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Morgan Clan Bears, Book 1

Drake Morgan has kept his family secret from the humans for eternity, having no desire to put their existence out into the open like the other shifterkind. He lives a solitary life with his two brothers hidden on his farm deep in the backwoods of Northern Mississippi.

Every spring, their bears call to prepare their home for the arrival of a mating season. The search for their mates begins, and Drake has to rethink his disgust of humans when one of their females show up on his land, scenting of his destined mate. Morgan's bear demands he keep her for himself, but he knows she will never accept his true nature.

Tessa Ward moved to this little town to hide from her abusive ex, taking two jobs to pay rent and put food on the table. Her position at the local parts store sends her into the heart of the country to make one simple delivery to the local farmer, Drake Morgan. Upon arrival, she is thrown into the world of the paranormal after one touch from the bear shifter and she finds out his true nature.

Mating season has arrived, and Drake is prepared to fight for the woman who is fated to be his bride. When his mate's ex comes lurking around his sacred property, Drake will stop at nothing until his female is safe, even if it means killing a human...not that he cares for them anyway.

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## From Reader Review Mating Season for online ebook

### Sharon Noble says

#### **So glad the Bears got a book!**

Drake Morgan is a bear shifter & doesn't like humans, so when one comes on to his property, he make sure to send them packing. Tessa Ward is a human & goes on to Morgan land to deliver machine parts when she meets Drake. This is not the first time she's been there!

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### Pam says

#### **Original PNR**

I totally enjoyed this book. Lots of detail. Could be a stand alone, has characters from the Rise of the Pride Series, Reading that, you would know them better, but not necessarily needed to read this book. The way Drake took care of his mate melted my heart. My Jimmie draws a bath for me all the time. Not your average Bear. From a True Fan... Pam James.

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### Linda says

This is Book 1 in the Morgan Clan Bears and it was fantastic. I love her Pride series, but I think Drake and his brothers are going to my new favorite guys. Drake hates humans because they killed his parents. Will he come to realize that all humans aren't bad? The bears haven't come out to the public yet, so the family stays away from town. Now he meets Tessa. She's been running from her ex-husband when she gets to Drake's town. She likes the town and the people so she's staying right here. The works hard at the diner and the local parts store and then she meets Drake. The chemistry between them is as hot as a Mississippi summer night. There's so much going on from the beginning to the end and you won't put it down until you read the last word. I see Theresa Hissong has another great series on her hands. I can't wait to read more in this series.

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### C Exley Books (Cassandra) says

If you have read Theresa's series Rise of the Pride you have already met Drake Morgan. This is another awesome read from her. I have been dying to read Drake's book from the minute I first meet him in the Rise of the Pride Series.

Tessa is thankful that she was able to find two places to work at in her new town after having to escape her crazy ex-husband, even it if means she only gets one day a week off to do things for herself.

Drake is growing impatient finding his mate but he knows that it will be impossible to find the one if he is always on his land and not pursuing his bear's mate. But Drake hates humans, and the only place where they do not come is his land that he shares with his two brothers.

Tessa knows about shifters, but she's never met one before Drake and his brothers. And she's definitely never met a bear shifter. Just when Tessa and Drake are getting used to the idea of being mates, trouble comes into town when Tessa's ex is hunting for her.

Now I want a bear shifter as a mate. Where can I find my own? I can't wait for more of the Morgan Clan. I highly recommend this book.

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### **Amy Ariyoshi says**

#### **Had potential but feel a little short**

Loved these characters from her prior books and was really looking forward to reading this book.

My biggest problem with this is that it didn't seem like a final version and instead a unedited draft in many spots. For example, at one part Drake tells Tessa that she can't work at the diner, that she will work for him and she doesn't object but the next day he is taking her to work at the diner. There were more then a few of these glitches and it was frustrating.

Drake and Tessa had a lot of potential but in many ways weren't flushed out and it made relating to them hard in many parts.

I usually really like her books and I still enjoy her writing but this just feel short and I'm a little bummed at having paid what I did for it.

