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Book #8 of Running With Alphas...

With Alder gone, Hale makes a confession that threatens the balance of their relationship. Can Taylor find her happily ever after with the two alpha brothers, or will she be forced to choose between them once and for all?

This is not a standalone story.

Mates Details

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Judy Lewis says

DELICIOUSLY CUTE AND DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINING !!!

Title: Mates

Series: Running With The Alphas

Designation: Book Eight Werewolf BBW Romance Serial

Author: Viola Rivard

My Rating: FIVE DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINING STARS *****

Oh my! The wait is finally over! Mates is the continuation of Viola Rivard's amazing Running With The Alphas Serial and it was well worth the wait! I love it! This is NOT a standalone story. This is a serial with multiple installments so if you haven't read Books One through Seven, Stop Here! The Books need to be read in the order of their release. The story is exciting, original, fast-paced, compelling, gripping, addictive, humorous, romantic, sweet, heartwarming and a ton of fun. The dialog is smart, well written and flows smoothly. The characters are fascinating, captivating, quirky, engaging, endearing, sexy and at times, laugh out loud funny. Lark, Holly and Glenn are downright hysterical. I can't decide if I should call them the three idiots, the three amigos or the three stooges. Rivard skillfully combines these elements to create a wonderfully written paranormal romance filled with adventure, suspense, humor, family, love, heartbreak, angst and hope. She does an amazing job of connecting the characters from this series with the characters from her Bound to the Alpha series, another great read.

Previously in the series: Taylor has become the mate of both Alder and Hale and things never seem to go smoothly at Halcyon. It seems that Hale and Alder are always at odds and Taylor is always caught in the middle - literally! Whiteriver pack made their move against Hale, Alder and the Halcyon pack. Alder's daughter, Snow, and their pregnant mate Taylor were both kidnapped. Taylor, although severely injured and weak, was rescued but Snow remained a captive until a satisfactory agreement for hunting rights was reached between the two packs. Snow has been safely returned and she finally confesses to Alder that she wants to go live in the human world so he takes her to live with Taylor's former foster mother.

Book Eight: While Alder's away for several months, tensions and jealousy rise between Hale and a very pregnant Taylor who finds herself succumbing to depression. She needs support from Hale but he seems unwilling to give her even a glimmer of love and comfort. Hale finally voices his feelings to Taylor but will she still be able to love him after his surprising dark confession? Taylor is caught in another dangerous situation with only Lark, Holly and Glenn to help her. Oh no! Will Taylor be okay? Will her babies/pups survive? Can the two brother co-alphas, Alder and Hale, somehow manage to put their differences aside? Will the relationship between Taylor and her two alphas survive the strain of pregnancy, absence and jealousy? Oh my goodness gracious! Two sexy wolf alphas who desire the same woman for their mate-check! One beautiful sassy young woman running for her life-check! Danger, drama, jealousy and true feelings are finally revealed-check! Heated attraction, sweet romance, heartbreaking angst and lots of humor-that's a big ten four! That and a whole lot more! Rivard certainly knows how to keep her readers on the edge of their seats. The unlikely triad finally get their ending or should I say beginning, at least for now! Fabulous entertainment and an awesome read!

Complimentary copy received in exchange for review.

Robyn says

I couldn't have asked for anything more than how Ms. Rivard ended this series...assuming this is the end.

Deeply entrenched in the winter months at Halcyon, Taylor, in her third trimester, has settled into a depression that she can't get out of. Hale has all but abandoned her and Alder has not been home for months taking Snow to live with the humans. Worrying about how she will be as a mother to young pups and why Hale is acting the way he is has stressed Taylor out.

We finally get an honest and meaningful reaction out of Hale. To know what he has been thinking and where he will fit into this growing family was heartbreaking. Can they survive as a threesome or will the jealousy break them apart?

Like I said in the beginning, a fantastic ending to a cherished series. The epilogue was a nice surprise as well.

I received a copy in exchange for an honest review.

Linda Levine says

It seems like such a long time ago since my last visit with Taylor, Alder and Hale. Alder and Hale are twins and extremely different in personality. It was not easy for them to form a triad but it was the only way for Hale and Alder to remain together with their family. Hale didn't think Taylor would become so important to him and he is not one to be comfortable with feelings. Alder has left him with Taylor while he helps his daughter and it is a very emotional time for Taylor and Hale. Taylor is dealing with her pregnancy and the separation from Alder and needs his support. I was so happy to see this ending for them. It felt right. There are some really sweet moments and some funny ones as well with Glenn, Lark and Holly. You don't want to miss this piece of the story. If you haven't read the other books, please do and then come back and read this one. I received a copy in return for an honest review.

