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**Torn apart by circumstance, kept afloat by fate, these brothers have been left to fend for themselves in a world which doesn't understand their power—and the ones who do must be avoided at all cost. Four siblings estranged, four mates, one combined goal—love and unity.**

Featured Books in this Collection:

Book One – Cypher's Mate

Book Two – Briar's Mate

Book Three – Vaughan's Mate

Book Four – Ryker's Mate

Book Five - Shifters United: The Sequel

AUTHOR'S NOTE: These are stand alone romances with an HEA. This ebook contains mature themes and language, intended for 18+ readers only.

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# From Reader Review Shifters Forsaken: Shifter Romance Collection for online ebook

## Debbie Caswell says

These books are a wonderful collection of stories about four brothers deserted by their mother and the lives that they lived

### Book 1 Cypher's mate

This is a rock n Roll shifter story. Cypher has it made as a singer his band "elevated" has held the number one position for the last 10 weeks the only thing that isn't so great in his life is he doesn't remember much about his past He remembers his mother dropping him and his three brothers off at an orphanage and making him promise to keep them safe and together something he couldn't do as he was only five years old. Chloe has grown up in a cold family and doesn't know anything better when her friend Holly takes her to a concert she doesn't know if she really wants to be there. Cypher can feel that something is different about this concert but he doesn't know what maybe its because his mate is there but he won't find her until he has to save her from a nugging. The chemistry between these two is off the charts but will he be able to convince her he is her mate and will she accept it

### Book 2 Briar's Mate

n this book we meet the second brother left at the orphanage Briar was also adopted out now he lives in a ground floor apartment near the university and when his mate Berlin moves in he is instantly attracted. Bur family secrets tear them apart she is part of a group that protects shifters from been experimented on and he is keeping his bear secret after been raised by humans. They go their separate ways in fact he moves for his job but when she is given a job that may be linked to his past and then there is the fact she is pregnant with his child. Once again there is drama and family secrets and a hint of things to come in this wonderful story Welcome to the the Shifter Forsaken world

### Book 3 Vaughn's Mate

Vaughn hears his parents talking from that he learns that he is adopted and that his father thinks he is freak (bear shifter) he takes of for a cabin in the mountains and makes his living as a internet teacher never socialising with anyone One day his peace is shattered when a woman named Vivian runs out of petrol and comes to his cabin for help what he doesn't know is that she is a reporter chasing down a story of a bear in the area When a storm traps them together emotions will bubble to the surface

### Book 4 Ryker's Mate

Ryker has grown up with the Luciano crime family on the death of his father he asks one of the treating doctors out on a date. He and Dr Rui Granger are attracted to one another but as the new don fighting for his place can he bring her into the danger that is his life

This is a wonderful and the extra books are just a wonderful bonus

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## Cindy Resto says

This story follows Cypher and Chloe. It does contain the usual insta-love that most shifter books have but it

does have a lot more up and downs than most. It does have an HEA but does leave a cliffhanger to set up for the next story in the series.

The story opens as a mother brokenheartedly leaves her children behind in order to protect them. (I shed a couple of tears at this scene).

We then jump to the present, where Cypher is suffering from exhaustion from touring and just wants to rest. We then meet Chloe, a young woman who seems to have trouble with standing up for herself and is very uncomfortable in crowds. Through a twist of fate they meet and find each other.

After several ups and downs, including Chloe having to handle the fact that Cypher is a star, they must face something even deadlier.

This story made me laugh a bit, cry a bit and definitely had a lot of action. I highly recommend it.

This is the second book in the Forsaken shifters series. It follows Briar and Berlin as they fall for each other reluctantly at least on her part. They both harbor secrets that they are sure will tear them apart. When Briar opens up to Berlin, she looks into his history and finds out more than either were expecting.

Having some bitter sweet moments in this story makes it all the better. It does have an HEA and we do get to find out a bit more about the brothers' history and what might have happened.

