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Josephine says

Does not work well as a stand-alone book. The story is certainly part of a series. Readers who haven't read the previous books in the series will be missing information that helps the story progress more smoothly.

Delphina says

How could hot bear shifters on a mission to rid the world of a despicable evil go wrong? This book had a wonderful love story, but it also had suspense, adventure, and mystery. The characters were interesting and I loved to see how they actually held characteristics of the actual animals they were modeled after. There were a couple of times when I said, "Whoa, there was a scene change?", but over all the story flowed nicely and I did not want to put it down no matter how late it was getting. I absolutely loved the ending. It filled me with the happy. I am looking forward to reading more by this author.

When I decided I "had" to read this book, I did not realize it was part of a series. While it was a complete story in and of itself, I did feel like I was missing not only back story on some of the characters, but some key info about the "evil" in the book. That being said, I still really enjoyed it without that added info. I will be hunt down the first books in this series, for certain sure.

Sara HarlequinJunkie says

Reviewed at: HarlequinJunkie.com

What an amazing book! This was not my first encounter with bear shifters and it most definitely will not be my last! Rugar had me from the very first page, he's a strong and handsome Sentinel Warrior and healer, who also just happens to be a bear shifter. Can you get any hotter?

There were many things about this book that I enjoyed. I loved that Rugar and Mariska were of the same species, and were able to open themselves to love. Mariska's redeeming quality for me was that she wouldn't let Rugar's ego get in the way of her feelings toward him. This alone made me love this couple that much more. I also enjoyed the truly unique storyline that "Sentinels: Kodiak Unchained" had to share.

My overall feelings about this book are entirely positive, I loved the main characters and even the side characters. I fell in love with idea behind the story quickly, and I can't wait to see what happens next in this series. This may have been my first book by this author but I feel as if I have been with these characters since the beginning.

Kate says

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This book did not seem to move at a fast enough pace for me.

Trudy Powders says

This is the first book by this author I have read. I found it to be a little slow at first. It was hard for me to follow. We enter the world of Ruger who is a Sentinel warrior. Ruger is injured and not at full strength. He does what he can. Ruger is also a Kodiak shifter. Mariska is also a shapeshifter and she is sent in to be Ruger's bodyguard. They meet and are attracted to each other. They work together to fight an evil and to save their team. I enjoyed the book once it started to flow. The world of the Sentinels is interesting.

Abby Helstrip says

First of all I would like to say I have never ever read anything by Doranna Durgin, this would be the first time. Secondly I'm guessing this book is about people who can shift into creatures, and the main characters in this one seem to shift into bears.

Thirdly, what's with the 'Hell Yes'.

I must admit, I haven't read, I haven't got very far in this book, I'm just at the beginning. But already I'm like 'What', I'm kind of lost and confused in this book. I also don't know a lot of authors who put the sex scene in the first chapter. Talk about giving it to me!

So far, it would seem they don't get a lot of bear shifters and well what do you know a lady bear comes into town, and surprise surprise, gentleman bear finds lady bears very appealing indeed. Anyways, they basically do it in many ways as possible, then he wakes up and she's not there.

Talk about a big opener, "Hell Yes"

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I can see this book being a very long one. A story that I'm already considering whether to finish it or not. But I guess I should really give it a go. Just because I'm finding it hard to get into the story doesn't mean I should give up so easily, right?

Its hard to follow. Its confusing, maybe i should have read the previous series, if they have any previous stories to this one. Well i dont know.

This is what im getting. Right, Ruger is the gentleman bear and Mariska is the lady bear. It turns out that Mariska knew all along what was going to happen the next day. She knew what she was doing in the night before, the night where she used her womanly manners to get into bed with Ruger.

With this know discovered Ruger isnt a happy bear. He still desires Mariska but he no longer trusts her. Well that what he think, but i think it has something to do with manly pride to say the least. He hadnt seen what she knew, therefore hes frustrated and angry. He doesnt want a babysitter, aka a body guard. That is what Mariska is signed up for, to be Rugers bodyguard.

Ruger doesnt like the fact that he hasnt got all of his gifts, his healing abilities back from the last war episode, but to be given bodyguard to ensure that he can look after himself, makes him feel as if he somehow less than what he was due to the fact that no all of his powers are back.

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Melindeeloo says

The Sentinels are a sensuous race so when bear shifters Mariska and Ruger hook up for a night of loving, the morning after should be no big deal except for the fact that Mariska didn't disclose that she was slated to be a member on the same strike team as Ruger. Ruger views the fact that she sought out the role of his body guard is demasculating, the warrior-healer who can no longer heal is upset that he isn't going to be allowed to be a warrior either in his 'babysitter's' care. So having blown what Mariska, realizes had the potential to be something special as well as putting herself at odds with the rest of the team – who didn't appreciate the outsider embarrassing Ruger - the search to find the bad guy and thwart what a seer thinks is a plot that could mean the end of the Sentinel's is off to a rocky start and any hope they have of succeeding depends on Mari winning back Ruger's trust.

Though the niche for these Nocturne novella length light paranormal reads is being squeezed by small press and indie pubbed fare, Durgin's Sentinels mini-series still has a place in my heart. I really enjoy the shapeshifting Sentinel's and the bearshifter/bearshifter pairing this time around is a good one. I didn't really 'get' the 'betrayal' which Ruger views Mariska's lack of disclosure as being, especially since he is willing to be with her 'in the moment' later on. But I do like the way that they solidify into a team, once Ruger finally admits his limitations. So I ended up enjoying Kodiak Unchained and hope that Durgin continues revisiting her Sentinels in more books in the future.

