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Jen (That's What I'm Talking About) says

My Rating: 4 stars: Enjoyed - strongly recommend (A-)

Originally posted at That's What I'm Talking About

Estrella Rios is a lone Jaguar shifter... a woman without a pack, and she's never known pack life. Raised by humans since she was five, Estrella considers herself a human, with a pesky side of shifting. She's never told anyone what she is and knows nothing about shifter life or protocol.

One night while working at an art gallery, Rainer (brother of the Alpha's second-in-command) approached Estrella for being in the alpha's territory without giving notice. After she brushes him off, he follows her and saves her from a vampire attack. Soon the pair are on the run from the vampires who had been hunting Estrella.

The pair have immediate chemistry, and Rainer recognizes it as the mating call. After the adrenaline rush from their initial running from the vamps, the pair cannot keep their hands off of one another. Their encounters are steamy! However, I love that Rainier recognizes that in order to win Estrella over, he will have to give her control of their situation. He is willing to give up his need to take and mark her after she admits she's never been with a shifter. Rainier does not want to scare her off even though he wants to possess her and make her his mate. It's very romantic!

Even after their initial coupling, Estrella cannot give up her human ways of thinking - which I feel is very appropriate given her background. She sticks to her guns and doesn't let the shifters take control. I admired Estrella throughout the story and even gave her a few "you go girl" thoughts while reading. Meanwhile, Rainer accepts all that Estrella is, knowing that in time they can make it work. He stands up for her, even if it wasn't the smart move in his brother's eyes. It is because of his admirable treatment of her that Estrella learns she can finally "let go" and be the woman she is inside: shifter and all. The couple create a solid relationship, and I admire the direction they take in the end. It's not your standard shifter-mating HEA, but it is romantic, appropriate and happy!

Near the end, a secret twist is revealed, one that isn't too much of a shock for those paying attention to the clues. If this story was longer - or part of a series - I would want to think more about how this news would impact the overall story arc. But since the novella is pretty much stand alone, I will leave it as a good twist, but not earth shattering.

Overall Tempting the Jaguar is an entertaining novella. Ms. Reus has a knack for giving the reader steamy romance and exciting action in an engaging read. As with her other novellas, this story is something that could be developed into a great full-length book, but it is enjoyable as is.

PepperP0t says

Estrella, a jaguar shifter, has been raised as a human and doesn't know a lot about pack rules. What she does know is she's been fine without one and has no intention or being part of one. One night outside her work Ella sees a fight between a wolf-shifter and two vampires. She's become more aware of the shifter's in the

area but never so close to humans. Rainer, the werewolf, thwarts the vampires attempt to kidnap Ella but is seriously injured and Estrella can't understand why she's helping Rainer nor does she have a clue what the vampires could possibly want with her.

This was a very busy short that felt too rushed in most scenes and the dialogue gave the impression of trying too hard and in other places it was too light. Overall it wasn't a bad read but I would have appreciated more character development and a more complete read. This outing felt as if it was a first draft of a full length novel.

Marie Andersson says

I love this paranormal world Katie has created!??Her men are always alpha,sexy and protective!???

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It's no secret I love Katie's writing!:)I really enjoyed the story of Rainer and Estrella.I love when two different species fall in love(Rainer is a wolfshifter and Estrella is a jaguarshifter).It was really sweet and Rainer is such an alpha male.Just the way I like my shifters!

I was send an arc and this is my honest review!

TheCrazyGranny says

Estrella was orphaned at the age of five and was raised in the human world. She has no clue about the shifter laws and protocols. So when the arrogant and sexy as sin wolf, Rainer, confronts her about not notifying his pack she was living in their territory, she doesn't know what he is talking about. She refuses to answer his questions. So he decides to follow her home, but on the way she is attacked by vampires and Rainer saves her.

