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**One woman on the run. Four dangerously sexy bodyguards. And a war brewing that will change the shifter world forever...**

I'm living on borrowed time, fighting for survival against a deadly new virus that has no cure and a cult doing its best to brainwash me. But when a mysterious note shows up on my windowsill one night, its chilling message--Run, Wren--launches me out of the frying pan and into the fire.

Within hours, everything I thought I knew about my life, my family, and my origins is obliterated, and I'm racking up enemies at an alarming rate. Between the cult I've just escaped, a violent shifter faction out for my blood, and an ancient evil who eats "chosen ones" like me for breakfast, my last hope is to join forces with four dangerous-looking men who claim they were sent to guard my life.

**Luke, a werewolf with a rap sheet. Creedence, a lynx shifter who never met a mark he couldn't con. Kite, a bear kin with a mean right hook and heart of gold. And Dust, my childhood best friend and dude voted least likely to be a secret shape-shifting griffin.**

But are these men really what they seem?

Or are my alpha guardians hiding a secret agenda of their own?

I'm not sure, but one thing is for certain--choosing the right allies will mean the difference between life and death. For me, and everyone I love.

*UNLEASHED is book one in the Dark Moon Shifter's series. It is a true reverse harem featuring one woman and her four mates.*

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## **From Reader Review Unleashed: A Reverse Harem Urban Fantasy Romance for online ebook**

**Jaime (Two Chicks on Books) says**

I absolutely loved this new reverse harem from Bella Jacobs! Wren just might be my new favorite MC I loved how her character started out and how through the story she's finding herself but, also keeping the good parts of who she was! And the boys? All the swoons! Also the story was fantastic I loved that it was a bit paranormal and a bit almost post apocalyptic! I can't wait for book 2 I need it now!!

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**April ♥ "LOS" ♥ says**

LOVED IT!!!!

I'm a huge fan of PNR but things have gotten a little stale and repetitive in that genre so this book was a real treat. It was nothing like what I was expecting but it immediately pulled me in and had me wanting more. Wren has spent her life on drugs to fight a degenerative virus for which there's no cure. Just when it seems she may be a candidate for a new medical procedure her life is turned upside down. Kidnapped from her adoptive parents, Wren is thrust into a world filled with shifters, gods and imaginable evil. She has no other option than to adapt to this new world and her place in it.

While this book has all of the paranormal elements I love it also has a sexually charged romance between several of the characters. This book is a must read and I can't wait to see how things play out in the next one.

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**Stephanie - Adventures Thru Wonderland says**

\*I received an eARC for review on the blog tour. This did not affect my review.\*

I loved reading this book! I'm picky about PNRs and feel most of them are pretty much the same (I also feel this way about Contemporary Romances ?) so I was pleased to find this one is a breath of fresh air! It also takes a post-apocalyptic sci-fi take on urban fantasy. The characters were fun and realistic, and the romance was steamy!

When I started this, for some reason I first assumed that it started with wolf-shifters/werewolves, and that maybe one or two of the 'group' would be different. For this reason, I'll admit I was hesitant to really read more than a few chapters at a time. Needless to say, I was wrong and I quickly reached a point when I didn't want to stop reading! Yes, it does have a wolf, and mentioned others, but that's not the focus, although shifters in general are important. (though I don't even mind wolf-shifters, and love wolves in general, but for some reason I haven't had good luck with werewolf/pack PNR books in the past, and have only recently started reading any paranormal books again.)

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**Runningrabbit says**

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DNF 55%

Despite the fabulous cover I just couldn't get into this novel. Too wordy, too much detail, I couldn't identify with the protagonist, and all up? Just no. The story is a decent one, with plenty happening, but the pace is prohibitive. After trying to stick it out, stooping to a bit of skimming to give it a chance, there wasn't enough in it for me to persevere.

