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Can a small-town cowboy win the heart of a woman who doesn't have one?

Surviving charity functions by day and automatic weapons and death threats by night, Emma Carrington learned to be as hard as the men her daddy hired to protect her. Hell, she even carried a military grade stun gun in her Prada bag and could shoot just as well as any of her ex-military bodyguards if the need arose.

When a failed kidnapping attempt forces her to hide out in Somewhere, Texas, Emma finds herself stranded, floundering through cow patties, and desperate for a car. Who better to "borrow" from than the sexy naked man she sees turn into a wolf and leave his perfectly good pickup truck available for use. It's not like he can drive it in his current condition, right?

College senior Noah VonBrandt knows the pack law better than anyone —only a bonded mate can know his secret. He watched his brother find the mate of his dreams and he wants the same thing, but you can't just make the "right" girl appear out of thin air. To his surprise, lightning does strike. When a beautiful blonde woman trespasses on the ranch and sees him transform, he knows he only has two choices —claim her or let the pack erase her memories. But even as Noah fights to save her, Emma's past is hot on her heels and out for more than memories.

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## From Reader Review To Love a Mate: Somewhere, TX for online ebook

### Crystal Watson says

I got this book as an ARC for and honest review so here it is. Oh my goodness. This book was excellent I absolutely loved it.

It's not your average love story. Starts out with Emma who is a daughter of a crime family and Noah who is a shifter. Emma is on the run after someone kidnaps her parents. She was instructed to go to her safe house but has an accident before she gets there and along comes Noah who was just stopping to go for a run and Emma sees him change into his wolf form which is a no no. Poor Emma finds herself hunted on two fronts can she escape the bad people from her past. Can Noah keep her safe from his pack long enough to help Emma get away from the mob crew that's hunting her. Will Emma be able to hold on to Noah after all is said and done. I won't tell do yourself a favor and get the book you won't be disappointed I promise. Krystal Shannan made an excellent story line with characters you will fall in love with. It really was a great book over all very well written and you won't be able to put it down once you start reading it. This does not end in a cliffhanger. I really hope there is more to come in this series.

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### Tanja says

#### ARC review

Emma Carrington was out clubbing with her friends and two shadows of bodyguards, stuck to her like glue, ordered by her father. When one of them gives her a bottle of water, different alarm bells go off and she checks the water with a new type of nail polish (this actually is out there, it changes color if your drink is drugged). Finding her friends she tells them she's going to ditch her guards like she's done a few times before and that they shouldn't wait for her. Luck is on her side when she encounters a girl her size in the bathrooms and offers her some cash to switch outfits. It's her ticket out of the club. Barely out, she gets a call from her father, setting things in motion. She's convinced this would be the last time she's hear his voice. They were a high profile family but not all of his dealing were that honest, enemies were around a dime a dozen. And now it looked like his luck finally ran out.

Doing as instructed, she destroys her phones, banks as much cash as she can withdraw and makes a beeline to Somewhere, Texas. Her aunt Lucy lives there and she can help her get off the grid and sort out her family's affairs.

Somewhat lost, she takes a wrong turn and ends up on someone else's land. A deer hitting her car results in her ending up in a ditch and crawling through land she isn't familiar with. In the distance she sees a truck stopping, a man stepping out and getting butt naked. What she witnesses after as her mind whirling. One moment a man, the next there stood a big wolf in his place. Waiting long enough she slowly makes her way over, finding the truck unlocked. A quick search lets her find the keys. Just as she wants to leave she's stopped. As he breaks the window of his own truck trying to prevent her from driving off she turns to the only weapon she has on her, her stun gun. Knocking him out long enough for a quick escape!

This is the one event that sets so much in motion that she not only has two goons after her but also a pack of angry wolves who want their secret be kept a secret. Luckily it's not the whole family because it seems the man, Noah, can't seem to stop helping her. The huge brick wall around her heart crumbles in such a fast way she can't help giving into their attraction. Her aunt Lucy is adamant on leaving and when she's done sorting out the goons at her house, at the same time Lucy gets confronted with a bunch of wolves. Just in time Noah

shifts back and offers her a way out. Not taking long to decide she agrees to be bonded, the only way his pack won't chase her into oblivion. But the words were hardly said when her aunt Lucy drags her away. This was a really fast paced book but it surely didn't disappoint. It flowed well and there weren't glitches or holes in the story. It does come with a HEA but how and where? Who knows, that's for you to find out.

