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Three days. Three dead bodies. One newly turned, broken-hearted lycan tracker to figure out the connection.

The one summer Rick Barton takes a vacation, all hell breaks loose. Running from an abusive relationship leads him into the arms of hard-nosed lycan Travis Chandler, who gives him little choice but to become a lycan too and join the Paranormal Bureau of Investigation. Out of options, Rick joins the weird organization, expecting some two weeks of training and an adjustment period. Tough luck, he doesn't get either. On his first day, his new partner offers to promote him to field agent if they get mated – less time wasted on training, more time on the field, and considering Rick is the only tracker the Bureau has on hand when a wave of strange murders hits the community, time is of the essence.

Someone's killing the leaders of the paranormal world and mutilating the bodies. Investigating and tracking clues is enough of a challenge, and Rick must contend with an impatient Council, Travis's advances, and actually adjusting to being a lycan. Only one thing is certain: Rick's new life promises plenty of interesting adventures—as long as he can survive.

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Neko says

HAHAHA YES!

I totally loved it.

Sequel??? SEQUEL?!?!?!

Because I seriously need more. Like NOW. NOW NOW. RIGHT NOW. ♥

Natasha says

2.25 stars.

Actually pretty hilarious in parts. A little too far-fetched for me as far as the plot and reasoning went. Fairly predictable characterization on Travis's behalf. I honestly have no idea what was up with Rick. It's almost like he didn't have a rational thought in his entire head. The decisions and over-the-top actions of most of the characters drove me a little batty.

Um. So, maybe just not for me. Still kind of cute and funny in parts.

Nice cover, though.

• * ° *• Gwendolyn• °**★°**★ says

I stopped at 75%.

Sweet, Cute and Funny yet, Something was missing?

and, I found what was missing was me.

I really was not in the mood for cute and Funny Today.

So, me and the book did not work out.

What were my niggles.....

The Execution, was a fail for me, I did not like it..."mate or die" and it was not just the idea of that , it was the way it was written, their first encounter. It just started me off wrong in this book. This made for no warm and fuzzy feels for these guys.

The descriptive writinganother, fail for me...cuz, if the person is going to transform into a wolf, I want to

feel it, and see it...not just read it. In this I just read it.

The journey in reading...from the first bite, to the limited romance as well as the banter and the style of writing, I found I did not enjoy this journey .I actually felt like I was just mechanically reading, moving pages to merrily progress to the end.

My rating is my personal opinion, and honestly, most everybody loved this but me (at the time of my review post)...but, gosh, sometimes it just doesn't work out

In all fairness, I did not finish the book. So it may work out for you....:-)

I truley hope it does.

Jacq says

I wanted as real as possible this was "Straight Up Comedy....If you want just laughs and giggles this is your read. Just not for me.

All the possibilities...

Tam says

A bit of a mixed bag with a bit of everything in the paranormal. Chandler kind of runs over Rick, turns him without his permission, more or less tricks him into mating and yet I found Rick had a good head on his shoulder and a fair bit of spunk and could put up with Chandler's rather frenetic life. It might not be everyone's cup of tea, but I'd definitely pick up the next one.

DaisyGirl says

1.5 (1.0) Star(s)

Sheesh I had trouble with this one. First the positive: I read this through cover to cover so it had me turning the pages. Now for my gripes:

- Poor world building. No unauthorized persons were supposed to know about being lycan (or other paranormals) but everyone knew about the Paranormal Bureau of Investigations (PBI)? The (human) police helped the PBI but didn't know about them? A number of inconsistencies hindered my ability to grasp exactly how this world worked.

- A F*cktard Paranormal World. This world was built upon alphas and submissives. Okay, cool right? I love PNR! Well, what's not so cool is that alphas chose their submissives and bit them (without their consent). Then these bite victims were given a "choice" to receive a second bite (and become the same paranormal type of being as the alpha (lycan, werewolf, etc.)) and a submissive OR die a slow and painful death. Hmmm, not much of a choice at all IMO. After

the second bite, the alpha can control the submissive using the 'alpha voice.' There are no rules or expectations placed on alphas and some submissives are abused. Uh-huh, yeah. The submissive can eventually be set free by being given a third bite but it is in the alpha's sole discretion whether to give that third and final bite. Fun times! NOT!