The attraction between them burns red hot. They are on the run from vampires and can't keep their hands off each other. Rainer realizes this as the mating call and that Estrella is his mate. He will do anything to keep her safe. But will something from Estrella's past ruin their chances at a HEA?

This novella is a great read. If you enjoy fast paced insta-lust, sexy as sin shifters with a little bit of mystery, then this is definitely for you. Katie packs a lot of punch in this short story. I will definitely be picking up her other books.

4 stars

3 flames

given a copy for an honest review.

review can be seen at thejeepdiva.com

Kay says

3.5??

Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

TEMPTING THE JAGUAR packs a wicked punch! Bursting with action, it's a story that will entice new readers to check out Katie Reus's paranormal romance series or give loyal readers another reason to rejoice. I was floored by the amount of intense action and plot in this shorter story. Reus presents a well-rounded romance that impressed me. With a sexy but arrogant hero in Rainer and a feisty, yet fun heroine in Estrella, it will definitely entice readers to read more of Reus's work. After reading this, I am sure I will be picking up another Reus book!

Moreover, a discovery concerning Estrella's heritage gives readers that much needed twist that turns a good book into a great one. TEMPTING THE JAGUAR is a winner. It's as simple as that!

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Tina says

I was eager to read this book just from the cover alone but then add in the jaguar shifter aspect and I knew I had to get my hands on it. I had no trouble sinking my teeth into this story. The author did not make you wait long for the romance or action. The moment Rainer eyes found Estrella you knew the chemistry between the two would be off the charts.

This book can be read as a standalone; however, if you have read Destined Mate and Protector's Mate you will recognize some references to the characters from these books. I am loving this (I am hesitant to call it series because each book can be read as a standalone) series. Tempting The Jaguar is a short story but fully packed with action and hot chemistry. I found myself staying up into the wee hours of the night just because I could not stop reading. I am definitely looking forward to the next book.

Nadia says

This book was sent by author for an honest review

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REVIEW:

"His kisses were soft, exploratory and incredibly sweet.

She felt more raw and vulnerable than she ever had before and he was being perfect."

"Tell me something about yourself," he demanded in a low voice.

She blinked, unsure she'd heard right. Her inner walls clenched around his fingers in desperation as he slowed even more. She needed him..."

"Her eyes widened slightly in surprise. "Is talking right before sex or right before I orgasm going to be a thing with you?" she asked, her voice teasing."

"I rarely talk during sex, but you seem to bring it out in me," he murmured"

OH. MY. GODS.

I just want to start off by saying, wow this was *hot!* seriously, did you see that cover?! *ooh baby, come to mama*

The chemistry between Estrella and Rainer was sizzling, when they first meet each other, and when Estrella describes exactly how Rainer makes her feel. I couldn't stop myself from thinking "Lucky girl!" and "Woman, you better tap that, or I seriously as hell will!" <-- she was resisting him in the beginning when they had their first encounter, she totally didn't want anything to do with him, not even his hot bod. *give somber eyes* No, seriously she actually told him to *back off* I know right?! who does that? Pfft!

The story itself was quite interesting, I had an idea on, where Katie wanted to take this short novella, and there were hints, here and there about the twist in the book. Y'all I don't if it's me who's dense, but the twist in the book kinda surprised me I was like "huh? really?... ok didn't think it was gonna go that way.." But then I was like "duh!" off course! how did I not figure it out, before? Sheesh I'm slow today.. (or any other day that ends with a y)

Now you know, it's *novella* that it means it's *reeeeeally* short, so I was excited to see how Kaetie has written it, because a lot of times with novellas the tempo is on olympic marathon for it to have an actual story on so few pages, and the author's don't usually go deep into the character's background or the story itself, or the characters don't have a lot of depth.

Katie did a great job, I felt connected with both Estrella and Rainer and I was seriously invested in their future! Katie **did** go deep into Estrella's past, her background, history, and gave me a better understanding of Estrella as a character with depth, and very relatable, and real emotions.