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### **Kristy says**

I received an ARC from the author, in exchange for an honest review.

WOW, I just finished reading 'To Love a Mate' book 2 of Krystal's "VonBrandt Family" series, WICKED!! I would advise that you read book 1 of this series, you really don't want to miss out on anything.

Emma Carrington gets the feeling something isn't right one night whilst she's out with friends, then she gets the phone call from her father to go to Lucy, her safe house. Somewhere Texas is her destination, taking a wrong turn, then hitting a deer in the middle of the road, she finds herself on the VonBrandt ranch. Noah VonBrandt has been feeling the magic inside rise, everynight he's out in wolf form... but one night changes everything, thinking he's safe, he lets the magic take over... but Emma see's it all & that's not all he notices....

I couldn't tear my eyes away from the pages, I was enthralled in this action packed story, next thing I knew it'd finished. I loved everything about the story, the action, the heat, the trust, everything! I can't wait to read what happens next in Somewhere, TX for the VonBrandt family.

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### **Krystal M says**

oh my!

i absolutely love Krystal and her knack for story telling so its no suprise that this one was fabulous. It is fast paced but very well written.

Emma is on the run and finds herself in Somewhere, Texas looking for help. What she didn't expect to find was a sexy man who shifts into a wolf in front of her very eyes. Now, not only does she need to keep moving to avoid the men after her, but she must get away from "wolfy's" family who want to ensure their secret is kept safe.

Out for a run, Noah didn't notice that there was a woman out on their land before he changes into his wolf. After a couple incidents he gets her to his families home to discuss what to do about her knowing their secret.

Noah will do anything to keep Emma out of both his families hands and those out to kill her. But what means will be go about to keep her safe?

I love that Noah is definitely an alphanale but is not "in your face" about it. He is kind, caring, and fights for what he wants. I also love that Emma can take care of herself and doesn't need a man to handle her light

work ;)

i recommend this steamy, sweet read to any and all who love them an alpha male and a kick ass woman who can handle herself.

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### **Cheryl Graham-Petit says**

If you're looking for a sexy, shifter book that is well-written, has great characters, a story-line that keeps you on the edge of your seat and some naughty thrown in, To Love A Mate is the book you need.

Krystal Shannan does an amazing job of giving her readers what they want. From the very first page to the very last, Ms. Shannan has written a story that you will not want to put down.

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### **Vanessa says**

I loved this book. Fast paced action that grabs you from the beginning. It is laugh out loud funny. You will not want to put it down.

Emma is calm, cool, collected and having a very bad night. Watching a man shift from human to wolf is the least of her problems. Emma is accustomed to dealing with scarier stuff than some man/wolf. She is being chased by armed mercenaries, her parents are missing, and her only hope is to make it to her former bodyguard in Somewhere, TX.

The man/wolf in question, Noah, has a duty to bring Emma to his family. She knows their secret and must have her memory erased. Noah doesn't want her to suffer at the hands of his family and knows the only way to keep that from happening is to bond with her.

You only get to bond once. It is supposed to be for love, not to keep a stranger's memory intact. Even though he wants Emma, she has to disappear to stay alive.

So what's worse? Being killed by mercenaries, having your memory erased, or bonding to someone you have to leave behind?

I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Sonja Ratliff says**

Another great read. I have found so many great authors on the face book page The Wolf Pack: For Readers Who Like A Good Howl. Krystal Shannan is now one of my favorites. This book is the second in a series about the VonBrandt Family a family of shifters who are fighting to keep their existence a secret and to find and keep their one and only mate.

