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When hard-working business consultant Catherine Livingston travels to Florence to investigate her younger sister's disappearance, it isn't long before she crosses paths with Marco DeMedici.

The handsome, wealthy alpha shifter seems to all but own the city, and it soon becomes clear that he will not rest until Catherine belongs to him. But is she ready to be claimed and mated?

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Patricia Hoffstaetter says

It was an absolute pleasure to read this delightful & very enjoyable wolf shifter romance. The story-line & plot is well-thought out and written. The characters are quite well-developed with individual personalities & they are quite realistic with their emotional feelings, expectations & a determination to succeed.

It is about: a alpha wolf shifter (Marco) goes on a business trip and finally meets his fated mate (Catherine) and decides, that he will not take no for an answer and will claim her but she just happens to be a feisty human corporate raider & just as determined to reject his advances.

There is: a hot alpha male wolf shifter, a feisty human female, a missing sister, a wolf pack, twists & turns, secrets, some humor, intrigue, memories, dreams, premonitions, friendship, verbal banter, manipulations, defiance, shock, anger, verbal conflict, discipline, spanking, emotional turmoil, confrontations, acceptance, love, happiness, steamy scenes & a satisfying ending.

I enjoyed reading this shifter romance and look forward to more from this talented author, & would recommend this book to people who enjoy reading this genre.

Shirley Holt says

Marco is a wolf shifter and is the alpha to his pack. Catherine is a human. They both dream of each other and have done so for some years. Catherine is Marco's fated mate although she doesn't know it. This was a lovely sexy story of how Marco woos and tames Catherine. This is part of a collection of shifter stories by this author and this is No 5. I highly recommend you read the others but this is a stand alone although they do appear in an earlier book. The characters were very well developed as were the supporting characters. A super story Catherine was feisty and comedic and made me laugh at some of her conversations with Marco. He was a great alpha character and together they really jelled. A super story very highly recommended. I have purchased the whole series of books and look forward to the next one.

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

Kathy Heare Watts says

NOW AND FOREVER, MY CATHERINE--NOW AND FOREVER.

The story is the fifth book in the Wayward Mates series and is a continuing saga. It will have many key characters from the first three books but will introduce and star Marco DeMedici and Catherine Livingston. The story is how Marco will find Catherine, his fated mate, the one he has seen in his dreams—but she has also dreamed of him. When he catches her scent, he won't stop until she is his.

Marco DeMedici has been serving with the military with several close calls in Afghanistan. He knows it is time to leave the military and return to his home and his pack. He has also dreamed of his fated mate, and it is time to find her and claim her. Marco has served with Welsh Alpha wolf, Griffin Owen, who will also

leave the service and join up with Marco in Italy.

“What have we won if we have lost a piece of our souls? Home, my friend,” said Marco, “is where you bed your woman on a regular basis and see your children born and raised.”

The story of Marco and Catherine is full of humor, angst, denial, pursuit, passion, and conquering. There is nothing easy about Marco’s claim on Catherine, and she fights him tooth and nail along the way. What starts out as a gentle courtship will quickly change to him forcing her acceptance. But that doesn’t mean it will be easy or without plenty of discipline, and sex.

“Do you not see my mate’s clock? How appropriate that she dons that which makes her little red riding hood. After all, I as the big bad wolf, intend to gobble her up. What is love without a bit of fireworks?”

“Now, come, mate, it’s time you paid the piper for what you have done. And I am the man who will call the tune. I have been a warrior too long. I always fight to keep what I hold dear.”

The chemistry between Marco and Catherine can’t be denied or ignored. She may do her best to try and get away, but she won’t succeed. Getting her brain to accept his acquisition and claim isn’t easy because her goal is to find her missing sister, Shannon. Can you trust Marco to her problem and does he have the resources to help?

“Marco began to seduce her—heart, mind, body, and soul. Never forget, my Catherine, that I am the dominant one and that I love you with every fiber of my being.”

“I’ll try not to forget that you are alpha. But you need to know even when you are punishing me that I never doubt your love for me. Just please don’t let my willfulness cause you to doubt that I love you just as much.”

While this story covers how Marco and Catherine meet and finally come together, the timeline takes place before *Taking His Mate*. Just like with the other Alphas in the previous books, they are strong men who take strong, and oftentimes, strong-willed women as their fated mate. Catherine had a reputation in the business world for her keen sense of takeovers, and she is no wilting flower. She can hold her own, for her to accept Marco and acquiesce to his dominance isn’t easy, but it is definitely rewarding—after she pays the price for her behavior.

“I will do whatever it takes to ensure you are safe, happy, and well loved.”

Joana says

It’s a shit. Where is the respect for each other? This book GOES against all things I believe but they can be just me

Sue says

Tremendous read, Marco and his mate Catherine....