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## **Misha says**

### **No grey area...you'll probably love it or hate it**

It's really hard to rate this book. The author is a strong writer and the story was intriguing and engaging enough that I quickly devoured the book. That being said the love, forgiveness, holding onto ones morals under duress themes were so heavy handed at points it sometimes made the story feel unbalanced. The proselytizing was not subtle at all. I hope the next book doesn't spend so much valuable real estate on this. We get it and appreciate what the author's trying to convey, but there is a line where it begins to feel like an author is trying to force you into their way of thinking to the detriment of your enjoyment of the story. I feel the author danced on that line one too many times and it became a little frustrating. Also, Wren wow that moment when innocent people are actively being killed and she was searching for ways to distract instead of using her abilities to the extent necessary to protect & stop the threat. No words. She doesn't forgive her parents for their mistake with her sister, then perhaps the relatives of the dead shouldn't forgive her. She put her value system above the innocent people who were losing their lives simply because she was there. It should be hard to feel self righteous about your values when people are dying. Doing nothing or the least possible can be just as bad as the alternative. She didn't murder anyone, but how many lives were extinguished because of her convictions. Still even though you can see I clearly also have a strong opinion about Wren, this was one of the best reads I read this month and I'm looking forward to the next book.

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## **Michelle says**

\*\*You can see this full review and more at Book Briefs: <https://bookbriefs.net>\*\*

Unleashed is the first book in the urban fantasy series by Bella Jacobs. It is the first book in the Dark Moon Shifters series, and I have to say the overall plot line for the series sounds excellent. Unleashed was a solid first book, but it did a lot of groundwork laying before any of the real fun started. As a result, I felt like most of the time I was reading, waiting to get to the next parts. But I don't think that will be the case in the second book and any of the other books, because now we really know who all of the players in the story are and we know what they are trying to accomplish. And it is a big plot line. They are trying to basically save the world.

In Unleashed we meet our heroine, Wren, who is pretty happy living in a cult. It seemed bizarre to me, but she was. Then she is taken from her house and is on the run with her captors, who open her eyes up to a whole new world of snifters and magic and a whole new level of bad guy. I think Unleashed will really resonate with plot driven readers because the plot took front and center. I am a character driven reader, so I was constantly looking for more character interaction. I did get more character interaction, but it took a while to get there. I know there will be a ton more interaction with each of the guys in the next book, and I am super excited about it. I can't wait to get to know them all so much better!

Wren is an interesting character. I can't quite pin her down. She wants to do the right thing, that's for sure. And on one hand she is really brave, but on the other hand she is pretty stubborn. Even though I can't get a read on her 100% of the time, I do know one thing. I really liked her.

Overall, Unleashed was a good read, but I think it is setting the stage for a fantastic book 2. I am so excited to jump into the next book in the Dark Moon Shifters series because I think it will have everything I love-action, swoony guys and kick butt romance. While, this book took a while for the story to build for me, the end result was so worth it. Bring on book 2!

This review was originally posted on Book Briefs

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### **Kayla Pipkin says**

At first, I had a hard time getting into this.  
But within a few paragraphs, I was starting to get hooked.  
By the third chapter, I was all in.

This is a dystopian, mystery, thriller romance...  
Does that sound like a thing?

Wren is living on borrowed time, or so she thought.  
Her entire life has been a lie.  
One she doesn't know who to blame for.  
Her parents? Her church? Society in general?  
The only people she can fully trust now are the four men who are her mates.  
A man she had come to care for while he was working with her, and ultimately kidnapped her-Kite.  
A long-lost childhood friend that she didn't know what happened to-Dust.  
A werewolf that went to prison for killing people-Luke.  
And a laid-back, ex-con lynx shifter- Creedence.

This book is CRAZY!  
I never know what to expect when I turn the page.  
Which is awesome!  
I liked the fact I was kept guessing and on the edge of my seat.  
Just wish I would have found this sooner!

Wren is pretty strong woman, considering the struggles she faces on a day-to-day basis.  
And she takes everything in stride after she is "kidnapped."  
Is it still kidnapping if its to help you??  
Probably.

Overall, I really enjoyed the book.  
It was a different take on shifters.  
As well as a dystopian world.  
I'm interested to see how the second book goes.  
I would recommend reading it

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## **Krystal Philipps says**

This is one amazing start to a new series for this new author! I have read the book front to back in my two days off of work, first book I picked up and held in my hands in a month! Seriously can not wait for the next one!

