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Bethany has joked for years that if she ever settles down, it'll be with a harem of men, only it isn't a joke anymore.

Mac is a new werewolf, and still must be watched at every moment to be sure he stays in control. His kink has always been ménage, so when he overhears the beautiful redhead at the bar wanting to take on not only him, but also the werewolf and wereleopard chaperoning his night out... he has to convince them to let him take her home. He might not be trustworthy with a human woman alone, yet, but with two powerful shapeshifters in bed with them, what could go wrong?

Previously published in the *Every Which Way* Anthology.

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## **From Reader Review Acceptable Risk for online ebook**

### **Tasha and Megan Mahoney says**

Overall Rate: 5

Performance Rate: 5

Story Rate: 5

Wow, I needed fanning while listening to this!

Acceptable Risk is a reverse harem and is the 2nd reverse harem book I have come across recently. This is also a shifters/ human relationship.

This is a relatively short audiobook at 2 hours 57 minutes but it packs a lot into that time. It is the third in series and I have not read the previous books.

Bethany is one lucky, strong minded woman! After catching the eye of new werewolf Mac in a bar when he overhears her at the bar wanting to take on not only him, but also the werewolf and wereleopard chaperoning his night out. Luckily for her Mac loves a menage and because he is a new werewolf he wouldn't be trusted alone with a human woman but his companions are more than up for some fun with the beautiful redhead.

What starts out as a one night stand has real potential for a future but there are a lot of hurdles that they must overcome.

I really did enjoy this Acceptable Risk. Noah Michael Levine does sexy narrating very well. The characters are flawlessly portrayed and he flows from one character to another seamlessly.

The sexy story written by Candace Blevins really couldn't have hoped for a better narrator.

More please...

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### **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

AUDIBLE REVIEW 5/7/18

I had the pleasure of reviewing Acceptable Risk when Candace first put out this story in book form. Now, I got the pleasure of listening to this story. This is the first time I have gone Audible and wasn't sure if I would

enjoy hearing a story instead of reading it, taking in the words on a written page. It was hard at first but, as the story was being told, I found myself not being able to turn it off.

Candace always writes with a flair but, hearing her words from a sexy voice (Noah Michael Levine) brought it up a notch. I loved this story when I first read it and thoroughly enjoyed hearing it again. He seemed to bring the characters more to life, gave them a different feel to me. As for the sex scenes ... well, they were kicked up to a whole other level.

The story of Bethany, Ranger, Max and Jonathan was really brought to a whole other level on Audible. It was unusual being able to hear the confusion, excitement and passion in the story. Each character seemed to have come alive and their feelings for the other were greatly enhanced.

As usual, it's a Candace Blevins story that was written beautifully but truly brought to life in the Audible format. I would love to listen to more but I'm not sure if listening to the Safeword series (my favorite of all time) would be conducive to getting anything done in my life. But, I commend Ms. Blevins on taking a chance on putting Acceptable Risk to an audio book. Good choice, great story, fantastic voice, wonderful author ... you can't ask for anything more.

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### **namericanwordcat says**

This is a must read if you are enjoying Candace Blevins' interlinked erotic Paranormal Series. The poly group that forms in this book makes a lot of appearances in later books.

The heroes are great and the sexy is hot. As always with Blevins, the world building is compelling as is the writing.

Because this is a novella, the heroine is not as well developed (or maybe she is developed in early book) and I wasn't as into the romance.

But I am glad I read this one to fill in the world.

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### **Lynn Reynolds says**

What made the experience of listening to Acceptable Risk the most enjoyable?

I think having a narrator with a voice that has you imagining some of the characters helps to get that movie playing in your head. The reason you listen to a book is because you're looking for more of an aural experience. Plus it's a way of getting your book fix while you're able to get other things done at the same time.

Who was your favorite character and why?

You would think that having a male narrator that I would pick a male character. Sorry to disappoint you but it would have to be Bethany. She wants something but as she gets her wish she finds out some secrets that make her a little wary about her choice. You get the sense that what she feels is real. Bethany also knows how to stand up for herself and not afraid to speak her mind.

What about Noah Michael Levine's performance did you like?