Once again Delta James has written a wonderful book that once again was a totally tremendous read and the

eventual finding of Marco's long awaited mate and the fact that Catherine had put up such a determined fight she had seen him in her dreams and had been determined she wanted to remain free but Marco was a romantic Italian that loved her with every breath in his body and she felt exactly the same when she had come to her senses.

Catherine had been surprised how quickly she had felt as though she and Marco had always been together, when she accepted the bite of her Alpha, her mate and the turn of her body to that of a shifter, his pack had taken her into their hearts immediately and she had been given the title of Madonna. She was strongly spirited and it soon became apparent that like Marco she was also Alpha and he knew she would keep him on his toes for the rest of their lives.

Although Claimed and Mated was I believe one of the mild in comparison to some of the previous three books in this series and this begins to deal with the growing whispers of human woman disappearing from all over various counties and now it seemed that Catherine's missing sister Shannon is being held by a group that has become feral, she can only hope that her sister's strength of personality can hold out until they can find her and rescue her.

Marco has sworn to Catherine that he and all the other Alpha's around Europe have been made aware of this despicable trade in human women, capturing them, turning them and then selling the into some unthinkable situations. They are all working towards rescue and recovery within the safety of the de Medici vineyard and the safety and care of the pack, they would all come together to ensure this terrible trade was brought to a swift and certain stop, no matter the cost.

I voluntarily received and review an Advanced Reader Copy

I thoroughly enjoyed the book and look forward to reading any future publications; keep up all the great writing.

B. Koe says

Magical PAGE-TURNER, this paranormal ROMANCE will capture your HEART

"CLAIMED and MATED" is an empirical romance that took this reader far beyond her comfort zone and into a world of a true Alpha male and wolf shifter, Marco DeMedici. James's writing is deliciously descriptive, easy to read, and filled with a prose which allowed this reader to feel a part of the story. Marco and Catherine, the main characters of this epic paranormal tale, were so well developed that the end of the book had this reader feeling bereft with the loss of those who had become treasured friends. While "CLAIMED and MATED" was the first Alpha Shifter Romance by Delta James I have read, it will not be the last! 5+STARS out of 5 from this reader, along with the wish I could award more stars! Despite the discipline, this is one of my favorite paranormal books, ever! Get your copy of "CLAIMED and MATED" today!! Happy pages! ?

Cortnie says

This is book 5 in this series, but it can be read as a stand-alone. I haven't read any of the books in order, and while I can tell there are things I'm missing, it isn't ruining the stories for me. I love stories with strong male and female characters, and for the most part that is what you get here. There were some elements of Catherine's character that I found off-putting, but for the most part I could let it slide. I allow authors more freedom with character inconsistency when it comes to shifter romances than I would with just contemporary reads. I accept the insta-love, the more controlling, and the "I don't want this but I can't help myself" aspects

in the steamy scenes, when it comes to paranormal. That being said, I wish Catherine's character had stay strong throughout the entire story. She was smart, educated, determined, college-educated, and fiercely independent. I loved the fact that she didn't need anyone to take care of her, but was willing to give up some control to Marco because she loved and trusted him. Then things took a turn, and she became the damsel in distress. That is the only thing I didn't love about this one. It isn't going to keep me from reading the rest of the series, but it is something that took away some of my enjoyment.

Christie says

First book in a while I DNF (70%) because I was so turned off by it... Marco is chauvinistic, disrespectful, has no respect for women and for me this book walks a really shaky line where consent is concerned.

Before they even meet the author repeatedly shows us what a pig he is through the conversation he has with his friends, but I guess I held out hope he'd be 'love struck' and change his tune at least a little

Once they meet Catherine repeatedly says no, begs, runs away and Marco just states over and over how 'naughty mates' need to be brought to heel and punishes her. She's hating it then all of a sudden aroused and going along with it, then gets some distance and tries to get away again - and so the cycle continues until he wears her down. He doesn't even explain to her that he's a shifter or actually what's going on until WAY too late (and after way too much "punishment")

I've read plenty of books with crazy dominant alpha males and usually love them but I like the kind who have a soft spot for their heroines and this one was just on the wrong side of the asshole line for me.

No affection, no real chemistry, it felt like it was more just about dominance and power. If that floats your boat then each to their own, but definitely not for me.

Katherine says

This book was a strong 5 star rating for me until the disappointing & frankly ridiculous climax before the very end of the book. Why do authors persist in building up a supposedly strong, spirited, intelligent heroine only to have them act like a two year old having a tantrum?

I was completely loving the feel of this book. I loved it taking place in Italy, I loved Marco, the handsome Alpha of his Pack, the writing, the plot. How the author described surroundings, homes, locations, etc without overdoing it.

Of course Marco was a complete chauvinistic dominant Alpha wolf that would spank & punishment his mate (once he found her) as he deemed fit. I had no problem with that, I expected it.

