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Thirty years ago James Macleod lost his wife and unborn child to a killer bent on destroying the Changelings. Though he longed for death, his animal instinct fought for survival and James has been a wolf ever since.

Yet now a woman has reawakened the man in him, taming wild instincts but arousing still wilder needs.

With his ancient enemy hunting the legendary white wolf, James must fight for new life, new hope, new love.

## **Changeling Dream Details**

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## **From Reader Review Changeling Dream for online ebook**

### **Fictional Bookshelf says**

Oh my goodness it was a literary treat to read Changeling Dream, a werewolf romance, by Dani Harper. Dani Harper has been added to my favorite authors list!

The characters, Jillian and James, had both been through terrible ordeals that made each of them struggle with who they were and how they would later respond to one another. This is the first paranormal book I've read where learning to love one another was more important than getting revenge. However, the bad guys who had done each main character wrong were dealt with in sweet revenge and not in a blood bath style which was quite refreshing.

While this is the second book in the Changeling series this book could stand alone. I haven't even read the first book but I plan to after reading Changeling Dream.

I HIGHGLY recommend reading Changeling Dream if you're looking for a paranormal that focuses on love and not blood.

I give this book 5 out of 5 red crows! I wish I could give it 6 out 5. (crows are part of my blog's rating system.)

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### **Cindy says**

I loved Connor and Zoey's story but I loved James and Jillian's even more. Their story moved me, I actually had tears in my eyes several times. And that doesn't happen very often. But when it does, it's a sure sign of fantastic, moving story.

My heart broke when Jillian thought she might lose James, her raw emotions jumped right off the pages and slapped me.

I was very pleased that there was some interaction with the rest of the Macleod clan and Birkie, she's awesome and wise and a great friend to all she holds dear in her heart and Jillian found her way in right from the start.

This was an emotional journey for both characters, and they took me right along with them.

The love, the passion, and the emotion are so well done.

This is a wonderful series, I'm so glad there is a book three...

I highly recommend this book...the series...

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### **Misty Blankenship says**

man and I thought the first one was good.....This one was even BETTER!!!!!!! Emotions were flyin, tears about to break out and frying pans in hand to smack someone with....These books kinda remind me of Dark-Hunters/BDB/Argeneau so far but not quiet as dark as the DH and BDB!!

Dani you are doing an awesome job with this series Keep it up!!!!!!

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## **Romancing the Book says**

Reviewed by Zita

Book provided by publisher for review

Book 2 of Dani Harper's Changeling series really holds its own. With the same excellent writing and realistic, snappy dialogue, Harper engages you and draws you into the world of the Macleod pack and life in the Canadian north. Jillian and James come together and the sparks fly right from the start. Jillian is a survivor with a true horror in her past. She's pushed herself beyond that, but the psyche is not easily healed. James has baggage like you wouldn't believe, but he also has strong family ties and a solid base that allows him to reenter the human world. In the end, Harper manages to tie all the loose ends together and give Jillian and James the ending you definitely find yourself rooting for.

Well done, Dani Harper! I can only hope that more stories about the Macleod pack are brewing in that talented brain.

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## **Laurie Garrison says**

Changeling Dream was a good read. I did like the storyline and the way the hero and heroine meets. I just wished they would have worked tighter instead of apart for the biggest part of the book. I liked Jillian's character and the way she loved animals. She does get very dramatic on James when he would try to help out. I felt the romance was not priority in the story, so this is why my rating is lower. You get the same as in the first book, good sexual tension and a couple of sex scenes.

Jillian had something bad happen to her earlier on in life, after that she found comfort in having visions of a white wolf. When she gets a phone call for her to come to work in Canada she never in her wildest dreams believe she would come face to face with that wolf.

James lost a wife and kid, now he just lives as a wolf and has for a very long time. When he come back into town he smells something interesting to his wolf side, he has to find out and in that he embarks on a journey where he just might find himself again. If you liked the first book in this series this one shouldn't disappoint you.

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## **Robin K says**

Sometimes I want to read a book just to read. With no obligation, timeline or commitments. After I finished Changeling Moon (review here), I could not wait to get started on Changeling Dream. But I was not necessarily going to review it. \*gasp\* I just wanted a leisurely read while on vacation. As most vacations we take go, I had no time to read. But I devoured this book once home.

