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Werewolf SWAT Officer Jayden Brooks has yet to meet The One—but when he rescues teacher Selena Rosa from a hostage situation at her high school, he knows he's in trouble. Her scent is irresistible.

There's a reason for that powerful scent—and it isn't an expensive perfume. Thanks to the traumatizing events at the school, the werewolf gene flipped on and Selena's going through the change. Even scarier, she's on track to become an omega—an out-of-control and violent breed. It's going to take everything Brooks has if he wants any chance to pull her back from the edge...and ultimately win her heart.

## Wolf Rising Details

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## From Reader Review Wolf Rising for online ebook

### Sophia says

Exploding right out of the gates from word one, Wolf Rising reminded me why I love this author's SWAT series and her writing. As the series progresses so does the strengths of its individual and combined elements. The werewolf police SWAT team continues to amaze as gang warfare, hunter intrigue, and a close-up look at what it means to be an Omega wolf.

Wolf Rising is book eight and I felt its strong ties to the earlier books in the series as ongoing series plot threads and a growing large cast of regular characters make it not a good place to jump into the series.

Jayden Brooks has been with the SWAT team for a long time. Personal tragedy in his early life and a near fatal injury in the early years of his police career are all part of the backstory bringing him to being a member of Gage's team and pack. While fighting the war on drugs and gang crime, he gets called in for a school shooting in progress and that is when his whole life changes with one look into teacher Selena Rosa's eyes. Teaching at a school in the part of town where the gangs have a stranglehold on the kids and success stories for her students are few, but Selena will have it no other way. She's dedicated to her job and her kids. Her classroom is meant to be a have for them to find some peace and a chance to learn- to get out and make good for their futures. But one flat-eyed newbie gangbanger has to bring a gun and take his bitterness out on her for standing between him and his recruitment efforts. She survives only because a big handsome police officer puts himself between the bullets and her. Her world upends in more ways than one. Jayden is all she could want in a man, but its those crazy things happening to her emotions and her body, the inexplicable strength and acute senses along with desire to sink her teeth into Jayden that terrify her the most.

As I said, this one jumped right into the action with a raid on a drug warehouse and then a school shooting. Jayden is involved in the investigation to find out who the new gangleader consolidating and unifying the gangs and their drug business is even while helping to discover more about the mole in the Dallas PD and the leader of the werewolf hunters.

Jayden was so easy to love from the start and get behind all that happens with him as he discovers his The One, helps two cop friends deal with personal crisis, and stepping in to do what he has to helping Selena with her change.

Ah yes, Selena's change. It was cool to get it from the beginning as she becomes a werewolf and how it is complicated with feelings for Jayden, her concern for her students, and her hatred of the gangs. She's a tough cookie and tended to lead with her emotions rather than common sense, but I couldn't fault her for having a heart for work that most people would rather step back and look elsewhere over.

I thought the author did a great job of painting this new facet of city life and crime these days. She got real and it was gritty, but there was hope and light in the form of people like Selena and a few others willing to give back in these communities.

The mystery element of who was behind things and what was going on wasn't tough to figure out early on. I still found it suspenseful because I was waiting to see what happened when the second shoe dropped. I'm also very curious about where things will go in the next book after that tantalizing hint toward the end regarding the hunters.

Side trail... that cat who comes to the name Kat was a hoot. She kept stealing the scenes and giving Tuffie a run for cute SWAT mascot pet.

All in all, this was another fabulous and solid entry in the series that read fast because I couldn't put it down most of the time. Those who love cop romantic suspense paired with a refreshing take on werewolves should give these a try.

My thanks to Sourcebooks Casablanca for the opportunity to read this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Darcy says**

I liked this one, a big part of that was due to Selena. I loved that in the middle of an area with strong gangs Selena stood strong against them, how she fought for her students to stay out of them, only giving up when they were a lost cause, firmly entrenched in the gangs. That all made the opening of the book at school in Selena's classroom all the more crazy. Selena wasn't about to give up on one of her special kids. The drama brought Selena into contact with Jayden. Their "meeting" was one for the records.

It was interesting how Jayden started to suspect things about Selena, more interesting how Selena reacted to what was going on and being clued in. I was glad that it didn't take too long before Selena calmed down and listened to Jayden, helping her cope with changes in her life.

There was a lot of action at the end. Some of it was easy to guess, who was being the energy drinks, others blindsided me, like who was helping the hunters. The SWAT guys seem to have a better handle on things, hopefully they can finally put the hunters and their issues to rest soon.