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### **Kristi Metcalf says**

If you have read Theresa Hissong's series Talon Pack you have met Drake Morgan. He is a grouchy bear shifter that sticks to his land, loves his brothers which are his Clan, and hates humans.

Tessa Ward is new to the area, on the run from her abusive ex husband and not in anyway looking for a man, which is good since what she finds is a shifter. LOL

I do love a broody, bearded man and that is exactly what Drake is. Yes his bear is after him to find a mate, however he does not agree that it has to be this little human. Humans are bad and nothing you can say will change his mind.

Lol, the bigger and broodier they are the harder they fall. Drake's bear knows what he wants and he wants the lovely Tessa.

Tessa has been through some crap man, you would think that a man like Drake would scare her but instead there is something that calls her to him. Even though Tessa has had it rough doesn't mean she is a push over though, she stand up for herself when she needs too.

Drake are her really are meant to be, that Drake is a dominant in the bedroom and found Tessa to be submissive is HOT! I love how everyone sees how Tessa has a calming affect on the grouchy bear that he doesn't. However, when Tessa is threatened he is no where near calm!!! She is also calmed by him. Soul Mates!!!!

The way the bears are with their women is awesome and I can't wait to see Drakes brothers find their mates.

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### **Roxanne Davies says**

So this book is about a bear shifter called Drake who is big, strong, protective, possessive and above all

loyal. Then we have Tessa who has been through hell with her ex husband and is trying to live a normal as can be life as possible, that is until she meets Drake.

I had really high hopes for this book when I started to read it. I'm a sucker for any paranormal/shifter story. But sadly overall I thought this book was ok and not amazing in comparison to other similar books I have read. The story was very far fetched and although there was humor here and there which I loved the story lacked action which is a shame because this story had so much potential. Sometimes it felt like the characters were doing the same thing everyday. I believe Bradley (Tessa's ex) should have played a bigger part.

Sometimes it felt like the author was trying to implement too much "50 shades of grey". Drake's character is very dominant while Tessa's character is very submissive. Also at times it honestly felt like I was reading about vampires trapped in bear shifter bodies because the story told us that bear shifter saliva can heal wounds and to become a bear shifter you have to drink the shifter's blood.

I rated 3 stars because although this review may come across negative I still thought the book was ok and I did enjoy the humor in the story.

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### **Jeraca says**

I received this eARC novel from Red Coat Publishing. This is my honest review.

Tessa is thankful that she was able to find two places to work at in her new town after having to escape her crazy ex-husband, even if it means she only gets one day a week off to do things for herself. Some days make it seem rough and hard, but nothing will compare to her life before when she was scared and bossed around.

Drake is growing impatient finding his mate for his shifter, but he knows that it will be impossible to find the one if he is always on his land and not pursuing his bear's mate. But Drake hates humans, and the only place where they do not come is his land that he shares with his 2 brothers.

After hibernation, Drake and his brothers need to get ready to plant their crops to make their money for the new season, so he heads into town to get parts for their tractor. Who knew that the person who will be delivering their parts would be none other than Tessa, a human, who is also Drake's mate.

Tessa knows about shifters, but she's never met one before Drake and his brothers. And she's definitely never met a bear shifter. To say she's intrigued is an understatement, but she has no idea what being a mate is...

Just when Tessa and Drake are getting used to the idea of being mates, trouble comes into town when Tessa's ex is hunting for her. But if you've ever encountered a grizzly bear, you will understand that things are about to get...grizzly...when Drake's mate is threatened...

Wow! This is my second book by Theresa Hissong and I loved it! The first wasn't for me, but give me a good shifter book and I'm in it! I loved how tough but shy Tessa was and I loved how rough and moody Drake was.

I especially loved the 360 of Drake's attitude when he accepted that Tessa was his mate and how attentive he was to her. Now I want a bear shifter as a mate, cause the life they want to give their mates sounds

amazing!!!

It really sucks how bad Tessa's first marriage was and how it got worse as time went on. I'm glad she was able to get out of that situation, even though he wasn't letting her go.

And it was great that Tessa was really able to help Drake get past his hatred toward humans because hating a whole species is not healthy.

