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One bite has never been a life changing decision but it is now — to bite or not to bite that is the question.

All Lucius needs is his family. They might be a mismatched and unconventional group but they're the only "real" family he knows and wants. What Lucius doesn't need is the strange, beautiful man who arrives as a last minute dinner guest and knocks him and his wolf on his ass, literally.

Just being in the same room with the mysterious Nicu proves disastrous. Lucius knows without a doubt he doesn't need the havoc Nicu threatens to bring to his predictable, but comfortable existence. But when he stands to lose the man who is tearing his life apart, Lucius realizes he doesn't know what he needs at all.

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Mandapanda says

2.5 stars. Run of the mill paranormal romance between a human and his reluctant werewolf soulmate. The story is set in a kind of frathouse where Lucius lives with his friends, Manny, Kristof (both shifters) and Ali (a mage and the 'den mother' of the group). Nicu, a gypsy from Romania, knows that Lucius is his soul mate and turns up to try and convince him to acknowledge the bond. The catch is that Nicu can't tell Lucius that he will die if Lucius doesn't accept him.

This fairly shallow story just revolves around Nicu wanting Lucius to bite him. It got boring after a while. The ending annoys me because it finishes with the obligatory tie-in to the next novel/couple. Sometimes I feel like these mass-market shifter novellas only exist to suck us into buying the next one.

Christy says

I was lucky, really lucky, to be born into a pretty great family. Granted, we've had our moments and our disagreements, but in the end I've always known they would be there for me, no matter what. I know a lot of people don't get that type of family through birth. But, some of them make their own family with friends and loved ones. And, I'm here to tell you right now, I would pick Lucius and his misfit family any day of the week and twice in Sunday. They're a funny, loving, crazy bunch and being with them is some of the most fun I've had in a long time. This was my first introduction to a K-lee Klein story and I can assure you, it won't be the last.

Lucius is a lone wolf whose mother died at childbirth, and his father was killed by a wolf who wanted to take over his pack. When Lucius tried to get the pack elders to see this, the pack sent him away with only the clothes on his back. Ali is a white witch born of two black witches, something never before recorded. Manny's parents threw him out because he is gay, after Manny had to suffer several severe beatings, and that's a big no-no for a mountain lion. Kristof is a big, bumbling bear shifter and the newest stray that Ali brought home to their family of misfits. Lucius and Manny have been with Ali for seven years, ever since they found each other, and Ali found them. Lucius wouldn't have it any other way, and being as he's pretty opinionated, sarcastic, and very snarky, Lucius has no problem expressing himself.

So, when Lucius finds out that Ali has invited his human friends (dirty, smelly, disgusting species) to Yule dinner, Lucius is so not happy. Lucius knows that not all humans are anti-supernatural, but he still prefers to stay away from them as he's had some bad experiences. Meeting Nicu, however, throws a whole bunch of crazy physical sensations at Lucius that he hasn't got a clue how to handle. When Nicu tells him they are spirit mates, and, in fact, Lucius's own wolf insists they are mates, Lucius freaks the hell out. He doesn't do relationships. He doesn't feel these types of things. He has one-night stands and hooks ups, not a lover and certainly not a mate. Oh no. And, what the hell? Lucius sure as heck doesn't believe in soul mates or spirit mates, whatever.

In the next few days though, as Nicu becomes more and more important to Lucius and Lucius begins to accept how he is feeling, he starts to believe that Nicu is his mate. The fact that Nicu has started suffering from seizures is scaring the crap out of Lucius and he doesn't know what to do. His wolf insists say take, claim, and bite Nicu, but Lucius isn't so sure about the whole biting thing. When Nicu's bunica, grandmother,

shows up from Romania, all bets are off. A tiny little old woman yelling in Romanian. Yeah, that should be relaxing. Luckily for all, Ali knows exactly how to handle her.

I do love a good shifter story, and this definitely qualifies as good. I'm thrilled that I was introduced to this 'Family of Misfits' and I so enjoyed Lucius and Nicu's story. It was wonderful watching Lucius break free of his fears and learn to love and trust Nicu. Now, I'm excited looking forward to the next book. Thank you, K-lee!