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### **Barb Lie says**

Wolf Rising by Paige Tyler is the 8th book in her wonderful SWAT (Special Wolf Alpha Team) series. I love this series, as Tyler always gives us exciting stories that are pulse pounding action, with a great couple, and the hot men (werewolves) that make up the alpha swat team. Wolf Rising was another wonderful romance suspense that Tyler does so well.

Jayden Brooks, our hero, is sent with some of his teammates to a hostage situation at the local high school, where a gang member is threatening a student, as well as the teacher. He arrives just in time to rescue them, and senses something different about the teacher.

Selena Rosa, our heroine, has stood up to gangs all her life, having lost her brother to one of them years before. Selena refused to back down to the gang member, and when Jayden rescues her, she thinks he is badly hurt. When she later goes to visit him at the Swat headquarters, she finds it strange that he was not hurt, since she saw blood, but accepts his explanation and soon a friendship starts.

We watch Selena put herself in danger when the student who she helped save, is again in the middle of a gang attack. Selena loses control, and finds herself becoming strongly violent to scare off the gang. She does not understand what has come over her. Jayden can smell Selena's scent and knows she is going through a

change to become a werewolf. After talking to his co-workers, it seems the traumatizing event at the school triggered the change in Selena. How was he going to explain what is happening to her?

When their relationship becomes sexual, Selena panics when she sees that she bit Jayden and he is forced to tell her the truth, which she does not accept. Jayden also sees how Selena is very strong, and out of control at times, which hints that she is an Omega (a more violent wolf). In a short time, Selena will go to Jayden for help, and meet the rest of his teammates, and work with another experienced Omega wolf to learn how to control her urges. It was a nice added feature to learn more about the other types of wolves, such as Omega or Beta.

The story line focuses on the gangs and the drugs they help sell. One is a dangerous and at time lethal drug, and the SWAT team is determined to find the leader of this group creating the drug. The chemistry between Jayden and Selena is hot, and he knows that she is the 'one' (his mate). Selena has a nice best friend, Becca, who helps her come to terms with her change. I also love the men on the SWAT team, and how well they get along.

When things get dangerous, all hell will break loose, and Selena is once again in danger from the leader of the gang, someone she never suspected, (whom I did suspect from the start). The last ¼ of the book was very exciting; I was unable to put the book down. Paige Tyler does it again with another intense, intriguing, fun and sexy story, with a fabulous group of secondary characters. I have said this before; Tyler manages to keep the story in the forefront, and still give us a beautiful sexy romance. Wolf Rising is a wonderful addition to this fantastic series that you should be reading.

Barb  
The Reading Cafe

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### **Adria (Musings and Reviews) says**

Originally posted on I Smell Sheep

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Most series would have lost my interest by now but not the SWAT series by Paige Tyler! She's back with an all new book in the super hot, super intense series about a group of alpha werewolves working as a SWAT unit in Dallas. The series has expanded since the first book and now includes beta wolves, omega wolves, and more. I couldn't be more thrilled with the direction this series is heading.

Taking the lead this time is werewolf Jayden Brooks, a character longtime fans (like me) are familiar with. He essentially rescues teacher Selena Rosa from a hostage situation involving one of her former students when he realizes she's The One. Basically, it means she's the one fated to be his lifetime love and partner. But of course, things get complicated real fast because that hostage situation just triggered Selena's werewolf gene and she's going through the change. Worse, she's showing signs of becoming an omega wolf, the most out of control and violent breed Brooks has come across.

Wolf Rising takes on a more urgent tone than its predecessors because the werewolf hunters introduced a few books back are getting more and more aggressive in their quest to eradicate Brooks and his fellow

wolves. There's a lot of tension present throughout the whole story and the hunters serve as a conflict that is going to take not just all of the SWAT team, but all the allies they've managed to make along the way. It's a two steps forward, three steps back kind of game that has me coming back to this series as eager as I was when I picked up the first book a few years ago.

As bad as the hunters are, they don't take away the spotlight from Brooks and Selena. Their romance is complicated but it's a solid one, and yes it is a case of near instantaneous love for them, but because Wolf Rising is a paranormal romantic suspense it works really well. Brooks is total boyfriend material and Selena is a tough as nails woman more than capable of learning to control her aggressive wolf side which was a conflict all its own. In this book, readers learn more about the omega wolves that up until now were thought to be irredeemable and dangerous. I really love how Tyler has managed to keep the series fresh by weaving more strands into a world she's already established without overcomplicating things or confusing readers. She doesn't overdo it when she's rehashing previous events to catch new readers up, and she makes sure that longtime readers get fresh, new material.

