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Sometimes the ones you love the most are the hardest to save.

Ever since Hawk Shifter Ash suffered near fatal wounds in a Raven attack, he has slumped into a deep depression. Now unable to walk, let alone shift, he has lost his spark for life and his friends and loved ones fear they will lose him forever. Desperate, they think that the only one who can give him the will to live is Doc Featherstone, the one man that Ash has ever shown any interest in. The problem is Doc Featherstone has returned to his family to recover from his own wounds from the attack.

Bobcat shifter, Joshua Featherstone has harbored a secret attraction for the spunky Hawk shifter for a long time. But, he has kept his distance, afraid that their age difference would be too big to overcome. But, once he hears that Ash is in dire need of his help, Joshua runs back to the coalition. Will he make it in time? Or has Ash turned to the darkness forever.

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Phaney says

Oh, are you kidding me? The doc is only ten years older than the very youthful Ash? I think the author forgot that half of the original cast of characters is in their forties at the very least. And the doc was never ever giving off vibes of being younger than, say, Mitchell. At all. Whatever happened to the slow aging of shifters? Make use of it, dammit.

And the doc is a useless jerk. Why is it usually the dominant tops who end up being jerks in these stories?

Seriously, this is idiotic and there's no two ways about it. I'm sick and tired of this repeating "conflict" of denying the mating for the most stupid reason ever (usually family obligations) and then only needing one simple conversation and stern talking-to to do a one-eighty.

It's not romantic. It's annoying and not even slightly credible.

The amount of words used wrong... I just... Ugh.

I am so unimpressed that it's reaching negative numbers.

Christy says

I'm almost certain that I've never, in my entire life, read twenty-five books of a series. And, yet, here I am with 'Doc Featherstone's Return' in Stephanie Hecht's 'Lost Shifter' series. I realize that I've said it many times, but I was very excited to read this installment. For many reasons, but the biggest is that Doc has been in so many of the previous books and I wanted to hear his story. I mean, what makes him so grumpy and short-tempered with everyone?

At the end of the previous installment, the Ravens got inside the coalition and a lot of damage was done before they were successfully defeated. Both Ash and Doc (Joshua) were injured, and Joshua went home to his family to heal. Ash, however, is convinced that Joshua just wanted to get away from him, especially since the man has made Ash's life a living hell since Ash came to the coalition. Ash jumped in front of the bullets heading towards Joshua, the least the man could do would be to thank Ash, not disappear without a word. Of course, it no longer matters because Ash knows there's no hope of him ever walking or being able to shift again. Granted, he's refusing to partake in his recovery, so it's no wonder he still can't use his legs.

When Shane shows up at Joshua's family home to convince him to return to the coalition and help Ash, even though they all know how much Joshua "hates" the younger man, Joshua can't say no. Which is why Mitchell sent my boy, Shane, in the first place. Joshua is a bobcat shifter and while the coalition would have no qualms with him mating Ash, a Hawk shifter, Joshua's family would and he'd have to sever all ties with them. So, when Joshua returns to the coalition and the infirmary, he and Ash have got some things to work out. And, I'm not telling whether any of it was explosively hot. You can guess, though. *grins*

I was very happy with Ash and the Doc's story. They each really needed the other in their life and both deserved a happy ever after. Now I have book twenty-six to look forward to.

Jessie Potts says

I love Stephani Hecht, I love the Lost Shifters, I love how simple and good feeling all the shifter books are. For whatever ever reason though there are a few installments in the series that just doesn't do it for me. One is Ranger's Folly and the other one is this one.

Doc Featherstone can't fall for a hawk shifter because his family already has plans for him involving a female bobcat (sound familiar?) Ash the talkative hyper field medic loves him and takes a bullet for him in the last book. Ash is now paralyzed from the waist down and has stopped trying to live. Doc has gone back home to heal and to run away from his crush on Ash.

