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Liam is a shy accountant trying to hide his sexuality and stay out of trouble's way in the middle of a werewolf pack with a history of intimidation and intolerance. So what happens when the pack's new alpha turns out to be a very strong, very capable, very confident ex-Navy SEAL with a soft spot for shy bookkeepers?

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Hc says

I really enjoyed this. Looking forward to more in this world and to exploring this author. These two really seemed to match up for me and compliment each other very well. Great job

Jenni Lea says

3.75 stars

That was better than I expected it to be. No KNOTTING though. Shame.

Sabi says

Good, Good..... so good.

Candice says

This is a new author for me. The concept of this story was a little different, a human being bit to become the Alpha. The story for the most part was not bad, nothing too different, but enjoyable for the most part. I don't know if there are plans for future books with the characters in Lupinville, but if so, I would be interested in seeing where the author would take them.

Ije the Devourer of Books says

This is a nice enough story and well written. I think if this was the first shifter story I have ever read then I would have liked it so much more.

Unfortunately it is similar to all the other mid-range shifter stories out there. Enjoyable but instantly forgettable too.

Alison says

I was a bit wary about reading this story. Not only because it was self published and an author I hadn't read

before but also because it could have been one of those bad, write-by-the-method stories. But, not only does Ms Cain write well, I found I finished the story before I realised I was halfway through.

“Liam’s Unexpected Alpha” is a good story about an ex-SEAL who steps in to help when his elderly neighbour is assaulted only to end up becoming a werewolf. Noah is well past thirty and his age, combined with experiences as a SEAL, means he handles his transformation into a mythical being more easily (mostly) than many other humans might. And despite the fact that Ms Cain has titled her story “Liam’s Unexpected Alpha [Erotic gay romance]”, the sexual encounters are not gratuitous or many in number.

I really enjoyed the way that Ms Cain manages to explain things like destined mates, Noah’s ease in shifting (once he gets there), and Noah’s relative ease in handling his new life without either overexplaining or expecting the reader to take things on faith. And the result of Noah’s confrontation with his neighbour’s grandson is actually very believable, even with the grandson’s werewolf strength being a disadvantage to Noah.

I would recommend this story to anyone who loves a good paranormal about a human handling being thrust into the werewolf community and the pack’s reactions to both the fact he is the only turned human in the pack and the fact that he is gay when until now, LGBTQ pack members have been severely dealt with. Anyone who enjoys a good romance with a bit of drama is sure to enjoy this book. I certainly did. And even though it might not be a blow-me-away type of story, I liked it so much I bought more of Ms Cain’s stories and it is permanently on my ereader.

Definitely recommended if you want something light to read.

Phaney says

Sweet. And completely unexpectedly enjoyable. It’s not that I had particularly low expectations, but this particular genre does seem to lend itself to amateurish or sloppy writing. Instead I got to enjoy a fresh take on this well-used subject and setting. Love when that happens. And I definitely like what this author brings in.

It’s a little difficult to define what exactly that is, now. Something about the characters’ attitudes, the lore choices made (ha, alcohol is bad *for once!*), the general interactions, thoughts and reasonable reasonings. It really worked for me.

Thus I’m pretty happy right now, the only flaw being that I know a lot of the stories in this series are going to be tiny – only about five thousand words apiece – and that’s rarely enough.

This first volume could have done with being longer as well, although it did not actually feel that rushed. I can directly compare it to some similarly sized and themed books I keep reading and this one definitely makes better use of the allotted space.

And may I also mention how absolutely thrilled I am at the lack of unnecessary sex scenes? Both of the scenes in this story are relevant to the proceeding and the development between the protagonists; plus they’re not drawn-out past their hurried nature. Just what I appreciate!

Ann says

What I expected so I wasn't disappointed. Just enough uniqueness to keep it interesting too and I liked that Liam was tougher than the blurb would lead you to believe. Interesting character and world building that was balanced well for the length of the story. Definitely had me hooked into reading the next one.

Gabriela says

3.2

Candice says

3.5 Stars

Interesting. I liked how Noah just knew what to do, instinct kicked in. I also loved Liam. He may have been shy and quiet, but he was fiercely protective of his friends/family. It was nice to see the small guy have a backbone.

Makhda says

This one has gentle alpha in it.

If you prefer your alpha to be that way, pick this up. ;)

Nikki says

Fun, easy read that was well-paced and interesting. I don't read a lot of werewolf/shifter books but the idea of a human getting turned and becoming the alpha of a pack seemed too intriguing to pass up.

One of my least favorite tropes is misunderstandings used as conflict, so I really liked how Liam and Noah communicated. Sure there were some issues but they weren't drawn out just to give the character angst or anything.

Maggie is the shit. Enough said.

jules0623 says

2.5 stars

Serena Yates says

A new alpha coming in from outside a pack, a total unknown, is scary enough. But add the facts that the old alphas were dictatorial bullies, and this new one used to be a human Navy SEAL, and you've got a potentially explosive situation. In this story, you don't just get Noah's reactions to having been made a werewolf and suddenly being responsible for a huge pack of them, you also have Liam's perspective - and I thought the combination of the two made for a very fun and entertaining combination.

Liam has always known he is gay, but he has also always had to hide it. The last two abusive alphas would have killed him on sight - or worse. Liam is not a hero, so he prefers to hide. Interestingly, where other people are concerned, like his sister and his best friend, he forgets about being a coward (as he sees it), and stand up for them as best he can. I loved that about him, and so does Noah as soon as he finds out. Liam may be hesitant to come out and be scared to death to fully trust anyone, even Noah, but being who he is, he also knows he has to man up.

Noah may have thought his retirement from active duty (for a ruined knee) would man a quiet life. Imagine his surprise when he finds out his "elderly neighbor" is much more than she seems, he is now a werewolf, and the alpha of the pack to boot. Natural instincts and his SEAL training may help, but what really makes him tick and motivates him are his honor and the need to do the right thing. He has quite the cleanup ahead of him! And his attraction to Liam isn't going to help with the man so hesitant to become the equal partner Noah wants, but thankfully Noah is as stubborn as he is honorable.

If you like werewolf stories where "the new guy" comes in and has to sort out the pack and its issues, if you enjoy reading about two men who need to figure out how to relate to each other independently of the pack hierarchy, and if you're looking for a read that is as hot as it is entertaining, then you will probably like this novella.

Dee says

I actually quite enjoyed this. It's a fast read but the story's world is fairly well fleshed out and well written. I liked both heroes and anticipate reading more about them either through other couples in subsequent books or as main protagonists again themselves. Either way I would like to read more books set in Lupinville.