One of the constant things I really enjoy about Wolf Rising and the books before it is the relationship and work dynamic between the SWAT team. They're not a group of wolves following an alpha, they're ALL alpha wolves. They just don't have the controlling d-bag tendencies that seem to be popular in other sub-genres of romance. These wolves are big, bad, and dangerous but they also have the ability to crack readers up with their sometimes childish teasing of each other. Brooks gets teased by his fellow alphas but he knows that they are the ones he can count on to watch his back. After they've made fun of him of course. I love those guys. Every single one of them.

Overall, Wolf Rising is a stand out addition to the SWAT series with the edge-of-your-seat suspense, red-hot romance, and a cast of werewolves that you can't help but fall in love with. I can't wait for the next book.

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### **Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says**

Reviewed by Gemini

Wolf Rising is the latest book in Paige Tyler's SWAT (Special Wolf Alpha Team) Series. I have read them all and I have yet to be disappointed. Paige Tyler's spin on werewolf lore has continued to be intriguing and surprising. She takes the age old stories about werewolves that we have grown up with and turns them on their heads. As with all of the other books, this story is about "The One". It's about a werewolf finding the one person on earth that they are truly meant to spend the rest of their lives with and all the chaos that ensues as they try to figure things out.

In this installment, Dallas SWAT Officer Jayden Brooks finds "The One" in school teacher Selena Rosa as he saves her from a gang member that is holding her and her students hostage. The crazy thing is that Selena who knows nothing about werewolves is also becoming one. Generally, it takes a few weeks for a traumatic event to transform someone with the werewolf gene into a full on werewolf but abnormal circumstances have sped up the process and made it a little difficult for Jayden to find a subtle way to explain things to Selena. To add insult to injury, Selena is becoming extremely aggressive. Add in some highly explosive sexual energy and everything goes haywire.

Initially, I suspected that after several books the author would have a hard time keeping me interested but that hasn't happened. There is plenty of action as werewolf hunters from the prior books continue to pursue

them and they also figure out who the inside man is. Consequently, it's best that you read the other books if you really want to have the whole experience and participate in the overarching storyline that is the cornerstone of the series. There is plenty of action to keep you turning the pages. Everything flows nicely and I was compelled to keep reading. It was hard to put the book down. Jayden and Selena are good together and it's entertaining to watch their relationship blossom so swiftly. They were truly meant to be. I am confident that the next book will be just as good and I look forward to reading it.

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### **Madison Warner Fairbanks says**

Wolf Rising by Paige Tyler

Jayden Brooks, SWAT team member and wolf shifter.

Selena Rosa, high school teacher.

Mission: stop the spreading of drugs from the gangs. Keep the gangs away from the high school students.

Paranormal romantic suspense. 8th in the Special Wolf Alpha Team series.

Loved Selena. Strong of heart, protective of her students. Some of her comments, of her character, were hilarious.

“Holy cheese and crackers”

“I look like I’ve been in a fight with a rabid mongoose.”

Fantastic addition to the series.

I received a copy of this book from NetGalley. I also purchased a copy to keep.

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### **Cindy ~ says**

The biggest alpha wolf on the team falls for a little spitfire school teacher who turns out to be an newly turned omega wolf.. Lots of suspense in this one from all different angles. We learn more about what the hunters know and don't know about the werewolves. Overall a page turner..

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### **Dísir says**

Eight books on into Paige Tyler's shapeshifter SWAT series, 'Wolf Rising' finally goes deeper to explore the idea of the omega wolf: the long, violent ranger as opposed to the Alpha wolf pack like the SWAT team this series revolves around.

In the same pattern that Tyler takes with all the SWAT books, there's the prologue that begins with a violent incident that marks the start of a man-turned-werewolf, then a period of time later as we find them settled as a motley crew of growling, all-too-alpha pack within a SWAT compound in Dallas and searching for their one true mate. The journey to each HEA is as always, fraught with some kind of danger, and it's no different for Jayden Brooks who finds his one and only here after a traumatic event that starts her shifting process into

an omega werewolf.

Tyler juggles several points of conflicts along with the romance: the war on drugs and gangbangers, the looming hunters, the unpredictable and uncontrollable omega wolf. But clearly all isn't quite resolved yet as issues with the wolf hunters look to stretch further on into the future with barely any progress made on that front seeing as the romance and the omega wolf are what take priority in the plot.