Ok so what I liked

- we get to see some Shane so what's not to like?
- we get to see Ash and he was one of my favorite hyperactive characters
- we get to see some of Mitchell and Dean (we rarely see Dean)

What was just alright

- I didn't like Doc Featherstone's character, he was too wishy washy with his feelings, you don't go from caring about your family and it's ancestry to throwing it out the window. While I agree that love should conquer all I just felt like the father was this semi villain and then bam one pone call resolved it all
- Ash was healed too quickly the angst, the anger it all just seemed to vanish over the course of a day
- I really didn't like what happened to Scarlet

All in all not my favorite but Stephani Hecht is still a go to for my easy love story. I do have a request, (yes yes always more Shane but...) I would like to see a story with Andrew Owen and Shane again, Andrew's book was my first Lost Shifters book and I miss him and Vapor.

V says

OMFG!!!! I have been waiting for Doc Featherstone's story for such a long time, I hope it's worth the wait.

UPDATED

This is book 23 from Lost Shifters series, many of us are a huge fan and in my case I was waiting to read the story about Doc Featherstone for a long time.

My first disappointment: The cover, I had in my mind a hot, mature, tough looking Native American. What I got? a slim teenager who looks more like he's still at Collage..

The plot: in my opinion, Featherstone was portrayed more like a character from those mills and boons heroes instead of the tough, character I saw in the previews books.

Oh boy, why do I do this to myself?? why do I get my hopes high thinking that the author is going to write a story that it's going to blow me away, let me assure you that this is not the case.

DaisyGirl says

1.0 Star

So I didn't DNF. I should've but I didn't. I was close but I flew this wounded duck till the very end. *sigh* It sucked. I didn't like it. My problem: Doc Featherstone. What kind of "hero" leaves the person who took six (count 'em ... SIX) bullets and lost the use of his legs to save your sorry ass? Um, a pretty shitty one, in my book.

Ash had the hugest crush on Doc "Joshua" Featherstone forever. Joshua had been nothing but mean and condescending to Ash. Despite this, when Joshua's life was in danger, Ash used his body to cover Joshua, taking six bullets - two near his spine - that cost him the use of his legs. Afterwards, Joshua took off going home to "recover." Did he call to check up on Ash? No. Did he send a get-well card? Uh-uh. He quietly sat by the fireplace sipping whiskey. That's where he was when Shane found him and dragged him back to the coalition.

Upon arrival at the coalition, Joshua immediately started in on Ash. *Why aren't you eating? Why aren't you going to rehab?* You know what, asshole?!? Back the f*ck off! While Ash was pissed off at first, he forgave Joshua (sans an apology) in about two effing pages. Argh! I'm sorry but Joshua was a ginormous coward and an asshole of epic proportions. I gave him a chance. I read through the entire book but he failed to redeem himself in my opinion. I loathed him and I couldn't stand that Ash went ga-ga over him with nothing more than a *Here, eat this jello; I'm not leaving this time*. Fuck that. I've cut the characters in this series a lot of flack because ... let's face it, it's PNR; they're shifters and this is obviously fantasy land. But Joshua was the antithesis of heroic in my book. He took no responsibility for being a pussy and running away. He didn't apologize or anything. I simply couldn't. Stand. Him.

On another note, SH is upping the in-your-face violence factor and I, for one, am not a fan. (view spoiler)

No doubt, the Lost Shifters series is formulaic: two shifters are sad/defective until they find each other; something happens to challenge their relationship or someone's well-being (i.e., one of them gets hurt); they realize it's true wuv and walk off into the sunset. Lather ... rinse ... repeat. After 23 (count 'em twenty-f*cking-three) rounds of this, it's grating.

Bottom-line: I couldn't stand this book because I loathed Doc Featherstone. I'm running on fumes with this series. Only one more to go and I'm done.

Gigi says

I haven't read any of the other books in this series, so I was kinda lost here. But I wanted to read the healing/comfort aspect in this book. It was ok, nothing spectacular or new. Just ok. Recommended if you are already a fan of the series, otherwise, I'd say you can skip this one.

Dylan St. Jaymes says

I LOVE Ash. Doc...well...not so much lol. I don't hate him and he definitely grew on me in this one but it took a bit to warm up to him. I've been curious about Doc since day one and I wish we'd explored his character a bit more.

