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To stop a war, she must become his.

Analise, daughter of the Bear Elder, has status and luxury, though she's a prisoner of her birth and despised by her father because she's not the alpha son he needs. She keeps her head down and hoards lost knowledge that nearly destroyed the planet. She dreams of escape, but her father decides it's time for her to marry.

He's hated her and all she represents for years. But once he meets her...

Scar, rebel leader and were-polar bear, wants nothing more than to burn the clan system to the ground. It's cruel, unfair, and dedicated to keeping most of the populace in its place. To do so, he needs to take out the Bear Elder and his scheming daughter. As soon as he sees the delicate beauty of his enemy, though, all he can think of is making her his. And he's prepared to go to war to do so.

Not all battles need to be fought in the field. Some are of the heart and the mind and he intends to win hers, whatever it takes. Trouble is, what it takes might be all he has.

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From Reader Review The Winter Bear's Bride for online ebook

Nancy says

Men who are horrid forgiven too easily. Woman making snap decisions and somehow surprised, sort of, when it backfires on her.

Parts of the story are good but the rest is a bit frustrating.

Fly FreeBird says

I wish the author took her time writing this book. I loved the concept of the story. I just didn't like the way it was written.

Cheesecake says

Analise/Ana the anguished and Scar/? the bear with a HUGE ASS chip on his shoulder.

This really isn't a 4* read, but I enjoyed it that much. Even got kinda teary towards the end!

Not sure how this ended up on my Kobo, but I wanted more from the series. Turns out the series, 'Dubious', is a hodge podge of different authors with very different styles and even the stories have very little in common. They are all kinds of sexuality; MM, FM, MFM etc, and I'm not even sure if they all have shifters... Kinda wish they would just stick them in a boxset for sale. Most of them are overpriced at \$4, as they are all less than 100 pages. (jerky publishers!) None of them seem to be on kindle unlimited either! (OK I'm done whining)...

Anyways, somewhere in the Arctic circle, Ana is the daughter of a mean spirited chieftain who hates her because she is smaller and her mother died giving birth to her. He abuses her physically and mentally and now he wants to marry her off to the highest bidder. Scar is the Chief of a neighbouring clan of Rogues. These are bitten/not born shifters of all types. He wants Ana as his bride but her father hates him even more than he hates Ana, and so they go to war.

Ana does end up in his clutches after much blood shed, but she does it in such a way as to try and save her people more injury. This backfires and makes him seriously pissed at her. He treats her almost as bad as her father, not smacking her around, but mentally. Letting the keep know that she is his but no better than his whore. She puts up with it for several weeks, but is finally forced to flee. Then Scar gets even more grumpy until his mother shows up and calls him an idiot in front of everyone. I loved that! Kinda wished she'd been even meaner to him ;)

Nothing better than a bad ass alpha jerk getting his ears verbally boxed by his mother!

There's a secret that his mother and he share that Ana has yet to recognize.

I don't usually enjoy a lot of angst, but it was kinda cheesy and there's no OW/OM stuff. Lots of holes in the plot,... just ignore and enjoy.

My only complaint is that Scar's change of heart was too abrupt and Ana forgives too quickly. But I think the author must have been under a 'number of words' restraint as this is the longest book of the series at only 93 pages.

(I know this will be one of those guilty reads that I go back and re-read the ending when I need a quick HEA fix)

Nanci **Warning I Was A Sailor?? My Mouth is Dirty says**

I wanted to love this book but sadly it's a huge disappointment.

The book starts off good and then slowly goes downhill. One of my many pet peeves with books are misunderstandings that never get cleared up. Everyone just goes on in love like this huge cluster fuck didn't happen and the H wasn't a total douche dumpster. Anyway I'm not really going to get into what this book is about, because you can read that on top. So I'm just going to grip about my dislikes.

Within the first couple of pages you know who Scar is. Total obvious. Annalise is treated like shit by her dad, I mean he was a total S..O..B.. Because of this she's kind of a doormat, meek and skitish.

So the book talks about a past love but doesn't really go into detail on what happened. Well you guessed it. H is that past love but he now goes by the name Scar. Annalise has no clue that Scar is her past love. Scar demands she marry him in order to stop this war on her people, so she agrees. Except when she marries him she does it by turning her back on her clan so Scar can't lay claim to it since she's the heir to that throne.

Ok, here is where the misunderstandings start piling up. She explains to her maid as she's getting ready to leave that she's doing this to save Scar since her people will never accept him. So to stop a continued war of bloodbath she decides to leave her father's holding with nothing but what she's wearing.

Homie loses his shit when he realizes he's not marrying the next in line but just her with no title. So to get back at her he marries her but refuses to bond with her so his whole clan, including servants know she's really just his whore and she deserves zero respect. But again with Mr. Understanding H thinks she purposely tricked him because she loves daddy and was out to screw him.

She gets pregnant and takes off because since homeboy is being a big dick and she's worried her daughter will end up with the same fate she did growing up with evil daddy.

H doesn't go after her because screw the h she's just a faithless bitch. He's thinking she's back with dad. Well homie's mom comes in and yells at her son. Cusses him out, calls him an idiot and lets him know she's pregnant. He runs to get her back.

