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This story is also in The Mane Event (Pride, #1) and is named Christmas Pride.

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Ensley says

Read #1: 2014

Read #2: June 27, 2016

Sarah says

Loved this book. Within a couple of pages u fall deeply in love with Mace's cocky, arrogant, romantic way about him. Dez is hilarious not giving in to Maces demands to be together. Really love the strong alpha females that are in Laurenston books. Struggle to like the whole breeding contract n lion lifestyle with no commitment but what I really like is the character not following the norm and mating outside their wealth and specie for love.

Loved how crazy the females seem to be and getting the guys to work for it. Love how romantic the guy are as well. Really like that I went straight from 1st to 2nd book for this series. Can't wait to see bobby ray work for his ladylove.

Cindy says

Now, I know this is a sex book and this will come out as a shock, but there was just so much sex. I mean, I lost the plot because there was so much sex. How does Mace convince Dez to be with him? Sex. How does he convince her to do things? Sex. It proved to be very effective. Anyway, if you ever just want a book that is *just* sex, then I highly recommend this book to you. However, if you want a nice blend of sex and plot, I wouldn't really recommend this book. I felt like Laurenston was trying too hard to make Dez into a bad ass. I mean, I get it, she can do this and that, blah blah blah. She equipped her soldier with too many weapons, in my opinion. This book wasn't bad, it was just average.

Coyora Dokusho says

February 10, 2014

liked it! liked the part 2 of the story better though

December 24, 2015

liked it better the second time, added star.

Erin says

[of all the female characters and NJ accents (hide spoiler)]

Carole Ann says

Read 2016, re-read 01/2018

t'irla ~The Bookslayer~ t'irla's Talk Book Blog says

Fabulous!! just like the rest of the series. Laugh out loud funny, Yummy alphas and characters you wish you knew.

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My Thoughts:

This will be a short review since this is a small part of "The Mane Event" I'm not sure if SL decided to stretch this into a full novel with Mane event or was just trying to catch more readers attention. But it was a great reminder to me why I loved The Pride series so much.

I have to give it 5 stars just because I so loved Mace and Dez's story.

Read it, Review it, Post it, Your Authors will Thank You

Sabrina says

Mace just got out of the Navy after fourteen years of service. Now that he's back home he only has one goal in mind, to find Dez. Dez left him when they were in high school and he never got over it. He wants to go confront her but first he has to deal with a death in his Pride, which means going back home. He never expected to walk into his sister's office and see the woman from his fantasies. The second he sees her, the now all grown up, Dez his anger deflates and lust rushes in. She's not the same girl he used to know, but she's certainly the woman he isn't going to let run from him again.

This was a good story and I liked the intensity between Dez and Mace. She was running from her feelings

but Mace kept catching her and I loved that he was so pushy about it. Dez was a really funny character and had a dry humor that I found hilarious. I was laughing the whole time reading and she just kept getting funnier. Mace was perfect for her and wouldn't give up on her, and I really liked that.

The story did get a little slow in the beginning and I found myself skimming because there just really wasn't anything happening. It picked up at the end again, though and I got back into it. There was a little bit of a mystery going on and that kept my attention at the end.

Overall, this was an okay book and I liked the premise of it, it just got a little slow for me. The secondary characters were super interesting and I hope they all get their own books.

Trudy Dowling says

Reading this is a Christmas tradition. It never gets old.

Rita says

Loved this, I will definitely get into the series.

Malinda says

4 stars

This was a pretty good story. I've read some stories by Shelly Laurenston but never tried this series before. I like it so far.

Dez grew up in the Bronx and because a police detective. She's tough and doesn't take any crap and loves her job. Unfortunately she has issues with men not being able to accept her or her job. She tends to avoid dating and when she meets back up with Mace again (after not seeing each other since they were 14 years old) she tries to keep her distance from him, thinking he only wants one thing.

Mace is a Lion shifter. He was a runt when he was younger and still loved Dez, the girl who always accepted him as he was. He was in the Navy for years but as soon as he gets out of the service he looks Dez up. He's determined to get in to her life and make her part of his in a very permanent way. Unfortunately this is difficult since she won't give him a chance and is constantly pushing him away.