Into their lives comes Emma a young lady with lots of trouble of her own. Her father is mixed up with not so

nice people and Emma has survived kidnappings and murder attempts. The last one has sent her running for the only person who she knows loves her and will never let her down. Lucy, the woman who was her mother, while her bio mom was too busy to deal with Emma. Her bodyguards have tried to kill her and send her running where she sees the handsome Noah shift into his wolf. What follows is both running from his family and the killers who are after her. A wonderful mix of fun, excitement, action and romance. A delightful read and I will be reading more of this series.

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## **Judy Lewis says**

**DELICIOUSLY CUTE, SERIOUSLY SEXY AND DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINING !!!**

Title: To Love A Mate: Somewhere, Tx

Series: VonBrandt Family

Designation: Book Two (A Standalone Western Shapeshifter Werewolf Romance)

Author: Krystal Shannan

My Rating: **FIVE FUN-FABULOUS STARS \*\*\*\*\***

Well cowpokes, we're back in Somewhere, Texas for another exciting adventure and I, for one, absolutely love it! Krystal Shannon has delighted her readers yet again with *To Love A Mate*, the second release in her amazing VonBrandt Family series and this time around, we have handsome, charismatic twin, Noah VonBrandt. Oh my! Those VonBrandt men are certainly swoonworthy and Noah is no exception! But I digress. Let's talk about the book. The story is most definitely exciting, is certainly full of adventure and danger at every turn, and even has a large dose of humor but man oh man, is it ever super sexy and fabulously romantic! And did I mention hot? No? Well, it's hot! The interaction between the two main characters is a blazing exchange fed by a backdraft of instant lust-fueled attraction and high octane emotion! Oh my! The dialogue is smart, sassy, exceptionally well written and flows effortlessly. But my favorite element of this story is the characters. Yeah, yeah, I know, the characters are always my favorite. They are powerful, well developed, fascinating, engaging, endearing and sexy as sin. Shannan skillfully combines these elements into a delightfully entertaining paranormal romance full of danger, adventure, passion, sweet romance and forever love.

After growing up the daughter of a billionaire arms dealer masquerading as a philanthropist, Emma Carrington knows heartache and has almost grown accustomed to all the kidnapping attempts and death threats - almost. Now, she's on the run for her very life - again. And this time, it's from her very own bodyguards who now seem to be playing for the other team. She has only one possible option - try to get to Lucy Craig, her former guardian. Lucy kept her safe from harm for the first sixteen years of her life and is the only person who has ever truly loved her. If she can just get to Lucy who now owns a safehouse in Somewhere, Texas, Emma knows Lucy will have a plan to protect her. But getting there safely is a major problem! Can her life get any crazier??? Yep, it definitely can! After a deer runs in front of her car on a backroad near Somewhere, Emma finds herself in need of another means of transportation. And just when she spots a truck to steal, she witnesses an unbelievable sight - the owner of the truck, a handsome, sexy young cowboy, has just transformed into a wolf!!! What the heck??? Werewolves aren't real, are they??? She can't be attracted to a werewolf, can she??!! Noan VonBrandt has been more than a little restless and his wolf won't settle. He senses something and he suspects he may just know what it is. He's hesitant to believe that his possible mate may be close so maybe a late night run will help to settle his nerves. Unfortunately, Noah's transformation is witnessed by a beautiful blonde and instead of freaking out - she attacks him with a taser...umm...stun gun and steals his truck! Huh? Tasers(stuns) him and steals his truck??? How in the world did she manage that??? And when he finally catches her, she stuns him again! What the heck??? Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me! Who in the world is that young woman? He has to find her! She's the one - his mate! Oh my! Will Noah be able to catch Emma before it's too late and even if he

does, will he be able to keep her safe from her enemies as well as his own family who are also chasing her? Oh my lordy! Let the chase begin! And once you read the book, you'll understand completely what the big deal is with the two terms, taser versus stun and it's totally hilarious. Handsome, charismatic, werewolf cowboy who is willing to risk everything including his life to protect his one true love-check! Beautiful, smart young woman who knows how to use military grade weapons and is proficient with a stun gun-double check! Danger, drama, adventure, a very capable guardian, a family at odds with each other and some very dangerous enemies-check! Heated attraction, fiery passion, sweet romance, heartbreaking angst, a bond that can never be broken, and steamy, dreamy sex-you bet! That and a whole lot more! Although this is a standalone novella, I would highly recommend reading Book One of the series, To Save A Mate. Fabulous entertainment and an awesome read!