So here I am giving a quick review of one of the best books I have read this year. Dani stepped up her game and wrote an even more astounding book in Changeling Dream. I was hooked from the start. The characters

are so incredibly real, painfully honest and raw. I was completely absorbed in their lives from the start.

Unlike Changeling Moon, Changeling Dream was filled with sweet, agonizingly slow love. The kind that keeps you on your seat and perhaps occasionally shaking the book. These two characters needed each other. NEEDED. I needed them to find each other. The story unravels with beautiful grace. Like a ribbon falling almost impossibly slow to the ground, fluttering with twists and turns. Shimmering with newness.

Both the heroine and hero have engaging back stories and lives. I truly enjoyed living the story through their eyes and hearts. The anticipation of love, hate and evil was all encompassing. I knew things would be fine, but I also KNEW that the characters were going to be tested again. I was completely invested in this book and story by the end.

I know a book is outstanding when I cannot wait to share about it, when I write a review just because It MUST be said. When I wipe an errant tear off my cheek and smile like a fool at the book. When I have an almost overwhelming urge to hug the book. This book was that good, that spectacular.

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### **Melissa says**

In Changeling Dream, Dr. Jillian Descharme is a vet who dreams of working with wild animals ~ like the white wolf who'd saved her when she was a teenager. When she gets a call offering her a dream job in Northern Canada ~ and some of it with wild animals ~ she's floored, and skeptical. It's gotta be too good to be true. But when she arrives at the North Star Animal Clinic, it's really that great ~ a dream job. And while she's out walking the paths close by, she see a white wolf...HER white wolf? And then there's James Macleod.

James Macleod has spent the last 30 years as the white wolf ~ after his wife and unborn child were murdered, and he was wounded, he submerged himself into his wolf so wholly he'd almost lost the man...until the wolf couldn't stay away from Jillian. The wolf kept taking him to her.....it wanted her ~ and James, the man, wanted her, enough to return to being human again and claim her.....

I LOVED this book ~ it's actually book 2 in the series, but that didn't bother me a bit, as the story is totally stand alone and a wonderful story! I loved reading about Jillian's struggle with her doubts, with her self awareness...made the story so much more real for me, and James was just a great hero ~ while he's suffered so much pain and loss, he looked at Jillian and saw what such a young woman had overcome to become the strong, powerful woman she was and it made him stronger ~ and I love a hero who is strong enough to learn from the heroine. Dani Harper has built a great community of Changelings here, and believe me, I'm off to get book 1 ~ the focus seems more like a family than a pack, but I loved the feel that they were all there for each other in times of need, and all did whatever it took when one was hurting.

I hope to see more of the characters from this town get stories!!

<http://mimmismusings.blogspot.com/>

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### **Kate says**

Oh James! Such a lost and tortured soul! Running from the past, head-on into a future he has never

imagined! After losing his wife (and almost himself) to murder, James has forsaken his human self to run with the wolves. For decades, he has confined himself to a world of intellectual simplicity and a total lack of human emotion. So deeply immersed in the wild, it's uncertain whether those of his family will ever see James in his human skin again.

Fresh out of college, all alone, broke and desperately seeking the future she's been dreaming about, Jillian Deshcarne figures she's got nothing to lose when she agrees to move half way across the country to Northern Alberta. Little did Jillian know, she's just set out on the adventure of a lifetime; headed on a straight path into the unexpected and about to learn so much more about herself, and the world around her, than she has ever imagined possible. Though broken and still on the mend from a tragic event, Jillian's soul is not yet shattered. A sheer determination to move beyond her misfortune leaves her with an extraordinary strength of will and character that many could only dream of achieving. Oh, she still has the scars, both physical and emotional, but Jillian also has a selflessness, compassion, and intense work ethic that makes her the perfect fit to help those who need it at Dunvegan's Veterinary Clinic. Even the stray that so unexpectedly turns up...

Readers will adore the people of Dunvegan and root for James and Jillian at every turn. In my recent review of *Changeling Moon* (found [here](#)), I commented on Harper's writing abilities and with this second installment in the *Changeling Series*, Dani does not disappoint. Once again, readers will encounter a realistic and endearing cast of characters from within a super exciting reading adventure that will leave you fully satisfied.