I liked both characters but I will admit at a couple of points I wanted to reach in and slap Berlin for being so hard headed. I liked how Briar still stuck to his guns and did not lower himself to begging.

In the third story, we meet Vaughn and Vivian. The story opens as a young Vaughn faces the true feelings of his adoptive family after his true nature comes to light. Years later, we meet reporter Vivian who is a failure in her parents' eyes as she is now divorced with no actual prospects for her future. They are rather cold and this makes us sympathetic to Vivian. She tries to get away for a bit and stumbles upon the story of a massive bear who has human tendencies. After her car runs out of gas she meets Vaughn. As she researches the legend, she finds out about its connection to the Ambrosia Company and its owner.

After Vaughn finds out Vivian is a reporter, Vaughn shifts and Vivian runs in fear.

This story does have an HEA but does leave the arcing story of the brothers as a cliffhanger. This does leave you wanting to read the next story in the series.

The last story is about Ryker and Rui. We get to follow as Ryker is put in a position he was not sure he wanted. Rui is a doctor who is not sure that she wants to have anything to do with Ryker. This story is follows them as they fall in love and what happens when Ryker's lifestyle breaks into their idyllic life. Ryker must make the decision if his past life is more important than a future life with Rui. She must also make the decision if living with Ryker is worth it. We do also get to see Fallon, their mother and get hope that she will reunite with all of them.

The only problem I have with this story is that even though it has an HEA, it does not address the arcing story of the brothers. We saw the 2 older brothers meet but the 2 younger brothers are still not found. I did like all the stories but that is something that is secondary.

There are a few more stories in the book but I am only reviewing the main ones. I do recommend all of them as they are all really good reads.

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### **Annemarie Suchey says**

Loved this collection. A family torn apart and Cypher works to find and pull them all back together. Along the way, the brothers find their mates and forgiveness and peace with their childhood.

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## **MJM says**

In Fallon's Mate, we 'meet' Fallon and Daniel. He is very disappointed that whilst Fallon has borne him four sons, she has not given him a daughter. She fears for both her and her sons' lives and so she takes them and leaves them outside an orphanage where she hopes they will be kept together as a family. But it's not to be and they are separated. Cypher who is the eldest of the brothers is going to try to reunite them. The following books tell their stories [the first two have been published before but Vaughan and Ryker's are newly published here]. Featured Books in this fabulous collection about the four bear shifting brothers include:-  
Book One – Cypher's Mate - Chloe's life has not be the best and her best friend and her boyfriend take her out as a treat to see her favourite band with the lead singer, Cypher. He knows something special is happening but he doesn't know why. Just that he is singing for someone very special and later he meets Chloe and a bond forms that is unbreakable. She is his Muse and despite her having to leave to look after her terminally ill father. When he realises that she is in danger, nothing is going to get ion the way of him protecting his Mate. But she doesn't know that he is a shifter - how will she react?

Book Two – Briar's Mate - Briar is a techno 'genius' and he has made his way in the difficult world. He was lucky to be adopted by a nice family. When he walks into his apartment block one day he feels someone watching him and sees a beautiful woman and it's as if he knows her but he doesn't. Berlin is just moving in to the first place of her own when she sees Briar and can't take her eyes off him. As they get to know each other and his feelings for her grow he explains how he remembers a dark haired woman leaving him and some other boys but not understanding why. Can Berlin help him with his trust issues for woman? Will she stick around?

Book Three – Vaughan's Mate - Vaughan shifts for the first time when he was 17 years old and his adopted family are abusive towards him so he runs away to the mountains where he has heard there is a Kodiak shifter. It is at the hospital there that he meets his fated mate.

Book Four – Ryker's Mate - Ryker is adopted by a very successful and wealthy family who are training him to take over the family business when he comes of age. They don't know that he is a bear shifter. He doesn't know! How will they all react?