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### **Niki Driscoll says**

Somewhere Texas is quite the unique name and is the home to some very interesting characters. Noah VonBrandt is a shifter whose magic is telling him something is coming and he hopes it is his mate. Emma Carrington is running for her life and she doesn't have time to find love with the sexy shifter. This was a fast paced story with great characters. Emma is very strong but has lacked love and is not sure how to accept it. Noah is caring, wants to protect and care for Emma and keep her safe. There is a lot of humor in this storyline and the interaction between Noah and Emma is very entertaining. The two strong personalities collide creating an engaging action filled adventure. A well written story that draws you in and has you emotionally engaged from the first chapter. Intriguing elements, dangerous situations, family drama, suspense and a sizzling attraction make for a wonderful reading experience.

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### **Linda Levine says**

Emma is tough. She has had to be to survive her dad's questionable business and her mom's high society ways. When it becomes clear her life is at risk, she takes off to the only safe place she knows. She has no idea just how much her life will change when she sees Noah changed from a man to a wolf and decides to take his truck.

Noah is taken with Emma right away and wants to protect her. Her knowledge of his family being shifters is dangerous. He either needs to make her his mate or her memory will be erased. She truly is stunning. Noah decides to protect her from his family and her father's business associates. It doesn't mean there isn't time for him to convince her they are mates and belong together.

I thoroughly enjoyed the story. Emma is a really strong woman and just the kind of character I really enjoy reading about. She is pretty shock proof and just focused on survival. Noah is a surprise for her, When she starts to care, she just wants to protect him from the danger. They make a sweet couple and provide each other with just what they are missing. Emma has had limited love and affection in her life and Noah can provide her with all the love she missed. Noah has craved this kind of connection after seeing his brother find his mate.

I received a copy in return for a honest review.

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### **Roxie's Reviews says**

"Even distance can not break the bond"

Wow this book is phenomenal!. The characters are out standing!. After just reading the first chapter I was hooked!. The feisty rich girl Emma Carrington is out drinking with her friends she has two body guards with her. One of her body guards gives her a bottle of water. Before she drinks it she has a feeling to test it for drugs. Emma has a special fingernail polish that changes color if it is dipped in any thing that has drugs in it. Emma finds it is laced so she gives her body guards a slip. Then she notices a call on her phone from her Dad with a warning for her to go to their safe house and find her old body guard Lucy in Somewhere Texas. Noah Von Brandt is a werewolf on spring break in Somewhere. His wolf has been restless lately ever sense his twin brother Luke had found his mate. The Von Brandt ranch is next to Lucy's safe house. When Noah and Emma meet its hilarious. This book has amazing Romance,suspense,action plus fantastic humor! It is a must must read book!.

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### **Jasmyn says**

What I loved most about this book was Noah and his total devotion to keeping an innocent woman safe. Even though she discovers his secret when she watches him shift, he will do anything to protect her. And she has a lot to be protected from right now.

Emma can take pretty good care of herself - she has a purse that holds all - and some of that "all" is very deadly. I love that she can take care of herself and her loyalty to those that have treated her well in the past. There was a TON of excitement in this story - much more suspenseful than the first. This was a great change of pace, especially since I read them back to back, but it did take a little from the romance.

I really wish there had been just a tad more of them getting to know each other and falling in love. It all happened so very suddenly at times. However, the ending....OMG the ending!!!! I don't know that it could have been done any better. I fell in love with both of them all over again.

\*This book was received in exchange for an honest review\*

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### **Patricia Kieffer says**

To Love A Mate, Somewhere TX (VonBrandt Family #2)

by Krystal Shannan

This book is exciting right from the beginning. With Emma partying with friends during spring break with two bodyguards to keep her safe. The bodyguards have other plans, one give her a bottle of water that is already opened. Emma is a smart and with a absentee criminal father she has been trained to watch everything and everyone. So she checks the water with her nail, the polish she has on will tell if there is something in the water and there is. She has to get away from the bodyguards and find Lucy, the woman who raised and trained her till she was 16. There is so much going on that you can't put the book down. I laughed and cried in this book. It so intense that it pulls you right into the story. I was hooked from the 1st chapter till the end. I truly enjoyed read this story and would recommend it for a great read. I was given the book for a

honest review.