Catherine, a human & unbeknownst to her, Marco's fated mate fights him tooth & nail with everything she's got, but alas her body wants his dominance & control even if her mind doesn't. Again, I had no problem with that, I expected that too.

The author also took time to lay the character foundations for both Marco & his Catherine, the reader gets to know & understand them both, well, at least we think we do.

So as Marco & Catherine maneuver their way through their relationship: what he is, what she can become, her missing sister, Catherine's repetitive & increasingly ridiculous lapses of emotional control caused this reader to lose any respect for her character.

This was supposedly a mature woman, not a teen, she had been in charge of the building up, razing of, & takeovers of many companies; she completed 4 years of college after deciding the corporate world didn't satisfy her artist needs to paint or restore masterpieces. An independent accomplished, extremely talented & intelligent woman who as soon as she is mated to Marco apparently reverts to a 5 year old. Catherine repetitively does exactly the SAME thing over & over that she KNOWS she will be punished for: swearing, sarcasm, disrespect, tantrums & each time begs not to be punished, she's sorry & will never do it again. I realize she's human & wolf shifter domestic discipline is a hard & alien concept, but truly, it seems as though she is incapable of understanding cause & effect. Even that was just a minor irritation to me, but the culminating action she takes near the very end of the book for me simply destroyed every single thing she was presented to be: Queen to Marco's Alpha, to help protect & love & care for their Pack, intelligent, mature, aware.

The action she takes is completely shoot from the hip & without ANY appreciable thought as to what she is planning to do. She devotes literally one thought to the planning (& the plan is ludicrous w/a capital L) & off she goes BY HERSELF to implement it. And later it comes as a HUGE SHOCK to her that she placed her life, Marco's life & the lives of many Pack members in potential deadly harm.

I suppose the author intended this action by the heroine was to illustrate she was brave, blah, blah, blah. To me all it did was portray her ultimately as a woman who is supposedly capable but who goes off half cocked & endangers multiple lives without thought.

So, overall the writing form was good, the plot very good but rapidly (for me) coasted then careened wildly into a disappointing climax. I did like Marco, Griffin, Luca, Tony, Valentina & Sera's characters though.

So a big letdown for me, but many may like it.

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

Louise says

I love how this author manages to write a series where each book has a fresh feel, whilst also retaining a familiarity too. The 'mated' series is set in the real world, but it is one where shifters live secretly amongst us. Their culture is very patriarchal - men are in charge, pack leaders are always alpha males and their word very much goes.

Claimed and Mated is perhaps the most mild of the series so far, though please don't confuse mild with boring or slow. The first three books contain a feel of dubious consent and have women forced into being part of a pack and taking mates. Whilst the women in question love their mates, and the men are good men who care greatly for their women, I do know that some readers struggle with these elements in a book. This story whilst still having some conflict (and plenty of spanking) had a more consensual feel, and definitely had less angst.

Marco and Catherine appeared briefly in book 4 of the series, but this book can easily be read as a stand alone. In fact it is set a couple of years *prior* to the other books in the series. In fact I feel this is equally a good starting point to the series as Book 1 was. The shifter element was also fairly minor to the plot, other than being fated mates and 'knotting' during sexy times. So again this is a good book to read if you're not normally a fan of the genre. You do need to love discipline and spanking etc in stories though!

I really liked both main characters, they are both strong and determined personalities. The sparks definitely fly in this, igniting a passion and chemistry that is certainly very hot. Catherine's actions and reactions felt very natural - I'm fairly certain I would have behaved in a very similar manner at times. At one point I

initially felt that Marco wasn't being fair, since Catherine hadn't grown up in their society, but then I realised that he was just as unfamiliar with the culture that she had grown up in. He did attempt to compromise where he could, and Catherine had agreed to the 'rules' so couldn't complain when she earned a punishment - especially when she had endangered others as well as herself.

There was a 'loose end' related to Catherine's sister. I'm guessing that she will be the heroine of an upcoming book in this series, particularly given the background story that runs through the series. I'm really looking forward to reading these books.

LMR says

Claimed and Mated: An Alpha Shifter Romance (Wayward Mates Book 5) By: Delta James

Come Along & Get "Claimed and Mated!"

Fated Mates...

Delicious Alpha Taking Charge...

HOT, SEXY, Spankalicious Times Ahead...

OMG, it's just what the Doc ordered for those Long, Cold Winter Nights cuddled up under some covers to hide what's going on...

Yeah, this is a One-Click Hit for your library's Treasure Trove!!

Please Note: this book, contains BDSM elements, & is intended for readers over 18; if that's not your type of reading genre, don't stick your nose into this book because you won't enjoy it. Plus, leaving an unfavorable review, because it's not your cup of tea, is unfair to the author. That said, you've been warned what to expect (a bit O' KINK), & that's what you'll get here....

