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Ashlei Preen had spent her entire childhood trying to fit in with the residents of Haven. A pretty tall order for someone deemed a regular human in a town of shifters. Still, in spite of her minor “defect” she managed to hold her own. As an adult she applied that same tenacity, which saw her through childhood, to her medical practice while trying to keep sane. Lately her thoughts have been filled with the town’s newest resident who seems more eager to be away from her rather than share the same air space.

The little town of Haven was exactly what he needed. Seth Riddick was done with the big city, and the stream of crime that consumed his life as a Special Forces detective. He longed for the simplicity of the thriving shifter town where he could be true to himself and enjoy a frequent hunt without fear of being tranqed – that really pissed him off. Haven was definitely a paradise for a lone wolf like him. But even paradise has its complications and for Seth it comes equipped with a stethoscope and enough determination to have him questioning his bachelor status.

It isn’t long before the lines become blurred of who’s chasing whom.

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From Reader Review Rules of Mating for online ebook

Monica says

Plot:

Ashlei lives in a town full of multispecies shifters; she even comes from a family of cats, but she can't shift herself. Ashlei is secretly in love with the new wolf sheriff Seth, who is also new to town. As the town Doctor Ashlei spends a lot of time working with Seth, but hasn't gotten the courage to really get to know him. Seth, a confident alpha loses all of his nerve around the quirky town Doc. That is, until a multispecies hunting accident hurls them together

The Good:

Great and interesting idea that intrigued me enough to buy this book; I like the idea of an edgy or awkward character who finds confidence within themselves despite the "haterade" that life throws at them. Also, this book gets good towards the end, though you have to read 3/4 of the book to get to it.

The Bad:

The idea is good, but the execution is only so-so. For one, we have to wait until the end for the good drama, spending most of the book listening to the wishy-washy heroine talk herself out of a good man; one paragraph Ashlei is strong and independent, than insecure and needy in the next; this is very annoying and only lends me to believe that the message behind this book is, "Sometimes we get in our own way" which is a good lesson, but done to death in the genre. I really wish that the drama centering around the "pink cloth" was introduced earlier, to break up the slow pace of the main characters romance. I also wish that the author spent more time developing the characters so I at least related to them on some level. I don't even know their last names, the history of the town (yes, it's a character too), what shaped Seth into the alpha he is today, how he end up in a tiny out of the way town? Is there a national shifter newspaper that they put an ad in? Why does the clinic boast such expensive equipment? what does her apartment above the clinic look like? What motivates Bailey, Regina, Will, or Thad? The only things I know about them are bear, feline, wolf. Oh yea, Thad is blonde and gay; the, "I'll decorate your office" kind of gay. Which brings me to my next point, too many cliches, here is an actual quote from the book, "Exit stage left" Really? How many times have I read and heard this sentence? For some readers it's comforting, but for book junkies like me it's irritating to have to muddle through cliche after reused sentence after someone else's idea liquefied in the blender and poured out onto the page in a sloppy mess.

Overall: It's an okay read with some great ideas and a few good scene's, however the price is steep and the book doesn't really get good until close to the end, so unless your a diehard fan of the author or genre, skip it.

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Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

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Ashlei Preen is the doctor in the town of Haven, and she and her family are lion shifters. Everyone except Ashlei, that is. Ashlei is a non shifting shifter which has been something she has had to live with her entire life. This is especially hard because the town of Haven is full of shifters of all kinds, and they look at her with pity. No shifter male will approach her because they feel that because of her non shifting problem she would not be able to handle a shifter male. She has come to terms with that and has decided that she will not mate, that is until the new sheriff comes to town.

Seth Riddick is the ultimate alpha male and he has his sights set on Ashlei. At first he thought she was human but when she told him that she couldn't shift his interest in her just increased. Her sister Reigna was against her growing attraction and referred to Seth as a fleabag. Her mother continually tries to set her up with guys, the latest being Thad, who is more interested in her brother Will than her. She tries hard to keep her attraction quiet but fails miserably because Seth is simply gorgeous.

Nia Foxx writes stories that will keep you interested and characters that will reach out from the pages of her book, grab you by the hand, and pull you right in. Every character in this story had a purpose and contributed towards story.

Ashlei's sister Reigna was funny, calling Seth a wolf in sheriff's clothing, and drawing pictures of what Ashlei's and Seth's children would look like, saying that they were faces only a mother could love. This story was so enjoyable, the heat between the main characters radiated from the pages. However, there are a few loose ends left hanging such as who is kidnapping girls and burying their clothes that were left unresolved. These I'm sure will be answered in future books. Overall, Haven: Rules of Mating is an excellent read one that I'm sure will appeal to everyone.

Amber says

Overall the book was good. Except Ashlei was SO ANNOYING. If I could I have slapped some sense into her, I would have. Gosh, so annoying. One minute she's all 'I have crush on the sheriff but, he won't notice me. Next, she's all why is he paying attention to me. Could just slap her.

Anino says

This has 2 b one of the best IRR/PNR novels that I've read in quite a while.... I was pleasantly surprised by the author, because she chose 2 allow the sex 2 accentuate the story, instead of having it saturate it.. I will definitely consider more ebooks from this author.