Mr. Levine brings the male characters to life. I had no trouble picturing what Ranger, Max, and Jonathan may look like. He also adds the heat to the story that I probably wouldn't feel by reading the book myself. You get more of an emotional experience having someone read to you. When you read for yourself a lot of times it's more monotone. Our narrator also had me feeling as if I was missing something. Had me wondering if there was a story that should have come before - how these three men came to be. So he's given me a reason to check out more of our author's other paranormal series.

Did you have an extreme reaction to this book? Did it make you laugh or cry?

I didn't have an extreme reaction but it certainly got me hot. Mr. Levine has me feeling as if I'm standing off to the side as each scene is played out. Left me wanting more and not wanting this book to end. So looking forward to listening to more of Ms. Blevins' work.

Any additional comments?

Ms. Blevins and Mr. Levine are a perfect couple - they are perfect for each other. This is a story that will push boundaries. Both for the characters as well as for the reader/listener. If you're shy at having a person say certain words than I would suggest reading the book. But if you're up for a more seductive experience than you need to listen. There is a lot of graphic language but that just adds to who these people are and what they want.

At times I closed my eyes as the scene played out. I wanted to concentrate on the scene and see how it played out in my mind - didn't want the outside world to take my mind away from what Mr. Levine was reading. But I will tell you that it's not a book to listen to you when you are at work. This is when having the book is the better idea. So this means that this is one of those times where having both the book and the audio version is a good thing. Once I find out what other possible books can be connected with this one, I can see myself listening to this book again.

I voluntarily reviewed an Audiobook copy of this book.

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### **Laurie says**

3.5 Stars

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### **Becca Reads says**

I can't think of another author who writes like this. This menage story has a human, 2 werewolves and a wereleopard, BDSM, and intense sexual scenes.

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### **Notes From 'Round the Bend says**

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I'm not sure if reverse harem stories are relatively new or just rising in popularity, but I've found that I very

much enjoy them. “Acceptable Risk” was no exception! Seriously, how have I not come across Candace Blevins before? Her writing is excellent! And while I don’t generally enjoy the shifter thing, I have to admit that it definitely added a nice element in this case.

At first, I wasn’t sure how any character development or fleshing out was going to happen in under three hours, but Ms. Blevins surprised me. Bethany probably showed the most change, going from shy (though she knows what she likes) to handling three shifter men without pause. As a new werewolf still growing accustomed to the changes in his life, you’d think Mac would be aggressive or unpredictable, but he’s not. He was actually really sweet. Ranger was actually the most dominant, though I suppose this shouldn’t be surprising for an Alpha. Jonathan was something of a combination of Mac and Ranger, though as a wereleopard, he has his own personality and quirks.

Warning: “Acceptable Risk” has a little of everything in the sex department, from BDSM to dirty talk, and it was all very descriptive. If much of anything bothers you, this might not be a good choice for you. (Personally, dirty talk doesn’t do it for me and there was a lot of it.)

Noah Michael Levine was an excellent narrator choice for “Acceptable Risk”. He voiced each character in such a way that they were easily discernable from one another without being over-the-top dramatic. At first, I found his pace to be a little fast, but that seemed to be just in the prologue. Going forward from there, his pace, tone, and performance were fabulous.

Bottom line: Though it’s a relatively short listen, a lot happened in those two hours! Don’t worry if you haven’t read the first two books; “Acceptable Risk” stood on its own quite well. I will definitely be reading/listening to more by Candace Blevins and I highly recommend Noah Michael Levine as a narrator!

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### **Cheryl Whitty says**

Acceptable Risk was originally from an anthology, but now has been released as a novella. The Audiobook is quite short only 2hrs 57mins, so this is a peek into the one of Candace’s kinky worlds. This one is like most women’s dreams. There you are sitting with your best friend and 3 gorgeous men walk into the bar and you turn to your friend in this case it’s Jenny. “I wouldn’t mind those three in my harem,” not expecting the men to hear what I said. One problem they are all shifters and they heard, and volunteer for the harem. This is an entertaining story with plenty of sex and kink, but I found it funny in places. The narrator was faultless, a good narrator for me is someone that does multiple voices, that when you’re in the story without thinking the accent on that one is dodgy. The guys were individual, and it was like listening to a group of guys chatting.