I was granted an ARC of Delta James' "Claimed and Mated: An Alpha Shifter Romance (Wayward Mates Book 5)" via Booksprout; I recommend this book to others based upon its own merits. All opinions expressed within this review are uniquely my own & freely given!

Until next time... Happy Reading!

Amy says

First I have to say I wasn't impressed with Catherine at all. She was rude, she was secretive and just annoying.

Catherine is taking a trip to Florence. We don't find out the real reason until later in the book - almost like an afterthought. She pursued by Marco DeMedici, she wants none of it. Eventually falls victim to him and his ways. Her smart mouth keeps getting her in trouble. When he's had enough he swats her bottom and shows her who is in control. She learns his secret, which doesn't bother her at all. She just rolls with it. The sky is pink, baby - OK. About 65% in, she remembers why she is in Florence and what she still needs to do.

Marco finds his fated-mate Catherine. He will mold her into the perfect female pack leader. She will help him rule and have his babies. But first, he has to woo her into his bed and accepting everything that comes with him. He has secrets too!! She is everything he ever dreamed about. But he must make her submit to him. When he learns of her secret, he is all too willing to help.

I wish the story regarding Shannon was more prominent. Like they go on a hunt to find her together, travel

all over Europe, have mind-blowing sex, find what they need and live happily ever after. I stopped caring @70%. Catherine was annoying me and they weren't getting any answers.

Jacky says

I thought the characters were well written. Marco (the Alpha wolf) and Catherine (the human woman) were part of each other before Catherine was even aware Marco existed. Catherine sensed something but had no idea what it meant or what was going on with Marco. She led him on a merry chase as it is said.

I couldn't fathom how the author was going to make Catherine submit, as she was a very strong, independent, opinionated woman. The way it was explained was subtle, yet intriguing.

There is also a back story about Catherine's sister, human trafficking, and a feral pack which is pretty interesting. I can't wait for her sister's book.

This book can be read as a standalone. I think reading one of the previous Wayward Mates books would provide additional background, but is absolutely not necessary to enjoy this book.

This book is mostly focused on Marco getting Catherine to submit and accept that they are rated mates, while still retaining her independent nature. The story keeps your attention focused until the last page.

You do get romance, witty banter, friendship, support, loyalty, and a HEA. If descriptive sex, spanking, dominance, or submission offend you, then this is not the book for you.

I voluntarily read and reviewed the Advanced Reader Copy of this book.

Donna Louise says

I don't know how Ms James continues to create such jaw dropping books which fills us with anticipation. The storyline explores the unique power exchange and emotional dynamics between Marco and Catherine. Marco has returned to his pack as Alpha where his dominance takes over in all its glory. Marco has dreamt about his fated mate for years and can sense she is close. Catherine Livingston is following her dream to pursue her art work and find her baby sister who suddenly disappeared while holidaying in Florence. Marco has found his mate but his gifts are not appreciated as was his wave of energy. Once Catherine accepts the inevitable, Marco is an expert lover, leader and protector. There is trouble brewing with rogue packs dealing and turning innocent women. Could Shannon be one of these women.

I liked how Ms James included strong willed, intelligent women who knew when to give into their partners or suffer painful consequences. In this story the heroine was not in anyway coerced or put into a pack against her will. The sexual attraction was sizzling and powerful. Reading how easy it was to turn a human into a wolf was fascinating.

This book is sinful,intense,refreshing and just spine tingling good.

DONNA L

MrsJoseph says

DNF

So, I like my Romances very fantastic. I like the escapism of it all.

So, I really hate it when I run across things that pull me out of a story.

This book starts with the stupidly rich hero knowing his fated mate will “show up”. Or something. When he does run into her – after 3+ years of waiting – instead of walking up to her and introducing his stranger ass...he starts throwing money around.

- he pays for her dinner

- he makes it impossible for her to buy anything/spend any money throughout the entire town

- he pays for her hotel bill(s), etc

- he pretty much lets her know that he has eyes on her throughout town, no matter where she goes...

...And yet he NEVER tells her his name, introduces himself or anything.

That's straight STALKER Behavior.

After she sends him a note telling him to fuck off (rightly so), he fucking sends a car to pick her up for dinner. THE FUCK?? Like Stranger doesn't equal Danger and she should jump in the car sent by strangers full of strangers alone.

So she goes (alone, not in Stranger Danger car) to tell him off... (she has to come to him. The fucker never comes to her not.once.)

He fucking ~~beats~~ spansks her for being rude and not accepting what he did.

And I was O U T out.

I was creeped out and had no interest in seeing that kind of creepy and stalker-y behavior being rewarded. He doesn't fucking apologize for being a fucking creepy stalker ass stalker.
