the way of adventure. Her career as a well-respected grizzly bear expert should have given her plenty of adventure, but instead, she's camped up inside a research lab. When she is given the opportunity to find out why the grizzly population at Cabinet Mountains in Montana is suddenly booming, she jumps at the chance. What she doesn't know is that the innocent trip will be a lot more primal and untamed than she could have ever imagined.

Jackson Arder might be known as a reserved forest ranger, but he is first and foremost the powerful Alpha of a prominent werebear clan. His clan has come under attack by a man he thought of as his brother, Ryder Hunt, throwing his life in turmoil. When Tess shows up on Jackson's doorstep, looking like a sassy, curvy treat made just for him, Jackson knows life is about to get a lot more heated than he was prepared for. How can a bear wage war when all he wants to do is claim the sexy, whip-smart woman who strolled into his world as if she belonged there?

As danger surrounds them, Jackson finds himself falling fast and hard for Tess. But with war at his door, can he give his heart to someone who doesn't know about his true nature? **Can Tess love both the man and the bear or will she run for the hills when she finds out the truth?**

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Pavitra (For The Love of Fictional Worlds) says

This review was first published on For The Love of Fictional Worlds

Actual Rating 3.5 Stars

I received a digital copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

When I was in high school and only recently discovered Twilight, I was quite fascinated with the aspect of humans turning into beasts, one they had to keep controlled. Now that was a fantasy that I wished was a reality.

I know werewolves were first introduced in Harry Potter (to me at least!) but damn if I wasn't intrigued by the full transformation of human into animals. Yes, I have psycho - analysed myself for this intrigue and to keep a long story short let's say I want to let go of the control I have over myself. It wasn't a fun discovery.

So when I read the Ms. Nowlan's request for review on GoodReads, I was instantly transported back to my days of reading Shifter Stories on Wattpad. (And yes, I found some amazing ones. My favorite was about White Tigers!), so I decided to give this genre another try. Especially since, this is not the usual run of the mill - werewolf shifter story. It's about bears. I like bears :D

This story is about Tess, who even though having a PhD and being considered an expert in grizzly bears, has almost no field experience. So when she is given a chance of finding out why the grizzly bear population is on rise in the mountains of Montana, she jumps at the chance of having some adventure in her life.

Now Tess, is an intelligent woman, who is honest to herself. She is one of those characters who has no hidden layers. Now this definitely is not a bad thing, not usually. She is sarcastic, funny and loyal to a fault. And she is also more of a believer in "seeing is believing."

Jack Arder, the forest ranger and the guide of Tess in the mountains, is a huge man, silent and strong. He is also the Alpha of the WereBear clan in the mountains. And he doesn't like the fact there is an outsider clamoring up to reveal their secrets albeit unknowingly.

He is the typical Alpha, or as shifter Alphas usually are. The strong, silent type who do not understand what 'fun' actually means.

But Tess gets under his skin. He can't keep his walls up against her adorableness nor her intelligence. He finds himself talking more, enjoying more, just plain living more. He knows that the secret of him being a werebear can't stay secret for long Tess, on her side, falls for him each day.

First, this is a very short book. Like really really short - in fact it was about 130 pages in the ePub version I was provided with. And that is a sad sad fact. See, Ms. Nowlan writes beautifully. She really does. But this book feels more like prologue than an actual introduction because everything happens in an instant.

This brings me to the other issue I have. Reading this book, I remembered the reason why I stopped believing in shifter series - The Insta - Love angle. Now if you read my review, or have ever talked to me

you would understand that I really really hate the concept of 'love at first sight' or the 'instant knowing that s/he is the one for me' sort of love story and that's what shifter stories are. No matter how well written, this point always sticks in my craw.

Now with this book, the 'mate' issue wasn't all that prominent, not until the secrets are revealed. This is the part I actually loved about the book at the start, that though these two were inherently attracted to each other, they took time to get to know each other, but it still irritated (albeit a little) when they decided they were in love with each other.

But yes, Ms. Nowlan did actually peak my interest enough for the rest of series (I have to admit that I do have the ability not to be able to stop at one book in a series!).

The shortness of the story aside, the writing style is one that I actually liked and I definitely wouldn't mind reading the rest of the story, I just hope that the rest would be actual full length novels.

Erika says

Not leaving a rating because I stopped at 50%.

The storyline is a good dependable shifter one, but there are some oddities in the writing that are distracting me. Originally shelved as "come back to later." Just switching to DNF.

Lori says

A light read.

Light reading for an afternoon. It's an okay book and I liked it, but there wasn't anything special about it. Some days that's okay though.

Sandy Digger says

Werebears!

This is the first book of the Montana Wild Bears & it is was enjoyable as light reading. I think this series is going to be good. It was a little short but could be read as a standalone. It does have a bit of a cliffhanger if you want to know the outcome of the fight started in this book. The alpha bear, Jackson meets the scientist, Tess, when she comes to study the influx of bears in the area. Jackson is a quiet, somewhat stern man, used to living alone and functioning as a ranger as well as alpha to his clan. He has allowed another werebear clan to temporarily reside on their lands until they can find another place to settle. The two alphas had known each other since childhood which made Jackson more lenient. Ryder (the other alpha) has other intentions however. He made advances towards Tess when they first met during a confrontation while Jackson & Tess were out on a hike for Tess to place monitoring equipment in the woods. Although Tess is his mate, Jackson

has made no move to claim her or share his secret. When Jackson & Tess go on an overnight hike to place more monitoring equipment in the forest he and Tess finally share their bodies & Jackson decides to enlighten Tess about his heritage. On their way home they are ambushed by Ryder & two of his men. This is when Tess is introduced to the concept of werebears. This has the makings of a good shifter series and I am looking forward to reading more about the bears.