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### **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Kitty's ebook review posted 9/21/15 at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

Wow. Another winner by Candace Blevins. This time a short story including some of our favorites from the Rolling Thunder gang. We also have mention of Aaron from The Chattanooga Supernaturals. I guess that's

one of the best things that I love about Candace's work ... she ties all of her series together and makes it interesting.

But, to say that Max, Ranger and Jonathan are interesting is an understatement. They are hot, sexy and shifters. Two wolves and a leopard make very fun bed partners for sure and Bethany is going to get her wish of being loved on by three men. But, no way is she going to allow a relationship because all men do is cheat and lie. Yeah, ok. I guess she needs to learn a thing or three about these men.

So, another binding ceremony since our Bethany finds out, the hard way, about shifters. Then there is the relationship ceremony which she, reluctantly agrees too. Then there's the separation and she finds out just what these three men mean to her.

Ranger – Drake Security employer .... A Dom who loves ropes and whips ... hot, sexy, serious and responsible.

Max – Soon to be former government operative. Turned by Ranger to save his life. Hot, sexy, has an uncontrollable wolf until Clare tames him.

Jonathan – Sophia's bodyguard. Works directly for Aaron Drake. A cat that loves breasts and ass play. Hot, sexy, smooth as silk.

Yea, Bethany has her work cut out for her if she thinks, for one minute, that this little tryst is not going to be anything but a relationship.

I love the way Candace brings out the kink in all of us. No, there is nothing in this book that would be considered true BDSM but there is kink. Nope, she doesn't consent to the breast binding or the nipple clamps, but she knows it will please her men. Nope, she doesn't consent to having her breasts whipped ... but she knows it will please her men. The pride and lust on their faces is all that it takes for her to take the pain, take the pleasure and enjoy the ride.

I always wait for Candace Blevins to release a new book. I know that I will always be satisfied, that I will love the characters and love the story that she weaves around them. I adore that she incorporates characters from other stories and makes them feel like a real family to us. But, most of all, is that she cares enough about her readers to always write something new and fresh, to keep the story moving along and develop characters that we really can care about.

Review copy provided for an honest review.

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### **Nadine Bookaholic says**

This was a hot quick read.

Who would have thought that two wolves and a leopard could play nice together? Well, take those three and throw Bethany in there and you have a whole lot of playing nice. \*wink\* \*wink\* Bethany always joked around saying she wanted a Harem well, I guess her wish came true.

I have enjoyed many books by Candace Blevins and although this one is shorter than most of her books it did not disappoint. One thing I really liked about this book was that you didn't need to read the first two books in the series to know what was going on but if you have it will make this story more enjoyable because you will

know the back story to some of the secondary characters that were mentioned.

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This was read as part of the Every Which Way anthology

### **Jaycee says**

\*This title is also part of an Anthology titled "Every Which Way"\*

I must say I enjoy the novellas in these three paranormal sister-series that comprise Kirsten O'Shea's Universe. (Only Human, Chattanooga Supernaturals and Rolling Thunder MC). This Universe is so replete with awesome secondary characters in the full novels, that readers can not help but want more than a glimpse of all of them. While full length novels for each character might be desirable, I think the flow and progression of each series and of the Universe as a whole, is best served by these occasional tie-ins - for lack of a better term.

Wolf-shifter "Ranger" and Leopard-shifter "Jonathan" certainly both tweaked my interest in prior books, and particularly Ranger, as the non-vampire-trusting uncle to Eric in Riding The Storm. In Acceptable Risk we do get a bit more filler into their past histories, and then are introduced to newly turned wolf-shifter Mac, to complete the "Harem" for human Bethany.

This novella revolves primarily around the relationship that develops between the four characters and somewhat sadly, doesn't spend much time with the supernatural intrigue and goings-on that truly make this series so rich. While I did miss that component, I suspect the greater purpose is somewhere down the road in a future book from the series, and what we learned of these characters herein will ultimately provide an "ah-ha" moment to be cherished. In the meantime, this tasty morsel provides some pretty hot relationship antics as well as another encounter with Duke. And while any Duke encounter is a welcome thing, it was wholly pleasing to discover that Ranger too, came with all the amazing and unique alpha-wolf attributes.

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So to speak...

### **Teresa says**

This was my first book by Candace Belvins and I am honestly wondering why I hadn't heard of her before. I actually listened to the Audiobook and it was so hot I think I have burns inside my ears. I will definitely be looking for more of her books.