Rainer also had depth to him, I seriously felt sorry a lot of times for the guy, he had all my sympathy in dealing with Estrella and her lack of knowledge about the shifter world. He had to hide what he really felt for her so many times, so he didn't scare her off. I know right?! With Rainer I had so many **awww** moments, he is such a sweetheart! :D Wish there were more guys of his kind in real life **sigh** oh well at least I can console myself with my book boyfriends :D

Definitely a good book, recommend you to get it! I finished this book in one hour, sooo totally worth your time!

Maura says

I don't know whose in charge of series organization, but this is more a part of the werewolf story than the jaguar shifters. Yeah, the main character, Estrella, is a jaguar shifter, but the hero is in the werewolf pack, with characters from the first book in the werewolf series. So, I hadn't read the first in that series and it mentions quite a few characters from it. You may want to read that one first.

This is one of those good little stories with a growly, protective hero who isn't creepy or stalkerish and just wants to protect the woman he feels is his mate. There's an insta-lust sort of connection, but it's totally acceptable. And Estrella, who grew up in the human world, is wary of it at first, as she should be. So it added to the realism (of a PNR I know right?). The two have some pretty great chemistry and connect very well in the story. I was intrigued by the wolf shifter brothers' telepathic ability but I think it may have been explained in the first story. There are also vampires hunting them all down and IMHO they so did not handle the situation well. Obviously not smart vampires. It was a somewhat disappointing ending as we didn't get to see Estrella reunited with her peeps nor do we see an actual mating, though there is a commitment towards one. I think an epilogue would have been a fantastic little edition here.

Andita says

Short and...

Sweet with a little bit of suspense. I love vampires, werewolves, and shifters in general. I'm getting more by this author.

Tania says

"Tempting the Jaguar" by Katie Reus. A paranormal romance novella.

Ohhhhhh! I really like this novella! Exciting action scenes, steamy romance scenes and werewolves and jaguars and vampires! Oh my! This novella is part of a series that technically doesn't really have a name (I checked on the author's website) but the main male character of Rainer is the brother of Alaric (who is in the novella "Protector's Mate").

Rainer has found a jaguar shifter in his pack's territory. She didn't notify anyone that she'd be there like the

laws of the shifter territories state. No one knows who she is and Rainer is determined to find out. When he meets Estrella face to face, there is an undeniable attraction between them. But when vampires show up, hunting Estrella, Rainer will do everything in his power to keep her safe and find out who these vampires are and why they want Estrella.

Estrella has no idea that vampires even exist. So when she finds herself being hunting by them, she doesn't know what to do. Until she meets a gorgeous werewolf named Rainer. He insists on helping her and protecting her. But Estrella has never needed help from anyone before and she doesn't need it now. She's been on her own for most of her life and she is determined to stay that way.

I so enjoyed this storyline in this novella. Each character was really well portrayed. The chemistry between Rainer and Estrella was just steamy as hell. A great novella for when you need a paranormal romance fix.

Amy R says

Katie Reus writes some awesome stories with shifters. My only complaint with her Cravings books is that they are all too short! As long as you go in knowing the books are short and not full length novels, you will enjoy them.

In this story, we find Rainer, a werewolf shifter who is sent to find out why Estrella, a jaguar shifter is on Rainer's Alpha's land without making herself known. Well, she is packless and knows nothing about pack life so she wasn't even aware she was supposed to make herself known. Estrella has been living in the human world for her entire life so when Rainer shows up and demands answers, she is caught off guard and is defensive.

Then on a typical drive home from work, Estrella is almost attacked by vampires but luckily Rainer is there to save her. From there the story unfolds with Estrella and Rainer trying to figure out why the vampires are after her and what will come of their relationship. They are drawn to one another on such a primal level they can't fight it. Of course, you also get Katie's fabulous writing that makes it easy to read the entire book in one sitting and not ever have to put it down!