While *Changeling Dream* differs in that the romance between the protagonists is not the center piece but rather a significant contribution, the romantic encounters are just as hot and exciting and the emotions will still set your heart to fluttering, just the same. To further explain, while *Changeling Moon* was mostly focused on the development of a relationship between Zoey and Connor, I feel the centerpiece of *Changeling Dream* was James' difficult and emotional journey and his developing relationship with Jillian, a significant and powerful contribution to the whole.

Harper's talent will keep readers intrigued, excited and content while her passion for the paranormal and an impressively vivid imagination will keep readers coming back for more. It's time to make some space and clear the dust because I guarantee many will find the *Changeling Series* worthy of the highly coveted real estate on the "keeper" shelf!

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### **Karielle at Books à la Mode says**

Set in Dunvegan, the same cozy town in Southern Ontario where the first book in the series, *Changeling Moon*, took place, *Changeling Dream* is James Macleod's story. After 30 years of being trapped in wolfen form, Connor's estranged brother rises to humanity when a vaguely familiar new face, Jillian Descharme, comes to town. James has never met Jillian before but recognizes her somehow—he knows her from the soul—but comes to realize the person he really doesn't recognize is himself—neither as wolf, nor man.

The storyline with the mysterious connection between Jillian and James is compelling but everything else was a disappointment for me. I didn't totally love the first book, but wanted to give this second book a try because the "lost brother" story intrigued me; however, I didn't enjoy it at all. Typically with series, I am particularly fond of later installments because of the recurring characters, but even with the reprise of Zoe and the Macleods, I felt pretty much nothing.

The main characters, for one, I had a huge problem with. James's guilt over a family tragedy 30 years ago has given him an overactive sense of responsibility, which is why he overcompensates by desperately trying to keep Dr. Descharme out of danger. This would be a great alpha male quality, but it was written so simply and choppy that it actually makes him rather stalkerish... showing up in her bedroom in the middle of the night, visiting her at work every day, coming to her rescue at every possible moment. Yeesh. And then there's Jillian, who just may win the "Least likable romance heroine" award. Described as feisty and independent, this girl's maddeningly sensitive, and an irritatingly raging feminist. She only comes off as cold, pigheaded, and can just never cooperate, so the fact that she ends up "falling" for James is not only uncharacteristic, but also unbelievable. Even though she has her own demons, I felt no sympathy for her whatsoever, and found most of her points of argument very trivial and illogical. 80% of the book is her talking to herself (she talks to herself more than she talks to other characters... what the f\*ck?) and apprehending over a stagnant relationship. It isn't just the attitude I found distasteful, it was everything.

And then we need to talk about the so-called romance itself. All it is is terribly angsty, with no formidable foundation or realistic expectation... and yet Jillian and James are absolutely soul mates. She doesn't even like the guy one minute, then is yearning for his touch and affection the next. Finger. Down. Throat. Now.

I literally had to keep asking myself why I was bothering to finish this book. I found it painfully boring, annoying, and although not completely unreadable, something I mostly skimmed—particularly for the last half (aka the part where everything happens).

### **Pros**

Captivating premise about dreams and guardian wolves

### **Cons**

James is suffocating and dislikable // Jillian is inflexible and dislikable // Unrealistic, tiring "relationship" // Messy, inconclusive story // Terrible climax

### **Love**

James was very much like the river. Calm and steady on the surface, but somehow [Jillian had] been drawn in and captured by the deep current beneath. Would she escape? And did she really want to?

### **Verdict**

The lycanthropic and mystical aspects of *Changeling Dream* were enough to hold my attention, but I definitely had to grit my teeth through this one. James's story was nice to read, but the exasperating rising action, a messy, premature climax, and ridiculous insta-romance between him and Jillian had me rolling my eyes.

**Rating: 3 out of 10 hearts (2 stars): Not a fan; I don't recommend this book.**

### **Source**

Complimentary copy provided by FSB Media in exchange for an honest and unbiased review (thank you, Leyane!).

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## **Ronda says**

...Oh God, I thought the first book was good, this was much much better!!!

I loved that the book continued from the first one but this one being about the huge white wolf, James, the brother of Connor.

James had a sad story, a heartbreaking background and yet during this, his wolf connected with Jillian. Needless to say, Changeling Dream is all about how James and Jillian come together and how the family work for this too.

I love the way Dani Harper smoothly writes her books, how they just flow from chapter to chapter... I can't wait to get stuck into book 3!!!!