Ok I'll admit I was kind of hooked up until this point. H runs her down and says I love you! Right away. Continues to tell her that it's him. Her long lost soul mate. And let's go home. She's like omg! Yay ok I love you too! After that my interest was lost. In Scar's head he lets you know the reason for this forced marriage under a different name is because he hates Annalise for not saying anything when her dad was kicking him out. So he plotted revenge. This never gets discussed. The whole marriage and why she married him the way she did, nothing.

Annalise's faithful servant is his mom. Mom never once told him hey she still asks about you. Hey she still loves you, hey she's marrying you because....

Also everyone knows that her dad treated her like crap, smacked her around and refused to treat her as his daughter. So why did he think she would speak out when he kicked him out of the holding? She was terrified to even look at her dad.

The fact that he was a huge dick and no one apologizes. He says I love you, she loves him. They go home happy. He bonds with her and everything is okie dokie. Wtf?

So it ruined the whole book. I was super disappointed in it. Plus I didn't feel the love. They never talked. He used her body every night but that was it. And for a while there he wouldn't kiss her or look at her and acknowledge her throughout the day. Where is this love? She's all I love him so much. Why? What's he doing to cause these awesome love feelings?

All I know is if it was my husband. I would have kicked him in his junk, slapped him with divorce papers and told him to go fuck himself. But Whatever.

Tori Macallister says

Total asshole is a total dick to the woman he loves since childhood but begs her forgiveness after she runs away pregnant and his mother shames him. And the heroine forgives him, no questions asked.

Returned to Amazon for a refund. Reason listed, "quality."

I usually love Mina Carter and have read a ton of her work. Super disappointing.

Lauren says

This story is short, fast paced and an easy read. I read this book in one sitting and wasn't once bored. My heart ached for Analise and the way she was treated. She then thought that Scar would treat her better than her father did but he didn't. I thought Scar was an arsehole. There were several times that I wanted to kick Scar.

I have to admit, I worked out the twist. I worked out what the connection was between Scar and Rika. Although I had worked it out, I still enjoyed the story. My favourite part of this story was the ending. I liked that Scar finally confessed his love for Analise.

The storyline for this book is easy to follow and an enjoyable read.

Kate's Corner says

I love this cover.

I really enjoyed this book not that that should really be a surprise. I tried one of Ms. Carter's books a long time ago and it didn't quite click but I clicked with this book. 3.5 Stars.

Analise is one of the Elders daughter she isn't typical bear mate material but she still does have a spine of steel even if it is quiet and she hides it well. She is one of the few females that can bear an alpha cub and so her father is trying to marry her off to acquire an heir.

He is brutal towards her and the only happiness she ever had was of her childhood friend that was left

to die on a cold winter's night.

Analise gets introduced to her suitors of the other clans she isn't impressed. That is until one of the outlaw leaders Scar drops by uninvited to the ball. He wants her and so a game of cat and mouse begins. Scar has secrets and I loved that bit of the story when it finally came out.

So there is the whole push and pull of the characters and they were good together. Analise's behavior wasn't the best and well Scar's a dipshit Hero he does make amends but not enough in my opinion. This is engaging and unique with a different take on shifters. The setting was slightly unclear for me as I wasn't sure if this was somehow post-apocalyptic or not. When it finished I was astounded how much an easy read it was.

Review can also be found at <http://jerisbookattic-reviewblog.blog...>

Tina says

Analise is good for nothing more than an advantageous alliance, at least to her father. But Analise wants more. While she manages to stay beneath the radar as much as possible, her time has come to be The Winter Bear's Bride whether she wants it or not. This is Mina Carter's contribution to the Dubious series. I like Analise's spunk. She was petite which was unusual for bear shifters, even the females who don't shift. But her mother dying while giving birth to her is what has led to her lonely existence. Her father can barely stand her and his disrespect has trinkled throughout the clan. However when the chips were down, Analise protected those who had little regard for her or her feelings. I respected Analise, Scar was a bit distant at first for me, but later he changed and made me really like him. He has a strength and alpha quality I really enjoyed reading about. There is great emotional connection in this book, that kept me turning the pages and wanting more. I love that in this book the heroine is actually really strong and well written. Not many romances do that well, but this one does. I would love to know more about Scar and Analise in the future, I hope there are more books with them in it.

Five Shooting Stars

L M says

This book just annoyed me with the lack of any type of common sense or communication.

Annalise was a doormat with a big heart.

Thinking to save her husband from trouble she renounces her title as heir, the reason he is marrying her, which makes him see red.

But if she had just stood up for herself and given Scar a good telling off and some truths, things may have been different. She allowed Scar, as her husband, to treat her even worse than her father ever did, she only grows a backbone when she gets pregnant.

How could Scar be so obtuse as to not know Ana had been denigrated by her father her whole life. It was not a picnic when they were kids as he well knows, let alone as an adult female.

Taking his hatred of her father out on her was low and to treat her the way he did in front of the clan, as his whore, just made me see red. I would have stuck a knife in him.