There are more books to follow in the series and I do like Mia's writing style. There are a couple of issues about who knew whom [Cypher and Berlin] and I must confess that I was disappointed that the brothers still had not been reunited by the end of the collection. I would suggest that anyone going to read this collection [which I fully recommend that they do] first of all reads Fallon's Mate so that you understand the background. Interesting characters and storylines and, of course, I LOVE stories including bear shifters. I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review. DEFINITELY RECOMMENDED

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## **Anastasia Chase says**

What a great box set. This series follows four brothers 30 years after they were abandoned at an orphanage. Here are my short reviews on the books:

\*Cypher's Mate\* This one had the most realistic relationship, showing some of the hard times. You're gonna hate Chloe's family trust me. But the love story between Chloe & Cypher was great.

\*Briar's Mate\* This one follows Briar and Berlin, and even though I was hoping for more characters from the first book, the storyline was gripping and it worked really well

\*Vaughan's Mate\* Vanessa goes home after being shamed and broken, but she doesn't expect to fall so deeply for someone. She gets her HEA but I didn't want her to at times to be honest lol.

\*Ryker's Mate\* Here we see some of the past characters come into the story. I really enjoyed reading about Ryker's life and the love story here was unexpected!

5 stars!

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## **Penny Ellgass says**

Four brothers under 6 left at an orphanage to give them a better life.

Cypher the oldest at 5 is determined to keep them together. The young are separated at once and he can't stop it.

30 years later angry about the loss and that they have never found each other he has went on with his life.

Briar had a good life with his adoptive family. He got in to computer hacking and was caught at 13 by the time he was through high school he was offer a good job because of his skills. He meets his mate but she does not want to get involved with him because of his bear shifter status, her family of shifters are hunters and exactionaires of those who they feel are a threat to other shifters.

Vaughn shifts for the first time when he is 17 his adoptive after calls him a freakand says he is not our son, hurt and upset he runs away.

Rykiel adopted by a wealthy family to take over the family business.

Take a journey through time and distance as these men find their mates and each other. Great reads.

The other 4 in the collection are great reads as well but running out of room.

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## **Caroline says**

This series is about 4 brothers who are abandoned at an orphanage at a young age and their lives 30 years later.

Cypher's Mate: I loved this !! The story line is great and I liked the fluctuations in the relationship - made it more realistic! Chloe's family irritated me but then morons will - they had no feeling beyond themselves and material things! Chloe and Cypher made me feel good!

Briar's Mate: As a follow-up to Cypher's Mate, this one rocks! I kept waiting for Cypher to appear but nonetheless the storyline had me gripped! It is Briar's story, together with Berlin's and it works really well!

Vaughan's Mate: This one starts with Vanessa arriving home, supposedly shamed and broken but when she meets Vaughan sparks fly and misunderstanding abound! Ultimately, an HEA ensues but not before she creates issues inadvertently!

Ryker's Mate: Now this one is interesting in as much as people (not the brothers) from previous books enter into the fray and with Ryker's life being interesting at best it makes for an unlikely love story!

Get the series today aw well as Fallon's Mate

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### **Christina Luberts says**

#### **Cypher's Mate**

Cypher Maison, remembers being dropped off and told to watch his brothers. His being so young was unable too. He so wants to find them, but has been unable to. Chloe Byler is a shy kid from a family that looks down on her. She is the only one that does not want to be a lawyer like her parents, they all step on her. When Cypher meets Chloe they feel like they meet their soulmate. Will Chloe stay with Cypher when she finds out about his bear? Can Cypher get her past her shyness? Will Chloe's family tear them apart? Can Cypher find his family?

#### **Briar's Mate**

Berlin is looking for a place to live, her friend Liam finds her a place in the same building as Briar. When they meet they feel something, but unable to figure it out. When they figure it out Berlin is scared to tell him about her family, and get in a big argument. Briar is in the process of a merge in his company and has to decide what to do. He moves to Washington State, for his job. Berlin is trying to figure everything out. Can she trust Briar on what her family does? Can she get away from her family? Can she find the truth out for Briar? Will Briar accept what she finds out? Can they protect each other, their family and friends?