With Tyler going with the myth of each shapeshifter finding the one and only mate for himself is one that I always find rather hard to swallow hook, line and sinker nonetheless—there are several gaps in logic and unanswerable questions that keep coming up—but it's a trope of shapeshifting fantasy that certainly and conveniently helps cement a pairing together the moment they find each other. It seems that having part-wolf genes provides enough grounding rationale for instant love (or rather, lust), and the quick way in which Selena/Brooks fall for each other—attributed mostly to a scent both can't shake off that's probably akin to the first flush of love—left me sceptical.

Still, the mythology of werewolves at least, tailored-to fit in Tyler's SWAT series, is what kept the pages turning for me as each book reveals a little more about them, despite several predictable plot points. Apart from Selena's somewhat uncharacteristic TSTL behaviour after finding out what she'd become (this gets back on track rather quickly), 'Wolf Rising' is quite a straightforward and decent read that isn't weighed down too much with convoluted past history despite being the eighth book in the series.

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### **Ashley Dawn says**

I just love the SWAT books! An all werewolf SWAT team, with hunky guys is drool worthy! Selena has fought gangs her entire life. Gangs took everything from her and she decided to fight back by becoming a teacher and standing up to them. I loved her spirit. She wanted to help kids and give them love so they wouldn't turn to the gang life.

Jayden is brought in to rescue Selena when one of her students brings a gun into class and is going to kill her. It was a good story. Their chemistry together is absolutely hot. Selena has a great friend and her back story is heartbreaking. I enjoyed learning more about werewolves and each difference. Seeing that they can change from beta to alpha or from omega. The hunters are horrible and need to all be exterminated! I cannot wait to see what happens next with this team, I'm hoping there is some revenge in the mix.

4/5 and I cannot wait to pick up the next one.

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### **Beth says**

Strong romantic suspense! Boy did that alpha know how to give his girl exactly what she needed to face life altering circumstances, which made this read even more sweet and endearing. **Wolf Rising** seemed to carry multiple plot directions creating a transitioning storyline but Tyler still hooked us into her tale, the couple and the suspense to come.

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## **Marsha Spohn says**

Reviewed at Keeper Bookshelf

It is always so easy to fall back into Paige Tyler's werewolf team series. I have yet to find one that I didn't love, even if I didn't like some characters or their actions. *Wolf Rising* brings Jayden's chance to find his "one" ... and he gets a lot more than he ever expected in Selena.

I loved Selena. She's confident, takes no crap from anyone, loyal to a fault and completely wrapped up in her students. Unfortunately, she and her students live in a gang controlled area and keeping her students out of the clutches of the gangs is an ongoing battle. Some she wins, others are not so lucky. This day Selena is being held hostage in her classroom by a gang member – and life as she knows it is about to change forever.

Almost immediately upon arriving at the scene Jayden catches that special scent, the one that will lead to his mate – but there's more to that scent and it couldn't happen at a worse time. Every member of the team knows personally that the werewolf gene is switched on by a traumatic event... and being held hostage has just switched that gene on in Selena. Even more problematic? She's an omega, strong and out of control. Now it's up to Jayden to not only introduce his mate into their paranormal world but to show her just what she is to him as well.

*Wolf Rising* is intense, sexy and once again grabbed my attention until the final page. Jayden and Selena have more to deal with than her turning and their attraction. We'll discover who the insider is. And add more

information about several sub-plots. In some ways this story feels like a turning point, but I'll have to see if I still feel that way when the next story comes along. In all, I completely enjoyed myself in this world once again. I don't like to slip on spoilers, so I'm often vague with suspense novels... but this one is intriguing, and if you've read the rest of the series you'll definitely want to pick up *Wolf Rising*. I'd not hesitate to recommend this story or the entire series to any reader of Paranormal Romance or Suspense – you'll find yourself quickly captured by this series.

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### **Alexandria says**

In this book we get Brooks' story and his One, Selena. Brooks meets Selena during a hostage situation in her classroom. Brooks and Selena do have some similarities in their backgrounds. They are both trying to work on the drug and gang issues in Dallas.

I am a big fan of this series. You don't have to read the books in order, but I think it's better if you do. I think it's helpful in this book because you learn more about the hunters and the gang situation in Dallas. I also like the updates on the rest of the SWAT pack. There were a few unanswered questions in this book so I can't wait for the next in the series.