Then after she runs away it is only his mother yelling at him that Ana is pregnant that makes him go after

her, he just ups and apologises, says he has always loved her and HEA. YUK!!!

Ana is no better realising she always knew in her heart her was her lost childhood love because she trusted him. YUK again.

Read in the ONCE YOU GO FURRY box set courtesy of Ms Carter.

Barraza1 says

So much potential... wasted

I'm super picky when buying e-books (because you never quite know the quality of writing you'll actually get), so although I thought the book description sounded great, I downloaded the sample first. Read it and thought to myself, "awesome start, let's buy it!"

Ugh! With as much crap as the heroine went through because of the alpha-hole, the groveling/reconciliation needed to be amazing, heartfelt and over the top. Instead it was pathetic. just one short convo of "Sorry I treated you like crap and let my people think you were a wh

sparklyunikorn says

The book cover though *.*

Izzie d says

This started off really, really good but the hero was awful to her when she is trying really hard to protect her people. He needed to make more redemption, he had treated her really badly. He sorts things out with her too close to the end and I would have liked more of a conversation about things between them.

Book Snob Sue says

This book just shredded my heart, the humiliation she continually goes through is hard to read. Her mom doesn't make it through childbirth, and her dad never lets her forget it. Between the mental abuse and physical abuse, it was just tough. And since her dad treats her that way, her clan pretty much shuns her. Her dad ends up killing the only boy she ever loved, because he wasn't one of the elite. Her dad is a complete and utter prick. The mom of the boy stays there and is pretty much like Annalise's mom, she's really the only person she has.

Then Scar, head of the rogue clan comes and wants her. A war starts and after her dad is on deaths door (I did not feel bad), she agrees to terms with Scar, to avoid more war, but she comes clanless, so he's pissed at her and pretty much treats her, his wife, like shit. No, he doesn't abuse her mentally with words, but sometimes actions speak louder. He doesn't bond to her, which in their culture shows them that she's his "whore"...yeah, this poor girl. Her despair, felt like mine and I f*cking didn't like it. Spent the last half of the book crying for her. Then she figures out she's pregnant and leaves out into a winter storm, to protect her

baby...you know, the only thing she really has *tear*. The books starts looking up at the end and she finally gets everything she wants and at this point...everything she deserves. I don't think I would have been so forgiving, but when you've been beat down enough, well you understand.

This book just really upset me. Mina Carter is one of my favorite authors, because she is really a great writer. Obviously, she is to make me feel this way....but I still didn't like it. Still a big fan and am onto one of her Cyborg books.

Imani says

Would Have Been 4 Stars

In truth, I haven't read a lot from Mina Carter. What I have read, tends to end similarly. The couple's patch stuff easily if there is something to impede their relationship or the situation is resolved without little issue for or to the MCs. Well, with this story I can say it would have been 4 stars, but 3 felt right after the end of the book.

Possible Spoilers!!!

Now, at the start of this story, I loved the premise and what was happening. Where some people love the Heroes of a story, I love strong and admirable Heroines. With *The Winter Bear's Bride*, I especially loved Annalise. She was quietly strong, resilient, intelligent, witty, a good leader, and selfless. Rika was another female character I liked. Now, for the hero, he was the typical alpha male seducing the heroine, who saw her as nothing more than a "pothole" (for lack of proper word). He was not the ultimate problem. Rather Annalise was at the very end.

Annalise, through 75% of the book was mostly great. I thought that she gave into Scar too easily, but that still wasn't the problem since that was expected. No, my problem which led to the 3 stars was at the end, after Scar has hurt her even worse than her father (who physically and verbally abused her) by nearly breaking her spirit and the last vestige of hope and deep desire to be loved, he says "I love you" and reveals who he truly was (which wasn't hard to guess) and she lets all the sh@+ drop. He is instantly forgiven, they love each other, and all is wonderful in TSTL land of romance and war. I was absolutely done. Where my anger felt right before because of how she was treated by all around her; it turned to anger at the female MC. Forgiving him by the epilogue is one thing that would have been fine. However, forgiving the dickhead that fast was angering. Scar didn't deserve her admission of love and should have worked for it after the way he treated her. He may have deserved some retribution for outfitting him and making him look bad to his people, but pain and degradation to the extent he punished her with should not have warranted forgiveness that fast. Again, I repeat, the as\$wipe hurt her worse than her father did by trying to break her and almost succeeded. All of a sudden after his sudden epiphany of loving her (all after being told she was pregnant with his child), declaration to her, and swift pathetic explanation of why he treated her like an unpaid and newly tried whore, Scar is forgiven. Hello no! Instant forgiveness should have never happened. A whole chapter should have been dedicated to his actions of trying to win her forgiveness over at least a month.

Overall, it wasn't a bad story and mostly enjoyable. The ending just sucked because everything was patched up too easily with Scar, her father, and his people. And personally, I hate b.s. like that.

Arina Gorokhovska says

I have conflicting feelings about this book.

I gave it five stars because it was a very strong book. The characters were well rounded and developed and the plot was heart-touching.

My only issue with the book is that all was forgiven way, way , way too quickly.