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### **Mary Clark says**

From the moment I picked up the first book in this series I was totally intrigued and captivated, eagerly waiting for the next book to come out. Fallon's Mate, Cypher's Mate and Briar's Mate have all been released individually, but this box set now includes Vaughan's Mate and Ryker's Mate; even so, there is still more to come as the story is not yet complete. Not content with the four boys Fallon has given him, Daniel is disappointed when she doesn't provide him with a daughter. For the safety of her children, Fallon escapes from Daniel and leaves the boys outside an orphanage, trusting that they will find a home where they can all be brought up together. Unfortunately, that is not the case and the boys end up separated from one another. This box set comprises the lives of the four boys and how they come to terms with who and what they are. This is a box set I would certainly have no hesitation in recommending. Below is my review of Cypher's Mate and Briar's Mate:

#### **Cypher's Mate**

One cannot help but feel for Chloe and the life she has led up until she meets Cypher. Childhood had not been kind to Chloe; there had been no love or sense of family, only loneliness. Nor any meaningful relationships; her reserve and shyness being interpreted as standoffishness. There is an aching sense of melancholy inside Chloe, a feeling that she wants something she has never known. Cypher is a famous rock star, having been discovered when he was 19-years old; it was the first good thing that had ever happened to him and his mournful lyrics drew unsurpassed emotion. Nevertheless, fame and fortune haven't given Cypher any of the answers he has been seeking and he still feels an overwhelming guilt at not being able to

keep his mother's promise, or find the answers he is looking for. Chloe and Cypher form a bond that cannot be broken, even if family duty and an unforgiving bear, try to intervene to tear their world apart. Fate has brought the two together and their connection to each other is unlike anything Cypher has known, yet he knows exactly what it is.

### Briar's Mate

A confused Briar was only 3-years old when his mother walked away; as the door to the orphanage clanged ominously shut, it was clear he and his brothers' lives would never be the same again. Briar was adopted almost right away by good parents. Even though they had Alex, they loved Briar as if he was their own; no one ever knew they were not related. As a child, Briar had always been tech-savvy; his escapades into the cyberworld having caught the attention of several major companies. Never having been alone in her entire life, Berlin wants her own place and to experience life without a roommate. Berlin didn't want to downplay her achievements; why would she, she has worked hard to get where she is despite all the odds holding her back. Berlin is startled when she first sees Briar and finds herself studying him with interest; there is something distinctively familiar about him, something stirring beneath the surface and he seems to have a strange effect on her. Briar hadn't forgotten about Berlin either; ever since he first laid eyes on her, he felt like he had met her before. While Briar didn't believe in love at first sight, he feels a connection he doesn't understand; people were not what they seemed and he is sure Berlin has dark secrets he has no interest in knowing. Then one comment about Berlin's family causes a rift between them. Berlin will not choose between Briar and her family, but Fate steps in and pushes them together; how could she possibly deny what all the signs were saying. Berlin has important information Briar should be aware of, but what will be his reaction when confronted with the truth.

A copy of this box set was provided to me with no requirements for a review. I voluntarily read this book and my comments here are my honest opinion.

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### Dee Scott says

This is an excellent collection by Mia Taylor which includes the Shifters Forsaken series and bonus content. For this review I will focus on Shifters Forsaken.

1. Cypher's Mate grabbed my attention from the Prologue. Chloe's sterile upbringing and Cypher's tragic beginning made me want a HEA for them, although circumstances threw them apart.
2. Briar's Mate is Berlin's and Briar's story. Although Briar had difficulty opening up to Berlin, they started to grow closer. But their individual secrets tore them apart.
3. Vaughn's Mate begins with a teenage Vaughn overhearing a conversation between his adoptive parents, leaving him believing he is a danger to everyone around him. He retreats to the mountains. Vivian is rebuilding her life after a painful divorce and losing her job. Feeling judged, she goes for a drive and gets rescued by Vaughn. Her interest in the local legend of Kodiak leads to danger for them both.
4. Ryker's Mate is the complicated relationship between Ryker and Dr. Rui Granger. After meeting at the hospital where Ryker's adoptive father lies dying. They ultimately develop a relationship which leads to danger. There are strings that are tied to the except novel, Fallon's Mate, which is included in this collection. I recommend your reading the complete version of Fallon's Mate first.