-Herman and Amanda Weiss
(view spoiler)

-Travis Chandler and Rick Barton

The happy-go-lucky MCs I'm supposed to swoon over giddily embraced their unequal power dynamic and thought that since Travis didn't "make" Rick do anything too bad, it was all good. Well, I didn't buy it. Rick just got out of an abusive relationship. As an abuse survivor, the power dynamic in this world would make my skin crawl. Rick's acceptance of Travis and embrace of this paranormal world rang false and left me feeling incredulous.

Bottom line: Not for me. (Not even a little bit.)

Jo * Smut-Dickted * says

More edgy than I thought it would be. It does go very fast - and sacrifices some character and plot development for it. There was a bit of whiplash at times with how fast things were going. The mystery was great - loved the different powers. Very invested in continuing the series!

JR says

Rick Barton has escaped an abusive relationship that has left him suffering from PTSD. Enjoying the beach and his vacation, he is drawn to a handsome man in the water. Suddenly, Rick isn't himself anymore, but a newly turned lycan. He has Travis Chandler to thank for his new existence, the mysterious man in the water. From here on out, it is down the rabbit hole for Rick and the reader, as he discovers the new world of the Paranormal Bureau of Investigation. There's no time to adjust as Rick is thrown into his new role with little training, and many unanswered questions.

I loved how this story just took off, and didn't put on the breaks till the end. It was a fun, sexy thrill ride. The side characters are great and the the mcs are exceptional. The author nailed Rick's PTSD. In all the fun there was a serious message about being a victim and a survivor. I found it sobering and entertaining.

Lilia Ford says

4.5

Excellent. This surprised me a lot, which honestly is hard for the shifter genre. First off, it's very well-written, and despite containing several popular "werewolf" features--ie. mating--is definitely a fresh take on a genre plagued by highly derivative, lazy books. The set up is fairly reminiscent of Men In Black, featuring an agency devoted to policing supernatural creatures, and a new recruit matched with an old hand. But the "mating" aspect of the partnership was far more than just a catchy set-up, reverberating through the story on

a number of different levels.

I was really impressed by the characterization here, especially the narrator, Rick. We learn early on that he has just managed to escape an abusive relationship that lasted for years. It's the kind of set-up that I generally find manipulative and/or generic, but for once I thought it got the treatment it deserved. Rick is not the usual "tragiboy" in need of rescue (most often by a Dom) that we so often see, but he does have profound trust issues and self-doubt that lurk behind his clever banter and scalding chemistry with Travis. He rises remarkably quickly to the challenges of his new job and his sudden immersion in the paranormal world, but he's haunted (quietly) by his doubts over why he didn't leave his ex-lover sooner, doubts over his masculinity that he didn't defend himself better, and whether he can be in a relationship with someone who has claimed such absolute power over him without his consent--as Travis has--even if that person seems decent. Moreover, his experience with abuse is not simply a hurdle he must get over on the way to a relationship; it also gives him vital insight and sympathy into what it means to be in someone else's power, and even becomes key to his success as an investigator.

As I suggested, I found these aspects all the more resonant for never being overplayed. There's a part of me (the psycho part) that usually wishes these stories pushed harder on the domination; I think what Olteano did was far deeper and richer, and luckily the relationship between Travis and Rick was genuinely hot while also being complex and conflicted. I very much hope this is the beginning of a new series. Olteano is a terrific writer and I can't wait to read more of her stuff.

Bottom line; very highly recommend.

Riina Y.T. says

3 or 4 ★ ? —— I'm undecided. I sort of loved/hated it ;)

Not seriously hated, no, it was enjoyable! I just wished some things were different...

I loved Travis – he's a cocky bastard and so full of himself, but he's also endearingly sweet. Yep, I'd love to see him again.

Sadly I didn't warm up to Rick .. not fully, no *sniff* Sometimes there is just a certain type of character / voice I am unable to warm up to :(

Their banter was mostly fun, but just a tad over the top from time to time. I could have done with less joking, it seemed a bit forced, though I guess that's just how they are ;)

I did like them together, though, they were sexy, and Trav sweeter than you'd think.

I'm glad it didn't turn into a page-after-page, alpha-fuck-fest without any story.