If you are looking for a quick, steamy read with hot shifters, I highly recommend you try Tempting the Jaguar!

Kathy says

Estrella Rios - artist, sculptor - parents killed when she was five, her mother told her to run, shifted to jaguar, once tired, changed back, in city and policeman found her - she told them both her mother and father killed, but they did not find the body of her mother; and she went into foster care - in Florida; best friends with Sabrina, painter, and followed her to Alabama; she bought a cabin somewhat isolated in the woods, so she can run free; though jaguar, she knows no others and fits in with humans; few weres she met in college, came on to her as she not in a pact - she killed one who was about to rape her; she knows nothing of her kind; vague memories of running with her father; saw both parents beheaded and doesn't know what happened to her mother's body; her mother the daughter of the king vampire, her father a jaguar shifter - left vampire coven with father angry; one of the king's usurpers kills her mom to so no successor - and when

child gets away, he leaves her because no one knows of her and she's too much trouble;

Rainier: 350 year old werewolf; in youth, fell in love, and was duped - his fiancé set trap for his family (wanting their land) - by accident, he and his brothers not there, but parents killed - brothers avenged them; he still feels the guilt;

Unbeknownst to Estrella, her father's family has discovered that her mother had an heir (read mind of her mother's assassin), and they have come to reunite her with her family; Rainier is tracking unknown vampires in town, and at Sabrina's exhibit he sees Estrella, and can't keep his eyes off of her - and she is aware of him... on turnoff to her cabin, she is aware of 2 cars following her; vampires grab her out of car (she didn't know they existed) and call her princess, and tell her to come with them... Rainier thinks she is under attack, and he fights them... she helps... the vamps leave; she takes Rainier home... share a kiss... the vampires return... they shift, and run away... and once in his territory, with his suspicious brother, they turn to one another, he tells her she is his, and passion explodes...

the next day she gets a call from vamps ... they have taken her friend, and want her to come to art museum alone... though tries to hide it from Rainier, estrella quickly confides... the weres hide inside, stake out place... she goes in, there is some scuffling... Sabrina is sedated, but unhurt... she shifts to jaguar... she throws herself over him to protect him... the vampires don't want to hurt her and stop... they shift back... she finds out the vampires want to take her to meet her family - and Sabrina's friendship outweighs her fear of the unknown; she spends 3 days with her friend... Rainier is chomping at the bit, wanting to give her time... when she comes to the pack house to meet her grandfather... gets there early... worried Rainier's feelings changed.. but he takes her in his arms... when sees her love, he picks her up and carries her to his room... making love to her, and telling her she is 'mine' (and vice versa)

Tracie R says

Estrella is a jaguar shifter who lives as a human and never remembered much about her past or who she was.

Rainer is a powerful wolf shifter and part of the Alabama Pack.

When Estrella goes to help her best friend Sabrina at her first professional art show she notices a very sexy man with piercing green eyes that seems to be following her.

Rainer wants to know why a lone cat shifter is in his territory unannounced but most of all he and his wolf want to know THIS cat shifter.

Rainer attraction to Estrella is instant and in one split moment Estrella realise he is like her the sexy man she is attracted to is a shifter. Estrella needs to get away the only shifters she has ever known were a few wolf shifters in college and her experience wasn't good. Rainer is shocked when he realises Estrella does not know about territory and pack rules when he asks her why she is in Alabama unannounced.

Before long Estrella will come to realise her whole world is about to be turned upside down. She is being chased by Vampires and her only ally seems to be a wolf that has come to her rescue. Can Estrella trust Rainer to help and protect her or will it all prove to be too much.

This maybe a short story but it has everything a great book needs passion, conflict, possessiveness and love.

Be sure to buy Tempting the Jaguar by Katie Reus find out why Estrella doesn't know about her past why Vampires are trying to capture her and what is this undeniable connections she has with the sexy wolf shifter Rainer.