I'm very glad I got a chance to read this book, and I will probably be seeking more novels from this series soon to see how the 2 brothers find their mates - especially since they are the ones actively seeking their mate!

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### **Melinda Workman says**

This first book in the Morgan Clan Bears was so good. I enjoyed the new characters (Drake and his two brothers) and also seeing some old familiar faces (Harold and the panther guardians). It had some BDSM elements but just enough to make it spicy and sexy. I especially like when the reader gets to see more than a snapshot in time. The ending was fabulous and I can't wait to read the next book in the series!

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### **Laura says**

\*CONTAINS SPOILERS\* WOW! A GREAT first book to a new paranormal series!! I LOVED IT!!

I fell in love with Rise of the Pride Series and was SO excited to know that Theresa was coming out with another paranormal series and once again, she did not disappoint my excitement! Drake Morgan is a hard working man but he's grumpy, unsociable, dislikes humans and keeps to himself and his 2 brothers maintaining his land and crops. The last thing Drake ever expected or wanted was to find out his mate is a human but Tessa is exactly what he needs and becomes his entire life. Tessa is hardworking, independent, sweet, sociable, feisty and only keeps to herself because she's running from her ex but once Drake touches her, he knows she's his life mate and nothing or no one will keep him from what's his, not even himself and definitely not Tessa's ex. I LOVED everything about this storyline. I also loved that some of the members of the Shaw Pride made an appearance. I highly recommend this book and I can't wait for the next one in this series!!

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### **Kathy Wideman says**

I have been impatiently waiting for this book. It didn't disappoint. This is a spin off series of the Rise of Pride Series. Drake Morgan and his brothers get their home and land ready for a mating season every spring. He doesn't think this season will be any different from the previous seasons until one little female comes onto their land to deliver a part. Tessa is working two jobs and trying to stay under the radar. She has come to their little town to try and hide from her abusive ex. This book was fantastic. I love Theresa's books so much. I was so happy to get to read about the bears I have gotten peaks at in some of Theresa's other books. Drake is amazing. He is a grumpy ass with just about everyone but once he realizes Tessa is his mate. He is different with her. He just wants to pamper her and take care of her. Tessa is amazing too. She has survived

so much at the hands of her ex. She didn't lay down and take it though. She filed for divorce and left. I can't say enough about this book. I can't wait to read the next book in this series. Fantastic book Theresa.

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### **Kimberly says**

#### **His Fate**

Fascinating from the start. The one thing I like about paranormal authors is that each have their own take on the way of life and Theresa's is really interesting. The story ignites the imagination, grizzly shifters that don't necessarily have an Alpha, small family clans, but all seek mates. I really like the dynamics of this shifter town and those that live with and accept them.

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### **Sydney M Neblett says**

Love really conquers all! (even a difference in species)

I loved this! Drake and Tessa are the perfect couple. He needs to learn not all humans are bad and she needs to know that not all men are nasty pieces of work like her stalking ex-husband. Throw in 2 bear brothers, the neighboring pride, an angel and the earth mother and you have a story worth taking the time to read. I am looking forward to the next installment!

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### **Sherry Koch says**

Theresa Hissong has left the pride for a short excursion to a bunch of grumpy bears and I loved it! The bears made an appearance in the previous pride books, but now the reader gets to know them better and how they tick. Drake Morgan and his two brothers generally like to keep to themselves, even though that makes finding a mate fairly difficult. Rex and Gunner, his younger brothers go out more than Drake in the hope of finding a mate. Drake definitely didn't expect his mate to just drive up onto his property. Not only is Tessa on the run from a nasty ex, but she's human. Drake has a deep-seated hatred for humans, can Tessa change his mind? I loved this addition to the Rise of the Pride series and I can't wait for Rex's story.

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### **Jerecho says**

If you read TH series about panther shifters probably you will know it's a tweak of that, the only difference it's a grizzly bear. Also, there are only three in the clan whereas panthers has a pride of 50 or more.

This one is a love story that involves the ex-husband as the protagonist. The highlight for me is the cooperation between the shaw pride and the Morgan clan. No matter how you detest others as the saying goes "no one is an island". You may need help one way or another.

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