Acceptable Risk is book 3 of the Chattanooga Supernaturals series. These books are stand alones. As I said this is my first book but I had no problems at all with starting on book and understanding what was going on. I do not have the full back story of each of the characters but there was just enough information on each one

to introduce them sufficiently. This is a rather short book, but oh my was it hot.

In the book Bethany who is a once bit twice shy kind of girl has always joked if she were to settle down it would be with her own harem of men. One night in the bar she says to a friend she would like to have those 3 guys as a harem. Little does she know "those 3 guys" are shifters with super hearing. Mac is a recently turned werewolf and over hears Bethany, Ranger is the one who turned Mac, and Jonathan is a wereleopard.

Bethany gets a whole lot more then she bargains for as well as a future with not one but 3 loves of her life.

This book is filled with super hot sex, BDSM and more. If you are the least bit prudish you may not want to pick this book up. For the rest of us, RUN, get your copy and lock yourself in a room for a few hours.

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The Audiobook is Narrated by Noah Michael Levine. He has done a great job with all the character voices, even the female voice. He did not rush or drag the story out. He kept pace extremely well. He really made this book enjoyable for me.

### **Jeanny says**

This story was first published in the Every Which Way anthology.

The h/Bethany is Gen's best friend. She's under Duke's protection & if i'm not mistaken was first introduced in . I really enjoyed Bethany's story. She's an intelligent & fiercely independent woman. Bethany's not looking to settle down for more than a night. When it comes to her ideal committed relationship Bethany wants what her friend Cassie has, a ménage (Safeword series).

The men:

Jonathan was first introduced in . I quickly fell for that feline.

Mac is a newly turned werewolf who's suffering from a serious case of boredom. He's grown tired of staying home.

Ranger was first introduced to us in as Eric's uncle. Ranger is Mac's sire (?), he's responsible for Mac & educating him in all things werewolf.

The men live together in Jonathan's home as roommates.

The story opens with Ranger reaching out to Duke the Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Club leader for permission to visit his bar. He explains Mac's situation & is given the ok. As Mac, Ranger, & Jonathan walk into the bar Bethany takes notice & comments on her willingness to get friendly with the three of them. Thanks to supernatural hearing Bethany's interest is noted & the story becomes rather interesting from that point on.

I rate this book 5 stars.

I would recommend this book to any pre-existing fans of the "Kirsten O'Shea Universe", The Chattanooga Supernaturals sister series in particular.

UF:

Only Human, gives us a world where were dragons, werewolves, werelions, three different species of vampires, as well as a variety of other mythological beings exist. \*Description is from CB's Amazon page

Only Human series:

Book two - title tba (2016)

PNR:

The Chattanooga Supernaturals & The Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Club, are both sister series to the Only Human series, & gives some kick-ass secondary characters their happily ever after. \*Description is from CB's Amazon page

Chattanooga Supernaturals series:

Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Club series:

(11/2015)

Ghost (2016)

Gonzo(2016)

\*Additional books by author not part of the "Kirsten O'Shea Universe"\*

Erotica:

Safeword series:

\* Safeword: Rainbow

\* Safeword: Davenport

\* Safewords: Davenport and Chiffon

\* Safeword: Quinacridone

\* Safeword: Matte

\* Safeword: Matte - In Training

\* No Safeword: Matte - The Honeymoon

\* No Safeword: Matte - Happily Ever After

\* Safeword: Arabesque

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**? BookAddict ↗ La Crimson Femme says**

mmmm, see my review here. Finally Bethany gets what she wants.

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### **Gem Larkspur says**

My only complaint about Acceptable Risk is that it is too short. I would have liked to get to know Bethany, Jonathan, Ranger, and Mac better. That said, I will definitely be reading more of the Chattanooga Supernaturals. I liked them when they showed up in the Rolling Thunder MC novels, and now they are at the top of my tbr. Menage, shifters, and super hot (kinky) erotica - throw in a bit of drama and suspense, and it's a fast, exciting read. As with all of Ms Blevins novels (that I've read) the writing is fluid and the characters distinct. Bethany isn't the same character from other books recycled in a different dress size. Jonathan, Ranger, and Mac are all distinct characters - not the same guy with different coloring.

I was given an ARC by the author in return for an honest review. I've happily bought three other titles before this one.

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