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### Carol [Goodreads Addict] says

To Love a Mate: Somewhere, TX is book two in the VonBrandt Family series by Krystal Shannan. It's been some time since I read book one in this series, To Save a Mate, and I'd forgotten how much I loved it. In book one we met Luke VonBrandt. In this one we get to know his twin brother, Noah.

Noah VonBrandt is feeling a little jealous about how happy his brother is with his new mate. He's also been feeling restless lately, like his skin is all prickly. He did some research and found out that one explanation for this could be that the woman that is intended to be his mate is near. Little did he think that she would be the one to steal his truck.

Emma Carrington is on spring break when her life falls apart. She is the daughter of a man heavily entrenched in the crime world. He makes a lot of money and she has been raised in the Hamptons. She's on spring break when something is suspicious with her body guards. So, she runs. She's headed to Somewhere, Texas where the woman who lives there maintains her safe house, Lucy. The problem is, Lucy is in the hospital. Emma is trying to find Lucy's house in the middle of the night when through a series of unfortunate events lands her in the middle of a cow pasture that contains lots of cow pies, some of which ended up on her! This just happens to be the VonBrandt property. She's lost and frightened when she sees something she never thought possible. A man changing in to a wolf. Once the initial shock passes, she steals his truck. She has to find Lucy's house.

It is strictly forbidden for a human to witness 'the change.' Once Noah's family realizes what has happened, they have no choice. They must erase her memories. But Noah can't let that happen. He is already feeling something for her. He will protect her. If he bonds with her, then she will be safe. But he hardly knows her. Could he take such a risk?

***"In less than twenty-four hours, this guy had managed to crack the tough shell she always kept around her heart. She couldn't fall for him. It couldn't happen."***

The pull of magick was too strong for Noah and Emma to resist. But Emma knows that once Lucy is able to travel, they had to run. So couldn't she just enjoy what was happening between she and Noah for the little bit of time they had? Wasn't she entitled to that at least?

***"How did he do that? How did he make her completely forget that she needed to slam down the walls around her heart? Instead, he opened them wide, showing her how much sunlight she'd been missing for so many years."***

This is a pretty short book but it's non-stop from start to finish. Emma is just trying to survive any way she can. Noah is stuck between the strict traditions and rules of his kind and the feelings he can't deny for Emma. How will this ever work out?

This is a quick, sexy and suspenseful book that I completely enjoyed. I'm going directly on to book three in the series, *To Win a Mate*.

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### **Monique says**

Emma Carrington is a Hampton socialite on spring break with a friend; Emma's father is very wealthy but does shady business. During an outing, one of her assigned bodyguards slips some drug in her drink. She decides to ditch him, switches clothes with a woman in the restroom of the bar where she was; she leaves quickly and rents a car. She gets a call from her dad who says security has been compromised and to call her former guardian, Lucy Craig. On her way to Lucy's safe house, she has an accident and she sees a man undress and ... change into a wolf!

What a great story! I love that Emma doesn't do anything stupid: she is careful, she doesn't panic, she doesn't jump to conclusions, even when she sees the werewolf, who is otherwise the gorgeous Noah VanBrandt. *TO LOVE A MATE* is the second book in the VonBrandt Family series, and can easily be read as a standalone. There's a lot of action: Emma's life is in danger from both her family's side and from the werewolves' side, and there are several unpredictable plot twists! The characters are multi-dimensional, Noah and Emma are very engaging, and I loved Lucy; it was fun for a change to see an older character involved in the story. The romance between Noah and Emma is sweet and sexy, and progressed naturally; they have a lovely relationship amidst all the problems they face.

Ms. Shannan's prose is very fluid, very eloquent, elegant and clear, the story is fast-paced; I loved everything about *TO LOVE A MATE*: A great read!

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I received a complimentary copy of this book from the author in exchange for a fair and honest review.