Durgin's Sentinels:

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Polly says

It was about time to have Ruger's book. Loved it! Well worth the wait. Mari was everything that Ruger deserved and more. Plus a great storyline with lots of action. Great book!

Donna says

What an amazing adventure. This is the first book in this series that I've read, so it took me a while to get my head around the world of Sentinels, amulets, workings, etc., but I've read enough scifi/fantasy to know that understanding comes with patient reading. There was a glossary of terms at the back of the book but I discovered it about one-third of the way through the book. It did help clarify my understanding of this world.

I really enjoyed the writing style - sections of action and suspense interspersed with moments of introspection and intimacy. The plot itself held my interest as I acquired more understanding of the threat presented by Forakkes to the Sentinels. Since I hadn't read the earlier books I found I didn't always relate to some of the characters. This frustrated me a little since it seemed as though some of them had had pretty intense experiences of their own with respect to Core. I'll have to remedy this by reading the previous books in this series. With respect to the main characters, I found it took some time to warm to Mariska but I was a fan of Ruger's from his first appearance in the book. However, as the story progressed and I became more familiar with Mariska's motivations and thoughts, I found myself rooting for both of them - individually and as a couple. Forakkes's experiment, Ciobaka, was a fascinating addition to the cast of characters.

As much as I enjoyed this book, I'd suggest starting with the first in the series and possibly reading the books in order afterwards.

Diane says

Not my favorite, but I warmed up to the heroine eventually

The grizzly bear-healer Ruger is a Sentinels character we've been waiting to see take his place in the spotlight, and for a while I thought black bear Sentinel Mariska wouldn't be worthy of him. Their connection starts as a one-night stand, which is not my preference in a romance, but that's not the key issue. She makes some ill-advised choices that hurt him emotionally and don't serve well for team unity as they and others investigate the horrific experiments Edouard has been conducting on animals, working up to something that prophetic vision says could spell the destruction of all Sentinels.

Ruger's healing abilities have been unusable since his injury in a previous volume, and Mari is determined to prove herself by protecting him, despite his unwillingness to admit he needs any protection -- especially not from someone with limited field experience such as her. Still, it becomes clear that she has a point, even if she acted on it poorly and presumptively.

Like Jet (once merely a wild wolf, but now Nick Carter's mate) and the vicious oversized boar Maks faced, there's an animal changed and enhanced by Edouard's dark workings in this installment, but this time it's unclear whether the role Ciobaka -- a dog given thumbs and limited speech -- will play is bad, good, or

neither.

Cyl says

Harlequin Noctures are an interesting book series. My problem with this book was you had to read the other books. This book seemed to continually jump back to other books when a character came into it. It was okay.

Mary says

I received this book as a e-arc from Netgalley for my honest review. Overall this was a pretty good story. I haven't had the pleasure of reading the other books from this series so I am not quite sure if starting with this book left me out of the loop on some things or not. I always love books like this so it was a no brainer that this would be one that I enjoyed as well. Will definitely be looking to read the other books. Would recommend to anyone that likes paranormal/romance/suspense books.

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TINNGG says

More of a 3.5

I felt for the bear. His issues with not being able to use his gift because they left him vulnerable were baffling to him. As for the h, the road to hell is paved with good intentions. She could have handled that a lot better. He needed someone to watch his back, but he'd always gone it alone so didn't really see his need. Still, perhaps if she'd met him first at the meeting instead of at the festival, he wouldn't have been so resentful. She wanted to be a part of a team, but she went about it the wrong way.

I find it...strange...that noobs to field work in this world our author has created keep being sent out without a leash so to speak. A previous one's lack of experience led her to arrogantly shoot the H full of tranquilizer, leading to at least one human's death. This one arrogantly barreled her way into being the H's bodyguard (a grizzly needing a bodyguard?!), then, before he'd been informed, hunted him down and seduced him, leading to his resentment. She also blundered into a trap and nearly got herself killed.

Yeah yeah; they had a HEA eventually but I attribute that to being mates - I can't really see a human male ever forgiving a human female for emasculating him like that.

Tha's ok though; when he finally did figure out how to heal again, he managed to zap the preventatives so the next time they got busy, she got knocked up. Be kinda hard to be an effective bodyguard when you're waddling.

Harlequin Books says

Miniseries: Sentinels

Mona Karel says

I am thoroughly enjoying this series. Not only for the underlying story of a centuries old fight but also for the bits of whimsy interjected among heroes and their soul mates. Where else would you find a mountain lion with a pack of little feral cats, or a wolf with, honest, a kennel of not only Beagles but **SHOW** Beagles, which just piles on the whimsy.

Durgin's understanding of animal behavior sets her apart from so many other shifter writers. There is a huge difference between reading studies on pack behavior and directly observing packs in action, whether wolf or dog.

So, what sort of pet does a Kodiak bear have? What else but a willful if slightly insecure black bear? There are no easy solutions to any of the problems presented, and another great dose of magic to save the day. My only complaint is how long I'll have to wait before I meet the next Sentinel!