I liked the mystery, actually, it was quite fun.. loved the couples therapy ;)

All in all, a lot here was a tad over the top, but mostly enjoyable. Personally, I don't mind the lack of "history", it worked well for me. BUT come to think of it, we don't really know a thing about Travis...!!!

When, why, how he was turned... etc.

He's got a sister, yes, and a few ex's. But that's about it =P

I seriously hated Weiss's mate... such a bitch. Ugh.

Nikyta *Miss Forgetful* says

This review can be found at [The Blogger Girls](#) review site.

4.5 stars

Rick Barton's got nothing left to live for; no partner, no job and no home so he's spending his summer on vacation. At least that is until a gorgeous sun god captures his attention and bites him. Now left with a choice, Rick can either live a life in pain or be turned into a lycan by Travis and work for a secret paranormal agency. Feeling there's no other choice, Rick lets Travis bite him, thinking he's prepared for his new life as a lycan. Unfortunately, Rick soon finds out that Travis didn't exactly tell him everything and now he's neck deep in an investigation trying to find a paranormal being mutilating others. But that's not all, with Rick's new transformation and being Travis' partner, comes with more than just a super sniffer but a strong compulsion to mate Travis even though he may not be ready for it. Will these two be able to catch a killer and settle into their new found relationship or will everything end before it even begins?

Holy shizzle! This was one of the best books I've read in a few weeks! I'll be honest and admit I didn't really read the blurb before I started it. I knew it was paranormal and I knew it involved a secret paranormal agency (which I'm a sucker for) and I was sold on reading it. And boy am I glad I did! Once I started it, I was instantly drawn into the story and taken on a wild ride filled with humor and a good mystery. I loved Rick as a character who was a mix of confident, shy and snarky. With his tracker skills, I loved the way he was so curious about how things smelled but I also loved that he had a great sense of humor. There were a lot of times throughout the book that I cracked up over something either Rick or Travis said or even on just the way Rick would describe something he saw or how he compared things together.

As for Travis, he's going to be a love him or hate him type of character. I, personally, LOVED him because he was so unlikable at times but sweet at others. He pissed a lot of people off because of his "I don't give a shit" attitude but that's what was so appealing about him. He held nothing back when it came to ANYTHING, except for Rick and pushing him into doing something he didn't want to. Another reason I loved Travis was because of how gentle and caring he was towards Rick. As Rick's alpha, he could have easily forced Rick to conform to Travis' expectations but instead, he let Rick set the pace, he let Rick decide when things would stop or move forward. Travis might have been the alpha but Rick had all the control. Travis, though, was also insecure over certain stuff such as relationships and keeping his partners. If a partner wanted out, Travis would let them go even if it killed him. He's sorta sad but I loved how possessive he was of Rick and I especially loved how intense the emotions were between them but also the chemistry they stirred up. They were SOO HOT together!

I ADORED this book but I did have a few issues. Mainly, the author had a habit of having characters 'clack' or 'smack' their lips and it grew a tad annoying and repetitive to read about. Personally, I couldn't really understand why characters were doing that during certain conversations and the only reason I noticed is because the words weren't exactly something used in other situations. Plus they were used in too close of a proximity to the other times and in the exact same short sentences "he/she smacked/clacked his/her lips." Other than that, I really wish we could have actually known exactly who committed the murders, how and why they did instead of just the mastermind behind it. For example why would someone have killed the first victim especially since she was barely an adult?

Overall, this was still a fabulous novel in an intriguing new world. I was drawn right into the story and loved the characters, pacing and overall mystery of the plot. Not to mention Rick and Travis had such great chemistry that I loved seeing them banter and tease each other. I'm soooo glad this is the first in a series because I just CANNOT WAIT for the sequel!

Sandra says

3.5 stars I read almost exclusively M/M these days, although for a while I was on a huge Urban Fantasy kick. So you can imagine my excitement when I saw this and thought, "Oooooh! Gay Dresden Files!?!?" Well, not exactly. This dose have a UF feel to it, but with the strong focus on the relationship and mating, it is decidedly more Paranormal Romance. That's not a bad thing per se. It just is.