This is the story of a young woman who has been brought up on lies and a part of a church and family most people are calling a cult. One special young woman with the weight of protecting and saving the world on her shoulders, with her four mates by her side.

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## **Alaina says**

The first half of this book was so boring.

*Unleashed: A Reverse Harem Shifter Urban Fantasy* was one of those books that made me so freaking happy when it was over. The first half of this book was so freaking boring. I honestly didn't care about this girl and her family. Nor the guys in her life. I just wanted this book to be over.

I feel like I'm definitely in the minority for this book. In the beginning, you meet Wren. Pretty name for a pretty girl but she's sick. Mostly because her parents are basically drugging her to be sick.. so when she's free from her parents evil grasp - she magically starts to feel better. I'm talking hours later she's stronger than she was weeks ago.

From there, you meet the guys in her harem. Kite is the first guy you meet and he's honestly okay. Nothing really special about him in my eyes but then again, I've read a bunch of reverse harem books. I wish I would've connected more with a character in this book because the cover was what got me so interested. I was pumped for this book but then I just ended up being bored and disappointed.

Overall, I probably wont dive into the second book - unless everyone says it's freaking amazing and will make me rich.

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## **Rose says**

### **Why did I start this?!!**

Now I have to wait for the other books!!!! This theme has been played in multiple books I have read. I really enjoyed the characters and can't wait to get to know the men. It would have been nice to not have seen the surly wolf, flirty cat, tender bear, and smart winged creature. I know they are playing off of the 'normal' features. But these guys keep me interested. Wren did seem to accept EVERYTHING reaaaaaaaaaly fast. But I love her heart. The dangers were a bit fuzzy, evil scientists, crazy no shifter humans, and then crazy shifters. I don't understand the crazy shifters part. The why was a bit fuzzy for me. The only other thing I wish was explained more was the mate bond. All the men have been with other women sexually but no bond formed. There were no bites or scratches to initiate the bond. It wasn't clear how the bond formed. All in all a good book. Some great quotes and laughs. I can't wait for the next one.

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## **1-Click Addict Support Group says**

Book one has me thirsty for more...

I'm still trying to get my thoughts together, to share how much I loved this first book in the new Dark Moon Shifters series. It is an amalgamation of romance, futuristic, shifter, reverse harem plus with a healthy dose of mythic gods to round it all out. Sounds overwhelming? Too busy? Not at all. There is so much going on here that you may think it would be overwhelming, exhaustingly too busy but, in fact, the secrets, the drama, the emotions, are all laid out with a deft hand...

Wren is a beautiful, compassionate woman who loves her job and her family. Living in a world ravaged by climate change (who knew??), she is ill, getting through each pain-ravaged day with the loving and caring support of the people who love her. Kite, handsome and sexy as well as intelligent, makes her wish she wasn't sick - that she could dream of a future... When her world is turn violently upside down, Kite is the first at her side, though he isn't alone. Luke, Creedence and Dust, an old friend, pledge to help her in the biggest struggle of her life...

It was somehow easy to make a connection to these likable characters that are slowly revealing their inner selves during harrowing and gut-wrenching situations. Surprises were around every page and chapter, but Wren and her tight-knit group of protectors weathered each blow. So far... Each character is very different but, coming together in a common goal, they battle through, around or over their disagreements. They all know what is at stake...

This story had EVERYTHING I look for in a good read. And even when betrayal brought Wren to her darkest moments, compassion and empathy won out, even when anger and violence would have been an understandable reaction. Their journey has just begun and I can't wait to find out what comes next in their quest as well as their relationships.... ~Diane, 5 stars

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## **Jessica Robbins says**

\*I received a free copy of this book which I voluntarily chose to write an honest review for.

There is so much going on in this book I'm not sure where to start. It all begins with the sweetest girl woman who thinks she dying from an incurable disease. Instead she had been drugged to keep a secret and when her life is danger the enemies really start piling up. The slow intro of the guys was nice letting us meet them slowly. The action really keeps the story moving while keep you guessing about what was going to happen next. Overall a great start and I look forward to reading book two. I really liked it so I give it 4/5 stars.

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## **Michelle says**

Really, I was between a 3 and a 4, but I decided to go with a 4 because I felt like Jacobs' take on shifters was a bit unique to what I've been reading lately.