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## **Heather Book Savvy Babe says**

This review is also published on my blog <http://booksavvybabe.blogspot.com>

With a clan of strikingly attractive werewolves, a touch of magic, and deeply emotional characters, Changeling Dream is a really good read. As Changeling Dream is book 2, I was familiar with the Changelings (werewolves) and their pack, so it was a bit easier to get into the main story line. This book focused on James Macleod, the older brother of Connor, and a werewolf who had lost everything that mattered to him. James had been shot twice, and his mate and unborn child murdered, causing James to live as a wolf for over 30 years. However, when new veterinarian Jillian moves to town, James is ready to try to live as a human again.

I was much more emotionally involved in Changeling Dream, I really felt for James and his tragic past. I easily understood why James would want to live as a wolf and not have to deal with tough emotions and circumstances, and I found that I was fully drawn into this story. I could understand where Jillian had issues, but sometimes I felt that she was overly mean to James. I did like Jillian though, and I really like how all the characters are so easy to relate to. I was very happy to meet Birkie, she was mentioned in the first book (Changeling Moon), but was a strong character in Changeling Dream.

What I like the most about this series, is Dani Harper's ability to take the supernatural (werewolves, psychics, etc...) and make them so easy to understand. Sometimes, the supernatural worlds can get over complicated, but not in the Changeling series. This series is pretty solidly a shifter series, but there are humans with that something more. Birkie, for instance, has some magical ability, and it is very intriguing. The emotional pull of Changeling Dream was beautiful, and I enjoyed it a little bit more than the first book. I would say that each book can easily stand on it's own. If you read Changeling Dream before Changeling Moon, I don't think you would be confused or lost. The Changeling series is a wonderful werewolf series, fans of paranormal romance will easily enjoy Changeling Moon and Changeling Dream. I do love the characters and the Macleod clan, and I will be looking forward to the next book in the series.

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## **Stephanie says**

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Some cliché in the romance tropes, but interesting and exciting.  
Well written intimacy.

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Wolves in Kolmarden. Daniel Mott from Stockholm, Sweden

Dani hits her stride in the second book of what promises to be a long-running series about Changelings in Western Canada. You know all the Highlanders that other series have? I think they have all moved to Dani's story, which may be why Connor MacLeod, the veterinarian Changeling in the first book shares his name with the character in The Highlander series.

Werewolves in this series are called Changelings. One character, Zoey, Connor's wife, can become almost any animal. Changelings are born or bitten and live a very long time. Dunvegan, the town in or around which much of the family Macleod live, is loaded to the gills with werewolves.

When Jillian arrives she finds a mostly friendly town and surrounding farms. She and MacLeod do a lot of large animal work on site and back at the very well appointed clinic.

The details of the story, go back thirty years to James' first wife who was murdered by a less than sane man who nearly killed James as well. But the wolf in him gave him protection. Jillian was almost killed as well; a large white wolf scared off her attackers. Her counselor doesn't believe the wolf was really there but thinks Jillian's mind created him as a protector.

However, she had been in love with wolves since and became a veterinarian to eventually rehab wild animals. In fact she sacrifices a lot to become a vet—it is her true vocation.

The story is about two people who have come through the worst life can offer and survived. Jillian is surviving a little better than James is since he hasn't gone into human form in 30 years. In the romance world, even the paranormal sub-genre, you know the two characters will get together, come apart, until finally they are able to work through a variety of issues. The otherness of the Changelings also comes into play—it is more than a backdrop for the romance.

We come to know both characters well. Jillian's character is one with whom most women could sympathize. Instead of a Knight in Shining Armor, her prince is a White Wolf. It takes a while for her to realize that. Jillian is smart, sensitive, when she is upset she distracts herself by doing something. Now, in Dunvegan she has friends so she hangs out with them.

It takes James longer, but his wolf knows before he does that Jillian will play an important part in his life. He doesn't even know why he is drawn to her and then why he is propelled out of his wolf form after so long. I felt badly for him about his loss, but did not find him as sympathetic as Jillian. I wanted to hit him, shake him into not being an ass who thinks he's protecting someone by not being with them. He wasn't there in time to save his wife, but one would think that being a changeling would give him some wisdom, like Birkie, the resident witchy character and vet clinic receptionist.

The crux of the story is that James has to learn that he can love Jillian without taking away from how he felt for his late wife, and that you cannot blame yourself for the insane actions of another person.