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### **Eva Millien says**

SWAT – Sexy, Wonderful, Awesome, Terrific – that is what else the letters for SWAT can be in regards to the newest mission for these werewolves. Jayden's in trouble when he catches the most irresistible scent of the high school teacher he rescues and Selena's werewolf gene has flipped on in the wake of the traumatic experience. Together these two strong, dynamic characters have a sizzling chemistry that not only electrifies the pages but the readers as well while they take on all the turmoil and changes that they find themselves in. This relationship is scorching hot and quite sweet and readers easily become enamored with Jayden and Selena and want to know every last detail of their story.

Twist and turns, sweet romance and life altering changes can be found throughout this fast paced plot with lots of explosive excitement and thrilling suspense that keeps readers on the edge of their seat as hunters stalk the werewolves, a wedding turns deadly and cops betray their own. This series just keeps getting better and better and I find that I want to read it over and over and over again because I can't get enough of all the sexy werewolves, wonderful romance, awesome twists and terrific plots that the author keeps creating in her fascinating world that has its own werewolf SWAT team which really just can't get any sexier than it already is and did I mention HAWT!

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## **Caitlyn Lynch says**

This is book 8 in the series, and though it would probably be ideal to start at the beginning to pick up on the worldbuilding I suspect was done earlier in the series, it wouldn't matter too much if you started here. All the minor characters are sketched in well enough for you to get an idea of who they are, and the two protagonists are thoroughly fleshed out with plenty of meaty backstory to get your teeth into.

Jayden Brooks is one of Dallas' all-werewolf SWAT team. Once you accept the existence of an all-werewolf SWAT team and the fact that anyone with a particular recessive gene can become a werewolf if exposed to a traumatic enough event, you're pretty much home and hosed as far as suspension of disbelief goes.

Physically, Brooks is one of the biggest on the team, six and a half feet of muscle, a handsome black man who occasionally reads almost too good to be true. He cooks, he cleans, he can dance, he loves puppies. It's no surprise the heroine, Selena Rosa, a beautiful Latinx teacher he rescues from a hostage situation, has a hard time believing he's single.

Werewolves, however, get fated mates in this universe. They call it The One, and it's not exactly clear here what makes one were The One for any other, apart from an overwhelming physical attraction.

Selena's a teacher at a school in an area with serious gang problems, and she spends most of her free time as well as her working hours trying to give her students a reason to stay out of gang troubles. While she's fighting these battles and dealing with transforming into a werewolf, Brooks has a different problem - a team of hunters out to kill any werewolf they can find.

There are some pretty spectacular confrontations in the book, and one thing I really liked was that Selena was never held back from the action. In fact, her choices led to major breakthroughs on cases Brooks had to deal with. There were really hot sex scenes between the two as well, though being werewolves things did get a bit rough (read: claws and teeth make things messy).

All in all I really enjoyed this, even though starting here in the series meant I had to take some worldbuilding things on faith. There were a few obvious Easter Eggs planted for later books in the series (the cat called Kat who isn't afraid of werewolves, for example) but I'd definitely be happy to read any more of the SWAT werewolf books! Five stars for an excellent paranormal romance!

Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book for review through NetGalley.

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## **Kathy Martin says**

In this episode of the SWAT series, Officer Jayden Brooks finds The One when he rescues a teacher from a gangbanger who has entered her classroom to recruit one of her students for the gang. Selena Rosa has grown up around gangs. They cost her her parents and older brother. There is no way she's going to let them claim one of her students.

Selena has some weird effects after she's rescued. Her blood pressure is soaring as is her heartbeat. She's running a fever. However, she also feels the best she's ever felt in her life. After she gets out of the hospital, she wants to find Jayden and thank him.

Jayden is intrigued by Selena but couldn't immediately follow up because the SWAT team is busy with a police chief who is interested in photo ops that will help his campaign for mayor, a gang of hunters who has come to town and threatened a number of members of the team, a new gang leader who is consolidating all the local gangs, and a new drug in energy drinks that is causing users to OD.

What Selena doesn't know, and what Jayden doesn't know how to tell her, is that the trauma related to her classroom invasion has triggered her genetic change to werewolf. What neither understands is why the change is happening so fast. It usually takes two or three weeks before changes are visible. Selena's is taking only three days.

Selena and Jayden's romance is a whirlwind. Their immediate attraction leads to lots of spicy love scenes. But their romance is almost derailed by Selena's changing since she is confused and panicking about what is happening to her.

Their romance deepens as the multiple story lines converge. This was a fast-paced, sexy romantic suspense novel that will be devoured by those who have been reading the series. New readers can pop in here too because, while some background would be nice, the story is tightly focused on Jayden and Selena's relationship.

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