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Will Parkinson says

I love shifters and this world was a ton of fun. The big, burly bear shifter, the mountain lion shifter who had suffered so much, but still had such hope in his heart, and Lucius, irascible, grumpy, snappy and snarly, and of course, Ali, the witch who binds the family together.

Throw in Nicu and the sweet and salty Bunica and you've got the mixings for a great story.

Damian Serbu says

This is an entertaining read. Nothing over the top exciting, but pretty original with good characters. It could have used a little more excitement, less repetition, but still a fun summer read!

Kelly H. (Maybedog) says

Notes:

Taking way too long to bring mate into the picture.

His "hiney"? Is he in his 90s?

Interesting premise, well written and sloooow. Nothing's happening and only halfway through are we getting a new location which is simply outside in the woods.

Birthmarks are not tattoos.

Oblivious to blankets. They conveniently disappear when they are trying to hold each other.

Excellent melodramatic peril.

Would be a higher rating if things weren't drawn out quite as much throughout the whole book, even the peril part. I usually think those "Oh my god he's going to die!" Sections are way to short but this one was almost too long.

Tere says

It was ok but it didn't blow my mind. I was a little annoyed that the family trusted Nicu right away and were even mean to Lucius at times, which was supposed to be part of this family.

The secondary characters feel almost unnecessary, Manny and Kris especially, their appearances are short and not really relevant to the plot. Ali was the most important supporting character and I didn't like him, I felt he was annoying and bordering bully with his powers, especially the mind reading one, it left Lucius always open and exposed.

I felt sorry for Lucius, everybody seemed to expect a lot from him and nobody actually helped him until the very end when it's a matter of life or death. A bit melodramatic and, at a point, I got the impression Lucius and Nicu took turn for fainting and needing support.

Kristy Maitz says

Was good reading material but to dramatical for my own liking. Its about a guy Lucius who had very bad experience when he was young. His dad was killed and he couldn't forget about it. Now in present he is someone who has sex with strangers and don't believe in love or even in having a mate as a wolf. His life get turned upside down when he meets Nicky. The problems is that Nicky is his spiritual mate.

Plot is not very hard. As a reader you get along with Nicky who is to good hearted and can't say out loud to Lucius that he has to be bitten or he will die. So drama, drama, drama and a lot of "I can't bit him".

MLE says

Dull story with entirely too much maudlin, drama. I wasn't invested in anyone, and half way it I decided it was time to move on.

Monika says

2.75 Stars

Review posted on World of Diversity Fictions

This was an okay read for me but I was really hoping for more.

There just wasn't enough to the story. No drama or any mystery just a story about Lucius, a shifter who doesn't want a mate ever and Nicu his spirit mate that won't survive if Lucius doesn't make him his, then there's a few quirky family members that you don't really get to know. While I loved Lucius and Nicu and I thought their chemistry was great, the story quickly got frustrating for me. It waivered back and forth throughout from being quite good to being slow where I found myself drifting off and having to go back and re-read parts.

There were just too many unanswered questions or explanations as to why things happened the way they did and even though this is a first book in the series I wish somethings had of been cleaned up a bit more. I'm guessing when other books of this series are released some of those questions will be answered.

Trisha Harrington says

Loved it! Proper review to come.

Cole Riann says

Review posted at The Armchair Reader.

3.75 stars (rounded up)

Lucius' Bite is the start of a new fantasy/paranormal series with a unique twist on the mating theme. Lucius is an Arctic Wolf shifter whose den family consists of misfits they've gathered along their way alone in the world, away for different reasons from their real families. There is Lucius, Manny (an emotionally damaged Mountain Lion shifter), and Kristof (a bright and sunny Bear? shifter). Rounding out the bunch is the den mother and Mama to all, Ali, a male white witch who completely rules the roost. They're a happy and unlikely mix of friends who have become family over time.