Dani's werewolves are hot; more so than Jacob and friends from Twilight. When Dani's changelings aren't in wolf form they are Men.

I like the equality Dani gives the females of all species in this series. One gender isn't always the savior or the leader

It takes Jillian a while to believe the whole wolf thing. In some books people get a paranormal shocker and they are instantly accepting. But Dani's characters want to see proof, and then they want a little more proof.

I thoroughly enjoyed the book and look forward to Changeling Dawn due out in January. The writing is quite sophisticated with nothing amateurish about it. The dialogue is great, not just expletives. Men relate to each other with more intelligence and emotion than is often the case in novels. The women also sound real. And, the dialogue between James and Jillian has some really nice episodes. I highly recommend Changeling Dream.

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**Rie Conley says**

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I loved the first one in this series, but this has surpassed that one. I love Jillian. She's gone through so much and she is still standing strong with the help of her white wolf that has rescued her in more ways than one.

Let me go over a couple of issues I had with the book. They are minor, but they bugged me some. James' (justifiable) selfishness has truly hurt his family and I'm not sure he had really fixed this hurt by the end of the book. The other issue was that Jillian didn't find out her white wolf and James until the very end and couldn't figure it out on her own. She's so super smart in other ways so I thought she would figure it out. This may be a fact of her being told the wolf was made up to help her cope, but it annoyed me.

Otherwise this book was beyond amazing. The characterization makes them seem like friends and the plot is never dull.

Zoey from the first book barely appears, but Connor has POV parts which brings us continuance of the first book. Also there are themes started in the first book that are followed through fully in this book.

The plot was intense from the very first page. Every facet that I want to talk about is spoilery because this book is so well threaded. Meaning everything has a point and everything is important to the overall story. This is an extremely tight story.

This is my favorite adult series at the moment.

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### **Bridget says**

I am in love with this series! I could not put *Changeling Dream* by Dani Harper down. This book truly tugs on your emotions with tear-jerking, heartwarming, fearful and uplifting moments. Jillian is the type of character that will be in your mind for a long time to come. She's strong and you can't help but cheer her on.

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### **Moonlight Gleam says**

After the murder of his wife and unborn child, James Macleod isolates himself from everyone he knows, and has been living as a wolf ever since. Thirty years later, James is drawn back to his home town for reasons unknown to him at first, something that may give him a reason to become human again...

Jillian Descharme has been hired by Connor Macleod as he is in desperate need of another vet around the office. She accepts the position and moves across the country to a small town in Northern Canada. The town's residents befriend her shortly after her arrival, creating many new friends. Although Jillian seems to be enjoying the experience, there is a secret she has not revealed to anyone. Emotionally, Jillian is broken, she was attacked when she was just a young girl and not by one, but by several men. Jillian recalls seeing a white wolf with blue eyes appeared that night just after the attack, the wolf had saved her life. When the morning arrived and someone found her, the wolf was nowhere to be found.

Over the years Jillian would see the wolf in her dreams whenever she began to stress, hearing him tell her that he's there with her, calming her instantly. Jillian hopes that she encounters the wolf again someday, to

confirm her sanity, to feed her obsession, and just to see it again one last time...

Changeling Dream is book two in the Changeling series, following Changeling Moon. Just when you think the series cannot get any better, Changeling Dream proves the theory wrong. Readers will be overwhelmed with emotion by these two broken characters, especially once they encounter one another. Dani Harper illustrates each of their vulnerabilities by detailing background stories of the characters, and revealing their connection to one another. Jillian and James together heal their wounds and overcome their fears. Changeling Dream takes a slightly more serious tone, addressing strong subject matter such as rape and depression.

My favorite element in Changeling Dream is how secondary characters in Changeling Moon came forward, playing important roles in Changeling Dream. I also enjoyed that more supernatural abilities as well as new characters are presented in this novel. The story focuses on James, Connor's older brother who lost his way when everything that mattered to him was taken away many years ago. Jillian and James are connected, finally being able to heal when they meet again.

Dani Harper should be commended for her wonderful imagination with this captivating series, having one story flow smoothly to the next. I can definitely say that I am looking forward to the next installment of this series, Changeling Dawn, releasing January 2012. I recommend this novel to those who enjoy Paranormal Romance and shapeshifter tales.

5/5 – Must read! Highly Recommended!

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