Erin says

The setting was nice, Tess going back to the wilderness to watch bears. She has a big soft spot for bears. And how nice that the alpha werebear is attacked to her, only he is a bit grumpy in the beginning. He tries to make up, but doesn't really know how to do that. In the mean time some troubles with another bear gang and I would have liked to know how that ended. The story with Tess did get an ending, but the fight not. Guess I need to read the next book to find out how that will end

Monica says

I LOVE this author and this is a great start to this series. I fell in love with Tess and Jackson. They are oh so different but a match. Tess is headstrong, smart, sweet, and beautiful. Jackson...alpha all the way and sweet in his own way and a sexy bear to boot! He's the alpha of his clan. She's there to research bears of all things and he is to escort her to various places so she can do her research. They both like each other but are wary until they can't hide it anymore. Along the way Ryder who was a childhood friend of Jackson's wants all the land to himself and he's a changed bear. He isn't who he used to be. After being attacked by Ryder the "bear is out of the bag" and surprisingly Tess takes it fairly well. Fear war is coming because Jackson doesn't know how far Ryder will take this he calls his brothers Jonah and Julian which will make the triad. Tess is Jackson's mate...she accepts because she knows deep down he is herd. Can't wait for the next installment and the story unfolds. Can't wait to read about his brothers. I did receive this book in exchange for an honest review.

Cheryl Duval says

I received a free copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

This was a quick, easy, enjoyable read. The relationship between the main characters, Tess and Jackson, developed at an easy pace and it felt like they were truly meant for each other. Tess showed that she was a strong female character and wouldn't back down when necessary. Jackson is strong and at the same time tender. Ryder brings animosity and antagonism to the story and while Jackson doesn't want bloodshed if avoidable he needs to maintain his ability to protect his clan.

I enjoyed this book and I am looking forward to the next one.

Danielle says

I was hoping for a sexy shifter romance to bring me out of my current book funk but, unfortunately, this one just didn't do it. While the story had promise, I couldn't connect with the writing enough to really enjoy it.

Oh well... On to the next one!

Dorothy Phillips says

I received this ARC copy for a fair review . I loved this story. The characters Tess and Jackson grabbed me as soon as I started reading about them. Tess is there to study grizzlies. Jackson is the wild life officer and more. Tess is in for a surprise. Jackson wonders if she will understand what he is and his love for her. I can not thank the Author enough for sharing her work with me. Love and grizzlies

Laurie Hopkins says

Good story

The story was well presented, and the characters very likeable. Tess seems quirky and she was endearing from the start, especially taking off the shoes to be comfortable, it made her real. Hopefully the story flows nicely into the next book, starring Julian.

Liz says

I'm not completely against the idea of paranormal/werebear type romance books, it's usually the execution I have issues with and that's the case here.

Tess is a bear expert and is sent to Montana to study a "sudden" influx of bears. She meets Jackson and despite his growly demeanor he falls for Tess... but she doesn't know until a showdown with a competing clan that he's a bear. And she's not the least bit shocked?? Weird. Also the story of the competing clans does not get resolved. And that's where this fell apart, plus it's cliffhanger.

Also, is love not a thing when you mate with a bear? I don't get this genre.

Tammy Sowards-Sanchez says

oh wow. I loved this book. she loves grizzlies. she is offered a job where she has to go to Montana to see why their population of grizzlies is so high. she meets the ranger she is staying with and finds him attractive. he is fighting his feelings. can they finally admit that they like each other? will she learn he is a shifter? how will she react? will she accept him and become his mate?

Hyacinth Janecyk says

I really liked this story. Tess is finally getting her chance to study bears. She has always loved bears. Park Ranger Jackson has to help her hike in and she's to stay at his cabin during her stay. HOT HOT. Tess doesn't understand why Jackson is fighting the attraction. Jackson is the Alpha and is having issues with some bears that he let stay on his land. Tess and Jackson get their HEA. Never sure how much to share - don't want to give spoilers out.

I was give an ARC for an honest review.

Robyn says

City girl meets hot sexy rugged Bear! Tess leads a predicable boring life. She longs to get back to her roots and study bears in the wild. Jackson is a man that is trying to hold his people and land together. Jackson's lifelong childhood friend Ryder is trying to destroy all that Jackson has. Tess gets the opportunity of a lifetime, go to the mountains and study a recent influx of grizzly bears. Jackson is not so happy that a scientist is coming to study and make a mess of his life. The world stops when Tess and Jackson meet. Wild passion, heat and desire consume Jackson just from her being near him. Could Tess be the one? Will Ryder take control of the land? Jackson needs his brothers now more than ever. You have to read this series I am so hooked!

Medavis66 says

Quick, fun, and yummy read. I like brooding vampires, so this brooding shifter was a welcome new favorite. Jackson and Tess had an instant and easy attraction, so this story of romance flows well. Ryder is an old friend who creates a more challenging situation than Jackson had counted on. I will read more of this series.

ARC provided in exchange for honest review.