This collection also includes Found by Kalgin, Isera's Freedom, Rescued by Emery (my personal favorite), and Bree's Dragon.

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### **Margaret says**

A collection of four stories about shifter brothers left at a nunnery when small.

Four stories of brothers separated and put out for adoption when very young.

#### **Book One – Cypher's Mate**

Chloe is taken to a concert by her friends and there she meets Cypher a member of the band Elevated.

As a way of celebrating the end of their final exams Chloe's roommate Holly and her boyfriend Rhys arrange a day at the beach then in the evening tickets to a concert by Elevated featuring her heart throb singer Cypher Maison. They also arrange for backstage passes which means they will get close to the band members.

Cypher had been left at a nunnery by his mother with his three brothers when he the eldest was barely five and over the years they were split up until he and his investigators he had hired could find no trace of them. When he gets on stage he has the feeling that there is someone in the audience he needs to connect with one of his brothers or someone else who will be important to him then as the fans mingle back stage he spots her. A shifter romance to relax and enjoy.

#### **Book Two – Briar's Mate**

Berlin move into a new apartment and meets her downstairs neighbor Briar who feels familiar.

Bear shifter Berlin decides to to new apartment so she can have the place to herself. As she is talking to her new landlord her new neighbor downstairs comes in and as she looks at Briar he feels familiar. After she moves in they get close until they get intimate and she pushes him away. When he is offered a transfer he takes it rather than keep living so close to Berlin but after a time he needs to see her. Berlin has found out she is pregnant and fears her family will take her baby but knows she needs to tell Briar. A shifter romance to relax and enjoy.

#### **Book Three – Vaughan's Mate**

Vaughan comes home and hears his parents talking about him. He finds out he is adopted and that his father regards him as a freak and after a confrontation he leaves home. Years later he is living on the side of a mountain and only leaving when he has too but earning an income from teaching pupils over the internet.

Then one day Vivian runs out of gas and ends up at his cabin just ahead of a storm.

#### **Book Four – Ryker's Mate**

Ryker was visiting his father in hospital when he meets Dr Rui Granger. After his father dies his mother makes him leave the hospital and on his way out he asks Rui to go out with him for a meal. Both feel a pull to the other and find themselves getting closer but Ryker is the new Don and other will be challenging him so he and those around him are anything but safe.

Four shifter romances to relax and enjoy.

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### **Emily Pennington says**

This set includes 4 featured books in a mysterious setting where a frightened mother takes her 4 sons to an orphanage on a dark, rainy night when the oldest was only 5 years old. She made him promise to take care of

his very young brothers and she left them standing in the rain to keep them safe. The reader only knows that they were in severe danger from their father. These are the stories of how each of them survived to make a life for themselves. The main books (there are some others included for you as well) are: Book One – Cypher’s Mate, Book Two – Briar’s Mate, Book Three – Vaughan’s Mate, and Book Four – Ryker’s Mate. Below is a review of two of the books as an example of the stories you can find here.

>>> Reviewing “CYPHER’S MATE - BOOK 1” <<<

Holly threw a pillow to wake Chloe, rejoicing in their first day as college grads! Holly and her boyfriend, Rhys, had a huge surprise for Chloe; but first they had to have breakfast and a trip to the beach. Chloe Byler had come from a very emotionally cold family and consequently had a rather cynical personality. Fortunately, Holly was the opposite and was happy year-round!

Cypher’s bandmate tossed ‘Rolling Stone’ magazine at him, pointing out that their band was #1 for ten weeks in a row and their single was still going strong! Cypher had been ‘discovered’ when he was 19, so the thrill was a bit faded now. His music was pure emotion, drawing in the crowd every time. With his good looks, the fans loved him. He just wished he could stop dwelling in the past, saddened over the family that he couldn’t keep together as his mother had asked when she left them at the orphanage when he was just 5 years old.