Aschlie Brake - The Piggy has Flown Books says

What an excellent ending to such a great series! I am super sad for such a great story to come to an end. And I am still on Team Hale, even to the end. I do have to confess though, that there was not enough of Hale at the end for my liking!

Viola always keeps me entertained and completely enraptured with her writing. And I have come to be addicted to her Werewolf books and their series! It has gotten to the stage that I stalk her sites and my email for when the next episodes come out, it is fun and frustrating at the same time. Because you get into the story and then you have to wait for the next episode.

Within this ending episode, we see Taylor finally confront Hale on his distance, I still don't feel it was truly addressed, just bandaged to make it still limp along. Taylor has come to the end of her pregnancy, and the delivery of her twins is so exciting, and funny too boot! Alder finally comes home, and finds himself a complete surprise. The relationship with the Twin Daddies to their Twin wee babes is just adorable.

I especially loved how each one bonded to a specific one, always the ones that need their love the most. It is great that Alder to bond with the strong oldest pup; and that Hale, the gruff and yielding one, to bond to the weak youngest pup that needs the most nurturing. And is completely the complete turn around, and what was

completely what I felt with reading this series. Alder is strong, well match in battle with his twin Hale, but he has this fierce back bone and is a born leader. While Hale, the gruff, complete brute of the twins, has this extraordinary tough exterior actually has a Stay-Puff heart.

Saša says

Finely we finde out what happened with Taylor when she slipped. Hale is having a hard time over Taylor. She is suffering because Adler is on his way to take Snow to humans, and she is very lonely. Hale is keeping his distance from her and she hates him for that. But she does not know the real reason for that behavior. When Hale tells her what he feels, she is stunned but relived he still loves her. There are some intense moments when Taylor goes into labour but.... In this book there is not a lot of sex scene, it goes mostly about how Taylor feels and how is Hale coping with new situation. The end is so heart melting. I liked how this series come to an end, i loved every part of this series. I can not wait to see what has Viola prepared for us to come.

Nickcole says

Stars: 4

Overall: Alder is gone for the winter because he is sending his daughter off to live in the human world and Taylor is having a hard time coping. Hale is keeping his distance from Taylor because he is scared about how he truly feels about her and how they are going to make the trio work. There is a little bit of drama and also a dangerous moment, but in the end they all get their HEA.

Characters: Alder; Taylor & Hale

Page Turner: Yes

Series Cont: No

Recommend: Yes

Kristy says

I've just finished reading Mates, book 8 of the "Running with Alphas" series by Viola & I think I may have started reading this series in the wrong direction.... oopsie. This is NOT a stand-alone, if you haven't started from the beginning please do, as you'll miss out on all the juicy details like I just have. I plan on starting from the beginning myself as soon as I'm able, especially now that the series is complete, I'm not sure I'd be able to handle to wait in between the installments.

Taylor is heavily pregnant, Alder is away from the pack for the time being & Hale is distancing himself from

Taylor... So many emotions come to play for Taylor, does Hale not love her anymore?? Will Alder come back?? What a beautiful ending for this series, (is this the end??) at times it made me cry, it was emotional... I felt for Taylor during her last months of pregnancy, I remember how uncomfortable it was for me. I love reading Viola's books & can't wait for what comes next.

Deanna from Deanna's World says

I've been looking forward to this last installment of the series for a while now, at the same time being a bit anxious about whether I would enjoy it or not. I wanted the relationship situation between Taylor, Alder and Hale to be settled and to see them living together in peace and harmony. Yes, I do love a happy ending.

Resolution of the relationship didn't come easy with Alder being away for the winter and Taylor being left on her own with a very surly and conflicted Hale. I thoroughly enjoyed the insights into Hale's feelings as he confessed how he felt to Taylor.

I'm glad that the relationship was properly resolved and enjoyed the final confrontation between Hale and Alder about their status as mates to Taylor.

The arrival of the twins was harrowing and adorable. I loved the epilogue and getting a glimpse of their lives as they settle into domesticity and routine. I expect life this throw more curve balls at them as living in the wilderness is wont to do but that's for another story and another time.