There is a plot line that brings Dez in to the shifter world to an extent, when a Pride male is killed and she's investigating it. It makes things interesting and brings things out pretty quickly. When things become too hard to explain, Mace ends up having to entrust her with his secret faster than planned to, knowing that if he lied to her he'd end up paying for it in the end. I was happy with how well she handled the shifter issue. TBH, she had more problems with Mace trying to get seriously involved with her than she did with him being a shifter...an interesting problem to have...

I liked Mace and Dez's story and liked seeing them together. I will admit that Dez being determined that

Mace was only looking for sex (without any actual knowledge to back it up) and always pushing her away was a bit annoying a times (and funny at others). It did become gratifying thought, to see Dez gradually slack up on her defenses and letting Mace in little by little, even while she's still protesting. I really liked Maces' relationship with his Wolf pack buddies and there were some interesting secondary characters that look like they will be fun to see more of in future stories.

Overall this was a pretty good story and was an enjoyable read. I will be continuing the series. I'd recommend this book. :D

*Note – I listened to the audiobook version of this and the narrator did a good job.

Michelle Tempted By Books says

This is just The Mane Event redone.

Wow. I was recommended this series by many people but really had no idea what it was about until I read it. I was surprised, this was almost Lora Leigh league erotic romance. The couples in both stories were well written and likable. The men are hot and the women are independent without being too butch. My only issue stems from a common romance related plot line. Why are all women in these books afraid of love? I really don't understand it, honestly. I wish it wasn't used so often in these sort of books because its overdone and really not that believable in my eyes. Really though the scenes were hot, the men hotter and the story was enjoyable. The comedy really helps make it a fun erotic romance.

Adriana says

Me costo mucho cogerle el ritmo a la historia. Demasiado monótona la persecución de Mace a Dez y ella a no dejarse atrapar. La intriga por el asesinato demasiado sosa y con una solución muy rápida.

Kathy says

June 3, 2014 - I love the pride series!

Just in case you are curious, I am posting the chronological reading order for the Pride series:

1. Howl For It (anthology) – LIKE A WOLF WITH A BONE

Set in: 1974

Published: August 28, 2012 -

Featuring: Egbert (Eggie) Ray Smith and Darla Mae Lewis

2. When He Was Bad (anthology) - MISS CONGENIALITY

Set in: 1984

Published: June 1, 2008

Featuring: Niles Van Holtz and Irene Conridge, PhD

3. The Mane Event – Published: Oct. 1, 2009

Includes 2 stories:

1. CHRISTMAS PRIDE - Mason (Mace) Llewellyn (lion) and Desiree (Dez) MacDermot (human)
2. SHAW'S TAIL - Brandon Shaw (lion) and Ronnie Lee Reed (Wolf)
4. The Beast in Him - Published: April 1, 2008
Bobby Ray Smith (Smitty) (Wolf) and Jessie Ann Ward (wild dog)
5. The Mane Attraction - Published: November 1, 2008
Mitchell (Mitch) Patrick Ryan O'Neal Shaw (lion) and Sissy Mae Smith (Wolf)
6. The Mane Squeeze - Published: November 1, 2009
Lachlan "Lock" MacRyrie (bear) and Gwen O'Neill (tigon)
7. Beast Behaving Badly - Published: May 25, 2010
Blayne Thorpe (wolfdog) and Bold (Bo) "The Marauder" Novikov (polar bear loin)
8. Big Bad Beast - Published: May 1, 2011
Dee Ann Smith (Wolf) and Ulrich (Ric) Van Holtz (Wolf)
9. Bear Meets Girl - Published: March 27, 2012
Lou (Crush) "By the Book" Crushek (polar bear) and Marcella (Cella) "Bare Knuckles" Malone
10. Wolf with Benefits - Published: March 26, 2013
Ricky Lee Reed (Wolf) and Antonella (Toni) Jean-Louis Parker (jackel)
11. Bite Me - Published: March 25, 2014
Olivia (Livy) Kowalski (honey badger) and Victor (Vic) Barinov (bear tiger)

***The Angry Reader* says**

If I'd read this first I'm not sure I'd be so into Laurenston. Too much sex. And the heroine was slightly aggravating. Overall a fun quick read. But the badger book was 1000% better.