Personal rant: I'm sorry but I have the ODDEST pet peeves and one of my big ones is when a grown, self sufficient, financially independent, adult man won't get his life b/c he's trying to please mommy and daddy. I know it's not PC but if a male character is weak willed, a stage five clinger or *shudders* overly needy...I start looking for the bitch be gone spray. In the immortal words of P.Diddy "No Bitchassness".

whispers You a grown ass man though.

Gabbi says

The Lost Shifters series is definitely one of my favorite series that I follow. I enjoy watching these characters interact, fall in love and work hard to beat the bad guys that are always threatening the greater good. Ms. Hecht continues to write likeable, unique characters and the stories themselves are always fast-paced, highly addictive reads.

I admit I've been waiting (im)patiently for this book! Like many of you, I've followed Doc and Ash's story for some time now. The sexual tension between them has always been smokin' hot and I had a feeling once they finally gave into their feelings for each other that it was going to be special.

Whew! Like in previous books, the sizzling chemistry between these two men practically smoked up my computer screen. What I thought was special about this book in particular was how both men really get to know one another. Yes, they've had a intense attraction for each other, but in all reality, they really know little about each other. I enjoyed watching them form a true friendship and bond between them. I truly felt that Doc and Ash really came to love and respect each other. Throughout the story, each man really has to make some hard decisions about their future together, and I thought Ms. Hecht did an excellent job at portraying this without it being over the top.

Another thing I loved about this book was how much I really came to care about Doc and Ash. I liked their strength, honor and they are all around likeable, interesting men. Although, I've enjoyed and loved all of these books, Doc Featherston's Return is one of my favorites in this series. I loved it so much, I hated to see the book come to an end, but thankfully, I know Ms. Hecht will have Doc and Ash have appearances in future books, so I'm happy about seeing them again in the future.

There are 21 books in the Lost Shifters series. Although these books could probably be read alone, I highly recommend reading these books in series order. Once you get started on this series, you'll be hooked and will fall in love with these characters as much as I have! If you're looking for a fast-paced, fun, sexy and sheer delight of a shifter book, then Doc Featherstone's Return is definitely the book for you! Highly Recommended!

The Lost Shifters series in book order are:

Primal Passion
A Feral Christmas
Savage Awakenings
Carnal Intentions
A Wicked Caress
Ruthless Pursuit
A Tempting Distraction
A Shifter Christmas
An Assassin's Touch
Shane's Fury
Riley's Regret
Ranger's Folly
Chance's Vindication
Russell's Reversal
Fangs, Fur and Snowballs
A Very Shaney Valentine's Day
When Tatum got Bit by a Spider
Shane's Inner Anger
A Christmas for Ava
Ackley's Savior
Doc Featherstone's Return

Candice says

[So just because Doc is back means Ash is going to do a complete 180 in his recovery and want to get better? What happened to being pissed at him? I LIKED him being mad for a long time. It was a real reaction. (hide spoiler)]

He says

[Ash is recovering from serious wounds almost the entire time.. he doesn't even know the Doc's first name which promotes a lack of intimacy and these two are in love with each other with no true conversations or time spent with each other.. a bit too much to swallow for me.

Then add on top of that the lack of sex until very close to the end again shows lack of intimacy with the MC's. Even wi

Andre says

Wow, this book was... a typical Hecht book as it seems. I thought this woman would at least have some ups

and downs but this book definitely did not help in that regard.

Originally I wanted to read it because this one featured a "Native American" (Hecht has the tendency to make her characters act like Americans but at the same time claim that they are not humans, something she never managed to reconcile or even make believable) but that fell flat since the character is nothing like that; and as usual doesn't fit the picture on the cover.

It is plain and boring, the characters are over the top and go from zero to hero in less than a few seconds, especially Ash does, I would go so far as saying that the guy is bipolar but not even that can be applied here. The author constantly tries to make everyday stuff that every halfway smart person would have figured out already look like the work of a genius. Not to mention that everything is totally predictable, well if you care about thinking about this sort of thing that is. I knew Ash would be able to walk again despite his injuries being so severe, I knew Doc would be the one to top Ash, can't be anything else in a Hecht book, Ash is a twink and also younger than Doc, so Doc must be the top. I could, and did, skip pages just to be sure and BOOM there it was just like I predicted. I saw the pseudodrama coming, I saw that the two being together would be no big deal etc. etc.