Giving this one, 4 solid stars....

Icy says

I love this author but this book was a huge let down. Nothing happened. I love her writing and it keeps me interested to were I can stay up all night reading but this just ended with no notion of another book. And again NOTHING at all happened. The writing of course is always perfect but there is nothing to remember

about this story.

Ellen says

Very good story, quite a hot one.

Only complaint was Reigna who was a horrible unhelpful sister and none of the insulting things she said seemed to come from a place of love at all. She was also ridiculously childish and immature.

I like Seth and Ashlei together a lot. Will read the next if there is one.

Camylle says

This was amazing! A breath of fresh air, it has all the usual that makes an IR paranormal romance pop but the personality of Seth and Ashlei was great!

Tara says

Ashlei's been eyeing the new sheriff in town Seth, but it seems like whenever they're alone he flees and Ashlei blames it on her being a nonshifting shifter in a town full of shifters. Seth on the other hand is definitely attracted to Ashlei but whenever he's near her he turns into a nervous wreck and flees before he says something stupid. This continues until they end up spending the night together but things don't go smoothly after that. Ashlei has her insecurities and she's also stubborn yet Seth doesn't give up and keeps fighting. They were a nice pair, a sheriff and a doctor. Although I was a little frustrated with Ashlei because she let her fears inhibit any progress with Seth even after they were already mated. Other than that, I enjoyed reading it. >_<

Emily says

"Very fun read, Seth is battling his inner alpha with allowing Ashlei to understand what he is wanting and it all backfires leading to some sizzling encounters."

Full review on Sensual Reads
<http://sensualreads.com/?p=9675>

Theodora Taylor says

escription: As a shifter, who can't shift, Ashlei Preen has pretty much given up on love — that is, until the new sexy shifter sheriff catches her scent.

The Good: I really liked the premise of a shifter who couldn't shift living in a town of shifters. The sex was very hot, and fans of shifter romances will appreciate the primal details. There were also some really funny comedic moments and the town's residents are a hoot.

The Bad: As much as I loved the premise, the story was weighed down by a really resistant, really insecure heroine, who isn't given believable motivation. Her stubborn refusal to believe that the hero was truly interested in her was baffling and made for a frustrating read. I also didn't understand the class system among these werewolves. At one point, it seemed that some conflict might arise out of the fact that the hero and heroine were from two different breeds, but nothing ever came of it, leaving me to wonder why this story detail had been introduced in the first place. Also, there is a great mystery that's introduced way too late in the story and isn't resolved. Overall, the novel needed a tighter structure, and a clearer emotional through line, especially for the heroine.

The Naughty: Steamy. Rough, animalistic sex.

Editing issues: One typo found.

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Final Grade: B-

Happy Reading,
Theodora from irbookreviews.com

Jooniebug says

This book is funny and sexy at the same time!!! Bloody interesting to read! Do not miss out on this one....

Rhonda says

This book is full of hot as hell sex and one steamy hot Alpha werewolf, my favorite type of hero! Ashlei has had it tough, never feeling like she will fit into her shiftertown. Knowing a shifter would never want to mate with her since she can't shift. When the new Sheriff (Seth) comes into town she is immediately smitten. After a month of avoidance, they finally get it on. Let me just say, yummy! This book was nonstop action and sex. Ashlei is the heroine everyone loves and Seth is the hero everyone wants. They are the perfect pair.

NJS says

I liked this. It was standard plot, with common characters and setting but I enjoyed it. It got a bit corny at times but it wasn't too bad.

Usually, I like my stories longer. I would have liked that here but while the story was short it felt long winded. The reading felt repetitive and dull at times. I found myself skipping through some parts to get to pertinent story. If you don't have a lot of story don't pad it with synthetic cotton, give us substance.

Even though it needed some work I would actually like to see a followup, maybe some babies, meeting the pack, finishing the mystery, MC female learning to shift, etc. It was nice but it felt like an incomplete thought.

Katherine says

The premise was really interesting. Ashlei cant shift yet she is shifter born and lives in a town of shifter. Seth just moved to Haven from NJ and they both have crush on each other but neither have done anything about it when the book starts.

Ash was EXTREMELY annoying. All this back and forth she did got really old. Her lack of communication with Seth was stupid. Her thinking he didn't like her/want her (more than a good time) when he said he did. She refused to listen which I got was the point since more than one character called her hard headed.

I wouldn't necessarily recommend this book at this price. \$6.99 is steep for this book though it was plenty long. There was a couple of loose ends which I'm guessing will be picked up in the next book but its pretty pointless unless this couple is the couple for the series vs new couple each book.

Sassafrass says

I thought this was very cute. I liked Ashlei. She was strong and determined. And she handled her "defect" with grace although she was a little blind in thinking that no one could see past it.

Sheriff Seth was absolutely the perfect mate for her because he wouldn't let her think too much and he was an "outsider" so he didn't grown thinking something was wrong with Ashlei. He just wanted her for her.

I'm interested in seeing where this case of the serial killer is going. I'm definitely going to continue the series. I wish I had some hint about who the next book will feature. And I wish we had more than that little tease about the missing girls case.

So, I guess I'll have to patiently wait until the next book comes out...