Thoroughly enjoyable last installment to the series.

Cilicia White says

This is the final part in a beautiful ménage story. Taylor is in the last stages of her pregnancy and she is feeling very lonely and scared. Adler is away taking his daughter to live with humans while Hale is keeping his distance. Taylor thinks she will be a terrible mother and is not ready to give birth. This story really focused on Taylor and Hale and at times I was pissed off at not only Hale but Taylor. At times I felt like Taylor was playing with the emotions of both brothers. I felt that at times she only wanted Hale when Adler wasn't available and I really didn't see any real love between them that wasn't sexual. At times it seemed as she only stayed with Adler because she couldn't control Hale and she didn't like how he treated her. Hale at times seemed like a little boy who didn't want Taylor but he didn't want his twin to have her either. I was glad that the three of them were able to overcome their problems. This story did end in a HEA.

I received a copy of this book for a honest review...

Sue Davis says

I WAS GIVEN THIS BOOK FOR AN HONEST REVIEW AND THIS IS MY HONEST REVIEW ...
OVER 18 READERS...
A GREAT NEW STORY VIOLA

With Alder gone for months and Taylor pregnant and Hale ignoring her, Taylor is having a hard time. She knows nothing of being pregnant, much less being pregnant with twin wolves. She feels left alone with both mates neither one spending time with her, she knows it's not Alder's fault, winter travel in the mountains can be hard even for a wolf, but Hale is at the camp and he doesn't come near her. What is wrong? Don't they love her anymore now that she is pregnant? What will happen after she has the babies? Can they have a happy marriage? Then she is caught in a cave in, gives premature birth to the twins. Gets found, a week later Alder returns. Alder and his twin Hale talk about sharing their mate? Can they when both want her for themselves? When asked Hale comes to the same decision Alder already has. What was decided? I LOVE THE WAY IT TAKES YOU FROM FEELING SORRY FOR TAYLOR, TO AFRAID FOR HER, TO LOVING, TO WONDERING IF THE GUYS WILL FIGHT, TO JUST WILL THEY LEARN TO JUST LOVE EACH OTHER.

Stacey says

Taylor is still Pregnant and Hale is treating her like she doesn't exist. This is the last time when and if you have read the book prior now if not you need to read the books in order.
now Alder is gone with Snow in the last we heard.
and Hale is ignoring Taylor.,.
twins are supposed to be born next year.
Alder won't be back til after winter.
so what will happen will Alder take Snow back to Cain and Sarah. or take her where Taylor suggested to where she grew up in foster care. or will Cain disallow it or will Alder make the decision to do what is right for his daughter. find this and more out also why are they allowing the other pack Sila's pack in their den find this out by reading this. also after reading this review because any author can tell you they love reviews this was an ARC review in exchange for an honest review

Lisa says

I definitely loved the story and background of the three characters. This story has adventure, suspense, sexy scenes and romance to boot! I've read other Viola Rivard books previously. My favorite being the Dragon's Appraiser with this being a close second. She's got excellent writing skills for paranormal romance books. The characters are believable even when they are in their animal forms. The dialogue flows wonderfully and the plot doesn't halt but keeps steadily moving. It's exciting to read. Plus all the passion and desire between all the characters make for scrumptious reading! They're strong and flawed and every second with them is a blast.

I do recommend it to everyone.

*****Gifted ARC copy*****

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Lisa says

Just finished the final book of Running with Alphas by Viola Rivard. It was a great conclusion to the story

about Taylor, Hale, and Adler. This story picks up with Taylor and Hale trying to find there way while Adler is taking Snow to be with humans so she can find her place. Taylor is still very much pregnant and is dealing with human emotions of being pregnant, missing Adler's affection, and dealing with Hale's unreasonable emotions. The story ends with Taylor having pups but how they get there is exciting and scary.

If you love paranormal involving wolves (who doesn't), you will love these books. Even better for you, you can get them all and not have to patiently wait for the next installment. The characters are well developed and have qualities that make them each redeeming, even Hale. Last but not least, it ends with babies shifting for the first time. Congratulations on a wonderful conclusion to one of my favorite wolf sets.

Frances says

Alpha's with baby pups

Very cute loving family story. Even if it's with one human, two hot Alpha's and two baby pups. Happily ever after they will have.

Alicia says

Loved this final book in the series. Couldn't ask for anything better.