The band went on stage for their final performance on this tour. For some reason, this one felt different to Cypher and he immersed himself in the love his fans were pouring out. He sang better than ever, and even his bandmates looked at him in awe. He felt he connected with someone specific in the audience, but he had no idea who.

Chloe tried to avoid the concert Holly and Rhys arranged as a gift. She hated crowds, and even to hear her favorite band wasn’t enough to entice her. But they had gotten backstage access, and it was an expensive gift – she had no choice but to accept it from her friends. Backstage, she finally spotted him! And he actually seemed to smile at her before the other fans mobbed him. Chloe turned and ran outside for some air. Unfortunately, a guy was outside and she felt uneasy. He moved closer and grabbed at her purse. In terror, she hung on and he morphed into a bear in front of her! Suddenly he flew across the alley and hit a brick wall, and she noticed a magnificent gray bear. He approached and his eyes met hers – and she recognized Cypher, right before she passed out! Cypher recognized she was his mate! Could he convince her to trust and accept him? Could he protect her from what would be coming their way out of his past? Was it possible to find a happy future together?

>>> Reviewing “BRIAR’S MATE- BOOK 2” <<<

Briar Maison was only 3 years old when his mother took all 4 of her sons to an orphanage on a dark, rainy night. A woman found them and asked if they were okay. Seeing the orphanage behind them, she realized the situation. She took them inside and handed them over to a nun. To protect their mother from being in trouble, the children would not give their mother or father’s names. Much later, he wished they had just run away while they had the chance. The boys were split up and eventually adopted by different families.

Liam Bueller was helping Berlin Matthews find a place to live. The new apartment was everything Berlin could have wanted! Beautiful and located near the university and her job. As they went downstairs to sign the paperwork, Briar was coming in since he lived in the ground floor apartment. Berlin could not take her eyes off him. There was something about him that drew her attention, something different.

Berlin and Briar got to know each other better. They had dinner together and Briar was opening up to her more and more. But at work, after his company took over another, a new office was opened in another state

and he was offered a promotion to move there. He didn't see how he could now that he was getting so close to Berlin. When he got home early, she was also home and he surprised her with a deep kiss that he had put off long enough. She melted into him as well. Later, he told her about his memories of a dark-haired woman who dropped him and his brothers at an orphanage and walked away. She knew then that he had issues and fears about trusting women, afraid another he cared for would leave him. This was a possible turning point for them. Would she move with him to Washington? Would she remain where she was and pursue her doctorate? Would he confess his true shifter nature to her? And would she tell him her own deep, dark, dangerous secrets that he needed to know about?

This box set is full of great stories with an overall mystery that must be revealed. The books are well-written and it is easy for the reader to get caught up in each story and care for the characters the author brings to life on the pages! You have it all here in this collection! Don't miss it!

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### **Miriam says**

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This review is only for the 4 Shifters Forsaken stories and not the additional bonus stories.

I had previously read Cypher's Mate and Briar's Mate. In both books I found the story rather lacking in depth (mostly due to the time jumps leaving the story feeling a bit half-told). I found the 2 new stories to be of a much better quality, and I probably would have rated this series higher, but I find the ending more than a bit of a let down. There are still so many pieces that need to be wrapped up that leaves me feeling like it is a bit of a cliffhanger (which maybe I wouldn't mind so much, but they are listed as stand alone stories so I was expecting more of a complete conclusion). If there was another story (or stories) to wrap up this series I could see this being a good series, but as it stands now it comes across as a good idea for a story, but poor execution.