I had no desire to read this book any further; there was simply nothing to gain from it in any way.

Deeze says

I know what to expect from this series, I really do, but I can't help feeling disappointed. Normally I will fall in love with at least one if not both MC, but this time neither Ash or Doc drew me in. They were both a little too whinny for me.

I can't help but feel this series has also undergone too much of a change. I'm pretty sure when it first started, shifters were hard to kill due to them basically healing once they shift, now the last few books have had shifters dying left right and centre, not to mention they now take weeks or longer to heal, but maybe I'm confusing these shifters with others or maybe I'm just remembering wrong lol.

On a good note for me, the sex was limited to the final couple of chapters lol.

Despite all my negatives though I'm not prepared to give up lol. I want to read Kallen's story.

Heather♥ says

2.5 stars

Hate to say it, but there wasn't a whole lot happening in this book so it was a little on the dull side for me. I wasn't overly fond of Ash and Joshua either, plus the plot felt like it was just regurgitated from previous storylines of other couples who were in a similar situation. Bummer.

Maria Aguilar says

The story is about Featherstone, who is a bobcat shifter and the lead doctor of the coalition, and Ash, a hawk shifter. From the last book after the attack Ash became depressed because not only can he not walk or shift but

Featherstone left without saying a thank you for taking the bullet by trying to save his life, and the reason he feels that way is because he has feelings for the Doc but is not answering back. Instead he left him alone and wishing that he could die because he has nothing to live for. Jacyn, Mitchell, and Dean are worried about him and decided to bring Featherstone back because he might be the one to save him. When Featherstone saw he decided to do everything in his power to make sure that Ash can walk and shift again so he can be his old self again, even if it means that he has to fight the attraction that he feels for Ash to do so. Will Featherstone save him or is Ash doomed to be in that chair for as long as he lives.

Every since Featherstone was first introduced I've been wondering when he will get his own story and hear it. While I was hoping for more because he is a favorite of mine but I think it's okay considering it's long for the making of it. I love Ash the moment I saw him, he has this whole my pace vibe of him and isn't afraid of saying what's on his mind which makes him the perfect mate for the Doc, because he needs someone that says it as it is and won't follow the doctor's orders, unless when he is injured or in bed *wink wink*. When I read who is the one going to bring the Doc back to the coalition I was jumping with joy because it was none other than Shane. Even the Doc, who will only listen to the leader and no one else has to say yes because there will be consequences if he said no. I also love that Shane was the one to give a good kick to the Doc for being a jerk and go to your man because that is where your happiness is.

Overall it was a good book to read but like I said I wish there were more to it but I'll take what I get.

Becky Condit says

This is one character in the Lost Shifter series that I was looking forward to reading about. From the first Lost Shifter book, I absolutely fell in love with Doc Featherstone. His grouchy disposition, horrible bedside manner, and all-around grumpiness intrigued me. Under his entire attitude, you could see he is loyal to the feline coalition, its leader Mitchell and the shifters whose lives he saves. The Doc uses his attitude to turn away Ash, a hawk shifter and his mate. His reasons for turning away his mate are really quite sad: his age (Doc feels that he is a little too old for Ash) and his family obligations (Doc's wealthy family wouldn't approve of him mating a male and another shifter breed as he is expected to carry on his family's bloodline). An attack on the feline coalition HQ changes everyone's lives as both Ash and the Doc struggle to cope with the mental and physical scars that the attack has left behind. Left paralyzed from the attack, Ash is really struggling to find a reason to live, let alone walk. Doc realizes that he is the key to bringing Ash out of his depression and giving him a reason to live. It's in doing this, that Doc's ability to really overcome his fears and let go of his family's expectations of him which frees him to love his mate. I would have to label Doc Featherstone as one of my favorite characters. His snarky attitude and sharp tongue is a front to hide the fact that he loves and respects the men and women of his coalition. A few editing mishaps are common in her stories, but not so much that it made the story unreadable and did not in any way deflect my overall enjoyment of the story. This is part of a series that should be read in sequential order to follow the storyline. Mz. Hecht did a good job with this story. I'm looking forward to reading more about my favorite type of animals: felines.

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