Lucius is knocked off his feet, literally, when Nicu comes to visit, seemingly out the blue. He starts to feel for the long-dreaded Romanian gypsy who seems to know everything about him. It seriously freaks him out too -- previously, he's never had a real relationship and he's liked it that way. But, as the two get closer some of the secrets start to come to light, about Lucius' past, and about the reason that Nicu has traveled halfway around the world to meet him and already in love with him.

This story really intrigued me in a lot of ways. First off, it pulled me in immediately, with a really funny first scene and a well crafted one. Within a couple pages it is easy to see just how much this little makeshift family loves one another. I liked Lucius and Nicu right off the bat. They're very different. Lucius is often surly and very easily fits into the bad-boy camp, while Nicu's looks and voice (written very well to come off as immediately foreign -- that was nicely done) make him immediately exotically sexy. Even with obvious duplicity in the reason for his visit (in a strange way) he's completely open and earnest and genuinely sweet.

I was impressed in the first half of the book with the delivery of information. It is doled out sparingly and at opportune moments, but just underhanded enough to keep you guessing along with Lucius, even though we, as readers, are privy to just a bit more of it than him, always keeping us one step ahead. I did have a few

problems with it later in the book though, and I can't decide if it is personal bias or the fact that this author is saving up some of that information for the next book instead of giving it to us.

The main problem that I had was this: Nicu shows up about a week before the time in which this situation and relationship must be complete, but cannot say anything about it directly to Lucius. But, Lucius is a tough nut to crack, and he hides a lot from the information right in front of him. To me, that wasn't his fault, though I'm sure a case could be made otherwise. So I wondered, why couldn't Nicu have come earlier? It would have given Lucius more time to warm to a relationship at a more realistic pace. Was that explained and I don't remember it? Possible. Was it a decision made to motivate the plot forward? I don't know... Does anyone else care after finishing this besides me? Probably not. So take that with a grain of salt. It just made me a bit uncomfortable with all the pressure put on Lucius in the end. Still, that's not *illegal* or anything, I mean I cared enough about the characters to feel that way. So it's definitely in one of those grey areas for me, where I really can't decide how I feel about it.

I'm very much looking forward to the next book in this series. It is about one of the family that I really loved in this book and I'm looking forward to getting some of those answers... I hope! I'll just have to wait and see. I still really liked this and I liked that the author used some unconventional themes to diverge a bit from the shifter status quo. There were a few times during my reading that the pace lulled a bit. At times it would move quite fast and then settle for some introversion on the MC's part.

In the end, if this author can continue to bring new plots to this series and they don't end up following in line too similarly to this book, I know I will really enjoy this series. I'm looking forward to finding out!

Nephylim Nephylim says

I have to be honest, I actually had no idea what to expect when I bought the book. I got this book from an excerpt where a werewolf was changed into a chicken by a witch and almost eaten by a werecat. Now what was I supposed to make of that. I bought the book initially because it appealed to my sense of fun and it was really well written.

There are, of course, plenty of well written books out there and a lot of them are awfully dry. There are also a lot of m/m books out there and a lot of them are high on sex and short on story. So I wasn't entirely convinced the early promise would be maintained.

Well, it wasn't. It wasn't maintained it was improved. I won't go into the story here but I will say that it's a rich and deep one. There are one or two places where I found it a little contrived which was a relief as perfection can be hard to swallow.

The characters are unique and individual, with their discrete personalities and quirks. They knit together to be a web of fascinating conversation, interesting history and a lot of very quaint and endearing qualities.

I have never read a book quite like this and I'm not sure I could categorise it. It's certainly not your average werewolf, or shapeshifter story. It's not a 'gay' book, not really erotic at all, except where it really needs to be. It's about gypsies and legends, curses and cures, vulnerabilities and strengths, sacrifices and wounds, and soul and spirit and love. If it were a carpet it would be a Persian rug. If it were a spider web it would stretch to the moon.

Lucien will make you grow with frustration and want to throttle the life out of him before the end. I can guarantee no one who reads it will fail to want to smack him at some point. But you'll fall in love with him too, just like Nicu does, like all of them do.

Would I recommend this book.... HELL YEAH.