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### **Christine says**

arc review I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review. Mother's mate-When a mother had to give up her 4 boys to save them it hurts her. Cypher years later is in a band called elevated and is a bearshifter ,But always wanders what happened to his family. Chloe is lonely and always looking for the shoe to drop till she meets cypher at his concert and fate steps in.Awesome briar's mate- So this briars story of him find that he's not the only bear shifter and he finds out about his older brother cypher . He also finds his mate Berlin but she has family issues . There still a lot to this story and I can't wait for the stories of the other brothers.Awesome Nathan's mate- Vaughan finds he has a shifting problem as a teen and he runs away from his adopted family to the mountains years later when a rumor about a Kodiak and reporter Vivian is looking for a story while on the run from her family she finds a huge story. Awesome ryker's mate- living in the luciano mob family ryker grew up there after being adopted. When his father is during in the hospital he meets Dr rui his mate . This is a great story of triumph and love . 10 stars what a great box set.slave to the dragon-This is a neat story of anya when trying to speak out she finds herself runny only to get caught in a different situations. Irera freedom - irera has magic and was prisoner for it alron and kit save her to try and break a curse that the elders gossip about.cute. Reduced by emery-This is a

very cute story of Cora coming to grip with her feelings while out with emery after she got them in trouble. Awesome . bree's dragon-Bree does doctoring while on the road to hide she's a sorceress she meets calixto while on the road and has a night that ends them mated. While dealing with demons. Awesome what a great box set lot of great books.

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## **Toni says**

Cypher and his three brothers are left at the door of an orphanage by their mother. She tells Cypher, who's about 5, to take care of his brothers and then she leaves them. Years later Cypher is the lead singer of a band and topping the charts. At the last concert of the season he feels something is in the air and making him outdo himself in the singing. In the audience is Chloe, a recent college graduate. She was taken to the concert by her roommate and her boyfriend, albeit she didn't want to go. When she starts having a panic attack she heads out the doors. She is accosted by a strange man and when he tries to take her purse he changes into a bear. Then another bear rescues her and she discovers the bear is Cypher. Her life becomes totally different and hard to believe.

Beautiful story about two people finding each other.

Finally after decades, Cypher has found his next brother. Briar was adopted to a human couple when he was 5 and even when they found out about his abilities they helped him with not only how to control it but hide it also. Forward another decade an alot of teenage angst which including getting caught hacking, and Briar has a great job he got from that hacking and being caught. He has two good friends and one day they return to his place to see a moving van with a new neighbor, Berlin, and anthropology woman working on her PhD. Briar and Berlin are drawn to each other and after two weeks share a moment. Then an argument ensues which has Briar moving to Washington state. Then weeks later, Berlin discovers she's pregnant. Unfortunately Berlin needs to find a way to hide herself and her baby from her family.

WOW! Another fantastic story of the, as they are called, The Original Forsaken. This story will have you bouncing between joy and sorrow and just wanting to slap someone just for being an idiot. lol

The third brother, Vaughan, was about two or three when he was left with his brothers at the orphanage. He was 17, the high school football captain and homecoming King, when he heard his parents talking about what had happened to him the night before. His father tells his mom that he's adopted and isn't his real son so he wants to go back to the nuns to find out what is causing the issue with him. Ryker leaves that night and never sees them again. Fast forward ten years and he's living like a mountain man in the hills of Virginia. He has a tendency to shift and wander the hills till he's become a legend for being a bear man. Then into his life comes a woman named Vivian who brings something he can't understand into his life. But between the FBI coming around and his finding out she's a journalist who wrote an article on his legend and put it on the web, he doesn't know who to trust.

Ryker is the last of the brothers and the youngest being one when left at the orphanage.. He was adopted by a family who he didn't realize were the mafia till he was grown. Then one night his adopted day found him after he had shifted. From that point on his dad used him to do work for the family. The only thorn in his side is his sister who is very spiteful and mean and hasn't changed since she became an adult. The night he goes to visit his dad in the hospital he meets Rui a Dr. They begin an affair. Then one night while in the ER, Rui finds Ryker on the gurney with bullets in him. Life gets worse until one night at a Walmart when he meets a cashier named Fallon.

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