First off, there's a division in the world of shifters between the born and created shifters which has created violence and fear between the two groups and each of their allies. On top of that, there's something special about Wren, our MC. While she can take on animal form, there are also these elemental aspects to her power that make her into something new, something that I haven't yet encountered in my urban fantasy obsession.

Unleashed is one of those books where you learn along with what the narrator knows. So, to start off with, we have zero knowledge, really, about the paranormal world. Since Wren's POV is our lead, we're limited to what she's been exposed to throughout her life which is really quite sheltered. As a member of a conservative religious group [cult], her knowledge has been restricted, and she's very much been led down a very specific view of the world.

Despite being raised under the guise of illness, Wren has a strong spirit. She's got some passion and fire to her, particularly when it comes to her moral compass. I like that she speaks her mind and makes her values/position clear even when the others disagree with her. She's standing her ground, which is admirable considering she's kind of just thrown (well, kidnapped) into this entire shifter world.

Jacobs' shifters seem to have two things going for them- their animal forms and the bonuses that come along with that (speed, strength, etc), but there also is a mystical component. Although we don't quite figure out yet what each of the four men's gifts are, we learn a little bit of what they can do.

Wren's potential mates: Kite, Dust, Creedence, and Luke, are a study in surface contrasts. We're getting the full range of personalities from stuffy to flirty, soulful, and dangerous. The balance is nice, giving us variety in their dynamic instead of her falling into relationships with four of the same men.

So far, I think Creedence may be my favorite. Although he's flirty and funny, the glimpses into his perspective point to deeper waters running beneath the surface. He seems like a man that doesn't think too much of himself, and I really want to learn more about why. Dust, Wren's childhood friend, seems kind of trapped by his responsibility and the mantle of his alter form. Beneath the stuffiness lurks bits of humor, and it's clear that he cares about Wren, at least the girl that he used to know. Kite, our soulful bear, is kind and seems to have a good innate understanding of what drives Wren, his values appearing to be closest to hers as we enter into this mayhem. Last but not least, Luke. I'm reserving judgment on him for now; he definitely intrigues me, and I think that he's going to be more valuable and faithful than the other men suspect, but I guess time will tell.

I like that time is being taken to develop the relationships. Although there's definitely some instant lust and ogling between Wren and her men, she's not jumping straight into bed with all of them. She's not very experienced, but her lust for life, and the men, makes it clear that things will likely get steamier in book two. Already in book one we get to see some progress the more comfortable she is with the men, so fans of the romance will definitely get some satisfaction.

Overall, a solid opener to a new series.

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### **Camila Rodriguez says**

Oh to be naive and young again.

I feel like this book was trying to become a cross between RH x modern issues x self help.

Because I mean *why* did some topics revolving around human emotions and actions and shit have to be explained so thoroughly.

\*yawn\*

The religious cult issue was very much at play with some modern issues today- which roping in with RH, I was slightly impressed.

The naive mind of Wren throughout **most** of the book was actually extremely cringeworthy. Let's be honest. NO ONE wants to read about goody-two-shoes Sally getting ceremoniously fucked by a dude and know fully well she's gonna experience it with 3 other dudes in the future.

The transition is always a little *rough*. It's like finding out your little sister isn't a virgin. Just \*cringe\*

The kindness theme was nice though. It IS true that not EVERYTHING needs to be solved with war and violence. It'd be nice if the USA could figure that out.

AMIRIGHT???

Anyway, there was just something about this book that didn't have me thoroughly hooked. Will I read the next installment? I'm not sure.

Right now I'm just trying to find the will to get outta bed to cook dinner.

Reviews of the men:

Luke: I bet he has dick piercings. Who wants to bet with me on this?

Cree: also betting on piercings.

Kite: not sure I'm a fan of the name but he seems nice

Dust: also VERY not sure I'm a fan of the name because all I picture with his name vs persona is a suit-wearing accountant with... wait for it..... killer bedroom antics. See? Just doesn't sound right.

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## Lori says

### A bit wordy

Unleashed is a well written book with an intriguing storyline, unfortunately it was a little too wordy and lacked enough character growth in all the characters for me to want to continue on with the series.

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