Elisa Rolle says

I have to admit that I prefer my paranormal romances to be on the light side, and I was very pleased to discover this new author and her young and cute characters. Lucius is part of a family of misfits, i.e. Ali, alias "Mama Bear", a white witch who manages an households of shifter rejects, Lucius, an artic wolf, Manny, a mountain lion, and Kristof, a bear. Lucius doesn't care much for humans and so he is pretty upset when Ali announces he has invited three of them for the Yule dinner, and one of the three is supposed to be Lucius's blind date. Nicu is a Romanian gypsy, young and innocent and with a purpose in mind, to find his spirit mate; Nicu knows Lucius is the one, but he wants for the other man to make his own decision, not to be forced into a mating.

What I liked of this novel is that the two guys are young and yes, also scared by these new feelings that somehow they are not able to understand. Nicu is probably the one who is stronger in his beliefs, even if he is not as physically strong as Lucius. Lucius is stubborn and scared of letting his heart open, but he is not a bad guy; I had the feeling he had a lot of growing to do considering an emotional evolution, but with a little push on the right direction, I was sure he was able to reach it.

The novel is the first in a series, Family of Misfits, and while I really liked Ali's characters, and it will be interesting to read his story, what I'm really looking forward is Manny's ones. From what I understood, Manny has some mental issues, he is naïve like a child, but he is fully grown for everything else; that story will be a delicate one to write, but if done in the right way, it will be so good.

Another interesting point is the modern society where this family is living, a Canadian small town where humans and paranormal creatures are living together, mostly in harmony.

<http://www.amazon.com/dp/1608206998/?...>

Meggie says

The main storyline was okay, but a bit to melodramatic for my own taste. Everything circled around one simple fact, to accept your won spirit mate and claim him or lose him forever. Or simply kill him and draw your own fate without a spirit mate who would complete you like no one else. I have to admit, I felt annoyance while reading this story. It wasn't a good emotion.

Lena Polskaia says

J'ai beaucoup aimé cette histoire.

D'abord, il y a l'idée originale du compagnon spirituel, mélange des traditions gitanes et lycanes, de la

Destinée (bonne ou mauvaise) et de l'âme sœur.

Ensuite, il y a la famille... cette famille de marginaux, qui réunit dans un amour profond des êtres si dissemblables et blessés: Ali le sexy sorcier androgyne, dit Maman Ali, qui veille sur ses protégés comme une mère poule, Kristof le gros ours taciturne et naïf, Manny le félin, le fragile, doux et confiant Manny, (je veux son histoire !! Je la veux , je la VEUX !!) et Lucius, le loup grognon, râleur, tête, Lucius et ses instincts protecteurs envers Manny, Lucius qui file doux devant Maman Ali (et on le comprend !). Rien que pour cette famille, ce roman vaut la peine d'être lu. Sans oublier la grand mère de Nicu qui débarque...

Et puis évidemment il y a la romance entre Lucius et Nicu, qui alterne tendresse et dureté (et quelques évanouissements) , chaleur et tension (et quelques évanouissements), drame et sexe (et...oups, je l'ai déjà dit). A l'image des deux protagonistes, Lucius le loup qui a tant de mal à faire confiance et à s'ouvrir aux autres, marqué par son passé, et qui va devoir dépasser son plus profond traumatisme s'il veut sauver son amour; Et Nicu le jeune prince gitan, si lumineux, confiant, si plein d'amour et d'abnégation.

Parfois, on a envie de frapper Lucius vu le nombre de chapitres qu'il lui faut avant de découvrir ce que nous, on a compris très vite (en même temps, l'auteur nous a aidé, alors que ce pauvre Lucius, personne ne lui dit rien !). De temps en temps, on voudrait secouer Nickie et lui dire d'être moins gentil. Et prendre Manny dans nos bras. Et rouler une pelle à Ali. De temps en temps, on a la larme à l'œil et le cœur serré. Mais on sourit aussi beaucoup, grâce à cette drôle de famille. Alors, que demander de plus ? La suite, bien sûr !