I don't have a ton of specific 'likes' to list off, I just enjoyed it. It's well written, the dialogue is natural, and I liked the interaction between the two MC's. There are good secondary characters across the board. The murder mystery plot was decent and intriguing, but they didn't focus wholly on that where we got bored with it.

Now for the easier part, criticisms. That sounds harsh, these are mostly little niggles that I noticed and feel the need to mention, for whatever reason. Now, I am not a cop. I have no cop friends or family members, but even I was a little bit insulted by the implication that just about anyone can up and be a detective. I know they didn't mean it like that, and they did clarify later on that they purposely did not ever turn actual cops because they tend to have split loyalties and feel conflicted about it. But really. He's an accountant or whatever one day, and a star detective the next. No problem.

Next was Rick and how he feels about his past. This seemed a little all over the place to me, changing depending on what best suited the particular scene or scenario. At first he seemed very casual and unaffected by it. Then it begins to be some huge issue in their relationship. It just seemed a little too... convenient, at times. For all his supposed trust issues, this whole mating bond with minimal choice really should have been more of a problem for him than it was. And although he was bitten, he *never* actually shifts! I feel a little cheated by this.

Lastly, the mystery gets somewhat resolved, and somewhat left open for the next book to continue on with the case. That's fine, I didn't feel cheated. But I think they should have had a better idea of the scenario behind the killings at least (view spoiler)

But I'm so onto the next book. I want a confrontation with Mitch. I want (view spoiler) to get his comeuppance, or at least address how shitty shit was. I want more Tail (view spoiler) I want to learn more about Timmy and have him not be a dick, maybe a friend to Rick, meet his mate. I want to see change in the

council and the paranormal community (view spoiler) I think you get the idea, I want *more!* Next please. :)

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Jaime says

4 "Balls Deep" Stars

This was a fun book with mystery, sexy shifters, an out of control mate, and two MC who are brought together under unusual circumstances. Our MC are Rick Barton - human and Travis Chandler - Lycan. Travis finds himself in need of a mate and partner so what does he do, he makes one - as he forces the change from human to lycanthropy on to his new mate Rick. Rick isn't really sure what to make of this man who has taken him to a strange place, introduced him to strange people/animals and then basically told him that his life will never be the same he either takes the next bite to become a lycan or he goes crazy. With odds like that it is no wonder that Rick takes the next bite and transitions into a lycan, where he is identified as a unique Lycan with unique abilities - all of which help his new partner Travis.

The Chemistry between these two fluctuates throughout the book and Rick goes from wanting to murder Travis to wanting to hold him down and have his way with him. Rick isn't quite sure what to make of the other people he has been introduced to, some of them he likes immediately and others he is leary of - choosing to only interact with them if need be. As leaders of the paranormal community continue to be murdered in strange ways, Ricks new ability (even though he is a baby lycan) proves to be very helpful in tracking and identifying who could be behind the murders. Will it be enough though or will the forces work against Rick and Travis - and more leaders lose their lives?

Beyond dealing with murders and some very hormonal paranormal beings, Rick has to deal with taking care of and satisfying his new found mate. He wonders how his life changed so drastically and then he remembers, he was bitten. Now he has to wonder will he get the third bite and be released from Travis's hold on him and if so, does he want it or is he happy being mated to the cranky and slightly unstable Lycan? Check this book out for lots of fun, a great mystery, and some interesting characters that you are sure to fall in love with! 4 Stars -

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Reviewed by Jaime from Alpha Book Club

Ami says

I decided to go for this book for two reasons. **One**, it's a shifter story. Yep, despite the fact that I usually have issues with how M/M handles shifter (and mating) stories, I am simply like a moth to a flame whenever I see a summary for a shifter book. Plus the summary of this book promises DEAD BODIES (yes, I am also a huge mystery fan, especially serial murders). **Second**, uhm, the reason might be silly, okay ... but the two

guys on the cover look like adult Stiles and Derek (from the TV series *Teen Wolf*). While I don't watch that series at all, I see photos and I've read a few fan-fictions. So yeah, those reasons, haha!

Did I enjoy this book, by the way?

