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A BBW Paranormal Shifter Story

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Darlene has led a quiet life since suffering through a terrible break-up. She wants nothing more than to spend her time in front of the TV, away from any sort of trouble. But all that goes down the drain when handsome, rugged and rough Idris comes into her life. His secret? He is a werewolf on the lookout for his missing pack leader. Darlene quickly finds herself pulled towards this mysterious man and at the same time finds herself falling deeper and deeper into the world of the supernatural.

The more she falls for Idris, the more Darlene gets swept up in inter-pack conflicts, vampires with agendas and a dark plot to bring the worst of both worlds together. As Darlene gets pulled deeper down the rabbit hole, she finds out more about herself than she ever knew possible.

Can Darlene balance her regular life with the world that Idris has introduced her to? Or will she find herself overwhelmed by the dangers facing her headfirst?

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Yvonne says

loved it!!!!

Christine Karmelreads2665 W. says

Received these books for an honest review.

First time reading Darla Dunbar and she has pretty good. Thought these were going to be the run of the mill shifter books and I was pleasantly surprised at the turn of events in these books. Really got into book one with everything that was going on with the the hunt for the missing alpha and then book two made me want to tear my hair out at the switch up among the characters. Book three had me a little disappointed as the character switch up did not go back to the original mix. You got HEA but not the one I wanted. These characters cannot be done yet as they left the impression they have more to say.

Denise says

Read through this quickly as it had a thin plot and very shallow characters. The very sexual scenes didn't bother me at all but there's such a thing as passion and then there's physical copulating. There was no real passion in this story.

Natalie says

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So many mysteries left unsolved. If Vivica hadn't changed Jacob then who did and what's gonna happen with Rebecca. I'm ready to find all that out. I really enjoyed this book.

Shari says

This reader found "Alpha Packed" by Darla Dunt simply an "okay" read; the tale seemed full of cliché traits in the characters as well as many of the incidents faced by protagonist Darlene, boyfriend and wolf-shifter, Idris, and many of the secondary characters. Much of the tale was told, versus shown, and Dunt moved from Darlene to Idris for point of view - often with no transition, break or explanation that readers are now in someone else's head. It could be a tad confusing at times. Darlene is physically described as a big girl and spent most of the tale whining and moaning about her size, which this reader found highly annoying. Readers are never really given descriptions of the characters' traits or personalities; this keeps the characters at one

and two dimensional level, so harder to feel empathy for or with them.

The story had an extremely slow build up, mainly concerning why Darlene prefers to be by herself and her lack of self-confidence due to her larger size... c'mon now, many bigger gals are supremely confident in their worth, sexiness, attractiveness, etc. Darlene's moaning and groaning was grating on this reader's nerves, as was Idris' self-loathing for being a wolf-shifter; this reader never had any empathy for the characters and only finished the book because she truly hates to leave a book unfinished. Even one she dislikes. As to the characters, most held hate throughout the entire story, either in the form of self-loathing or hatred of non-magical beings.

While there was a happily-ever-after ending, of sorts, the tale did end on a cliffhanger with links to the next book - novella, actually - in the series. However, this reader never garnered enough interest or empathy in Dunt's world and characters to consider reading - let alone purchasing - the next few books. There was also a few spelling, grammar and punctuation errors, although not enough to toss a reader jarringly from the world. Nevertheless, this reader was less than pleased with the tale as well as Dunt's style, so will not recommend or revisit this world.

Anginena Bartlett says

Enjoyed... But...

I enjoyed reading this book, but it left me wanting just a bit (this may be rectified by the other books in the series, but I don't know yet).

Carrie Donohue says

Reading this is not easy, I find the writer repeats herself several times, having the villain give exposition, then the hero, then the heroine. It might be different if it was not one right after the other explaining the same thing, the same way.

Another issue I am having is the writer is not following the story she wrote, for instance upon arriving at the wolf bar it is said they don't call the police, but then the heroine is worried the cops will know she was at the bar during the fight. .. If wolves don't call the cops like she said, no problem.

Where is the Alpha/beta hierarchy? This wolf that is NOT an alpha is threatening a wolf who IS an alpha. Also, who ever had the book is the Alpha? So if a human found the book he'd be Alpha? That's kinda stupid Only 68% done but that's what I have so far.

Ok I finished the book. There are so many problems with this book I could write one about them. I am losing hope for ebooks as the writing and to be minimal and talentless. Sorry to be so harsh but, Darla should have had a friend proof read it before (I am sure) self publishing.

Toni ~married to a hunk~ says

This was an odd book and story line. I liked it but it jumped around a lot with the main story. For me there were just too many components that I didn't even guess. It was interesting though.

Mya says

This book will keep you on your toes, but it's a lot to take in at once.

Bernadette says

I found this to be surprisingly good for a BBW paranormal romance. I've never read anything by this author so didn't know what to expect but based on this book, I'm likely to read more!

Idris is an angry werewolf who is looking for his pack leader Lucien who has disappeared. His enquiries lead him to the small bookshop that Darlene works in. With the exception of work and food shopping, Darlene is a virtual recluse, having given up on life after being jilted by her fiancé. Darlene has a particular interest in the paranormal and her interest leads her into looking into the unexplained death of a young man five years previously. It doesn't take long before Darlene and Idris join forces and she learns about otherworldly creatures when she is attacked by a vampire!

Their investigations lead them to the discovery of a plot to create a hybrid of vampire and werewolf. The reason is unclear and we have the joy of reading 4 books in the series to find that out. Although it is a paranormal romance, the suspense element of the storyline is primary but that doesn't mean that the romance element is neglected. I'm looking forward to reading the other 3 books in the series.

A. Cook says

Overall 3.25 with two lead characters that I am not too sure about.

Tonya says

Shifter's, hybrid's and ghost walker's oh my.

Darlene is a single woman who works in a bookstore but even her boss has secrets. Idris feels compelled one day to go into the store where he meets Darlene. Idris is on a mission to find his pack leader Lucian he has no idea that something will bring him and Darlene together in more ways than one. Darlene is attacked by an ancient vampire name Vivica and Idris comes to her aid and he has to tell her the truth. There is a mystery afloat and things get out of hand and people disappear and die. Will they be able to solve the mystery in time? Well written with plenty of action, mystery, and new creatures.

Erin says

She doesn't want anything to do with this, but Idris is hot.

And after being attacked by a vampire she is involved, helping him solving it.
The story has some twists, but they seem logical, although I didn't see all of them coming.
This story has an ending of the story of the two of them, but also an open ending about something else.

Jennifer Holzapfel says

Good plot with lots of action and romance. Werewolves and vampires galore. A definitely good series for paranormal lovers.

T. says

I downloaded Alpha Packed as a free book from Amazon. While not a terrible book, it didn't hold my interest with the average writing and one-dimensional characters. The plot of the book shows promise, but could have benefited from better dialogue and a better self-image of the female protagonist. A good book for free, but didn't inspire me to purchase any additional novels.