Yes, I did. I thought the strength of this book came from the first narrator, Rick Barton. Despite coming out of an abusive relationship, he didn't feel like a victim to me. I mean, he wasn't doused in self-pity and angst ... even later on, he showed that he wasn't unaffected by it. Plus with all the sudden changes in his life, being roped into the Paranormal Bureau of Investigation (PBI) with minimum training, and dealing with serial killers, Rick was still able to work through it. The banter between he and Travis felt good and enjoyable.

I was also quite intrigued with secondary characters, like the doctor Tail, and it was fun to have a real TROLL in an urban fantasy book (haha!). Travis came to me at first as an ass – but at the same time he was (borrowing a friend's term) a touchy-feely kind of ass, and Travis actually amused me with his "*I don't give a sh*t about what people think of me*" brash attitude.

The mystery itself was decent – and I would like to applaud the author for being able to present complex motivation that drove the villain. It wasn't simply black and white; in fact, I was quite sympathetic with the villain. It was a refreshing take for a murder-mystery fan like myself.

I did have issues with a few things. The way Rick was brought into PBI, the way that Travis just bit him like so and then gave Rick only two options: "*join me as lycan or live forever in discomfort due to the lycan virus*" screamed non-consensual. Travis' power with his 'Alpha Voice' that could simply make Rick do ANYTHING also prone to power-abuse. It made me feel uneasy. Then the whole issue about the motive behind the villain's action – it wasn't properly addressed. I can't say anything more because it would become a spoiler, but let's just say that I was disappointed with how THAT issue was handled.

However, despite my personal issues, I still thought this book was entertaining. Heck, I even tolerated Travis calling Rick pet names (including my hated word 'baby') because it was said in a tongue-in-cheek kind of way, to make Rick annoyed. Bottom line, it was fun to read. I checked the author's website and this book was listed as the first in a series called "*Leaders Murder*". I assume there will be more to this world coming from this author and I would gladly read the sequel.

Rosa, really says

Fine. I admit it. I read this book because of the title. And the cover. And because I've been reading *Teen Wolf* (StereK) fanfiction lately and in my head the two main characters looked like Derek and Stiles. It's a sickness. But it worked out well for me as *A Tooth for a Fang* is an enjoyable read.

Take these dudes and add 15 or so years.

Rick has recently left his abusive boyfriend/boss and is taking a beach vacation before finding another job. Instead of getting a great tan, however, he gets bit by a lycan, Travis, who insists on calling him "Ricky boy." Ugh. However, Travis is hot, so, really, who cares? Rick soon finds himself working with Travis as an agent for PBI -- basically he's a paranormal homicide detective.

Why aren't they both saluting? <--Boner joke

He also soon finds himself mated to Travis (mates are chosen in this book). But it's a business decision, it means Rick doesn't have to go through training -- it has nothing to do with Travis being hot for Rick. *Yeah, huh, it does.*

You know you want it.

Soon Travis and Rick are investigating the murders of some powerful paranormals all while bickering, exchanging quips and wearing a lot of leather. Rosa approves. It was a little unbelievable that Rick adjusted to lycanthropism and going from a personal assistant to a cop in about 3.72 seconds, but I did like that it took him the length of the book to adjust to their mating. Rick has issues with Travis being his alpha (which happened automatically when Travis bit him), especially after just getting out of a controlling relationship. The author handled it well. At the end of the book Rick doesn't magically get over his fears, but he is prepared to trust in their relationship.

Okay, now for some general complaints. People keep "clacking" their lips. I have no idea what that means. They also "smack" their lips and never when they're eating or kissing. Yes, I'm nitpicking, but it was distracting. Also, what's the difference between werewolves and lycans? Are werewolves born and lycans made? Then why is there a werewolf that was bitten by her mate that apparently turns into a werewolf? That's the type of stuff I like to know, it makes for satisfying world-building. Also, though at first I liked the slow-burning sexual tension between Travis and Rick (there was one scene where I was gripping my Kindle and mentally yelling KISS, KISS), once we got past that I would've liked them to *fuck more*. Or make sweet, sweet love, whatever you want to call it. There was one scene with, uh, some deep dickin' but I would've loved one more scene. For instance at the end, which would've cemented their feelz.

Do eet!

Over all it was a light, enjoyable read and shifter and urban fantasy lovers should like it. The ending made me think there may be a sequel and I'd like to read it.

3.5 stars

P.S. For those who will wonder -- nope! No knotting.

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