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Triad: Book Four

Joseph Anderson was heartbroken when his childhood best friend Dominick Levent moved away. Years later, Joseph is a successful real estate broker with good friends, an easy smile, and a stunning house. When he finds a dying mountain lion who miraculously shifts into Dominick's sister, Joseph must find Dominick and reunite him with the two young sons she left behind.

When mountain lion shifter Dominick gets a call telling him his sister is dead, he rushes home to protect his nephews and avenge his sister. Seeing Joseph brings back the feelings Dominick tried to bury and he dares to hope Joseph's newfound knowledge of shifters means they can finally be together.

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Chris Kottner-Kirschner says

Mit voller Wucht und unerwartet holt die Vergangenheit den Immobilienmakler Joseph Anderson ein, als er über eine Kindheitsfreundin stolpert, die im Sterben liegt und ihm ihre Kinder anvertraut. Es handelt sich dabei um keine gewöhnlichen Kinder, sondern um Gestaltwandler. Gestaltwandler? Und so erfährt Joseph auch endlich die Wahrheit über seinen ehemals besten Freund Dominick – den Onkel der Jungen, der ihn vor so vielen Jahren einfach fortgeschickt und den Kontakt abgebrochen hat.

Der Mord an seiner Schwester und die Verantwortung für die Jungen lasten schwer auf Dominicks Schultern, der als US Marshall ständig unterwegs ist und eigentlich als Einzelgänger lebt. Doch Die Kinder brauchen Stabilität und ein Rudel. Und Dominick braucht Joseph. Nie konnte er den Freund seiner Kindheit vergessen und je länger er in der Nähe des Menschen ist, desto stärker werden seine Gefühle für ihn.

Wilde Magie ist ein schöner Abschluss der Triade-Reihe. Hier werden nun die letzten, offenen Fragen beantwortet, die sich um den Wandler Riley handeln, der von Wölfen aufgenommen wurde. Die Hauptakteure Joseph und Dominick sind völlig neu und unbekannt. Leider bleiben sie etwas oberflächlich und die Autorin ihnen nur wenig Profil verpasst. Allerdings hat es mir sehr gut gefallen, dass Joseph zu Beginn sehr reserviert ist und nur um der Kinder Willen mit Dominick zusammenarbeitet.

Aber es brodelt auch bei ihm unter der Oberfläche und selbst verletzte Gefühle lassen sich auf Dauer nicht unterdrücken. Natürlich gibt es ein Happy End und Joseph und Dominick entscheiden sich am Ende für einen sehr mutigen und selbstlosen Schritt zum Wohle der Kinder.

El Ma says

Das war mal nix, liebe Poppy Dennison :-(

<https://elmaliest.wordpress.com/2017/...>

LiveYourLife BuyTheBook says

3.5 Stars

A "*Live Your Life, Buy The Book*" Review

Joseph Anderson thought he was simply going for a hike when he hears a mountain lion attack. As he happens upon the scene of what evidently isn't an attack at all, he finds two young children crying over a very sickly mountain lion. Because that wasn't surreal enough, the mountain lion shifts into one of his childhood friends. She's dying and asks Joseph to take her children to her brother, Dominick. Joseph is overwhelmed by his newfound knowledge of shifters, his need to care for two small children, and needing to contact Dominick. Joseph fell in love with Dominick when they were teens only to have Dominick suddenly cut him from his life. All Joseph knows is Dominick is a US Marshal. While on a job outside the US,

Dominick gets a phone message from his childhood friend, Joseph, which leads to a phone call where Joseph has to tell him about his sister's death. Dominick immediately goes to Joseph's home, which is actually quite nicer than anything Dominick had expected, and sees his nephews again. Unfortunately, Dominick doesn't know what killed his sister or if any or all of them are in active danger. He also doesn't have a place to live with his nephews and will have to change his office within the Marshal system. He needs more of Joseph's help.

Dominick was in love with Joseph when they were children. The depth of his emotion made it hard for him to control his shift while around Joseph. To maintain the secrecy and safety of shifters he severed all ties. He never got over the loss. It seems Joseph was also really hurt by the loss. Both men have lived productive and successful lives apart, but still remember keenly both their love and the hurt it caused. Both men also realize the welfare of the children far supersede any petty anger they may feel about secrets and crushes from the past. Dominick uproots his life to take care of his nephews. Joseph gives them a home during the process. Dominick also learns his old pack was completely wiped out by whatever killed his sister. He has no one but Joseph and his friend to turn to for help with the kids. Finally, both men admit to still carrying a torch for the other. Amongst all the family and romantic drama, Dominick has to go to work. As a Marshal he's responsible for the safety and whereabouts of witnesses. He is out to find a witness who just so happens to be supernatural. Dominick knows there is no way he can take the guy to jail, it simply will not work. He can however help Dominick find out about the death of his sister and his former pack. Dominick and Joseph learn they aren't alone in raising little mountain lion cubs.

This was a story of losing and rebuilding family. The loss of Dominick's sister and how it impacted both his and his nephews' lives was tragic. Whereas the previous triad books were about the violence and how to stop the bad guys, Wild Magic was about the aftermath and the clean up. How do you rebuild your life when the glue that held it together is gone? Dominick has to start over at work as well as take care of others instead of continuing to live his life as a loner. In both cases he ends up happier for it. He also finds a new extended family in the process. Joseph has to give Dominick a second chance.

Okay, so a story about rebuilding your family should have a good romance at the heart of it. After all, this is a romance novel, right? I thought the romance fizzled out. The majority of the book the two guys were circling each other not knowing how get back what they had in their youth. Suddenly, they've forgiven and are ready to go again. All's well that ends well. It all happened in about three pages. I found myself not really buying it. The men did have romantic thoughts toward each other, but they largely dealt with the past and the opportunity missed. Other than some jealousy, the opportunity to roll out the men falling in love again as they built their life together without realizing it was also missed. Instead, we have two guys all but entering a committed relationship a few pages after that wasn't even an option either man imagined was possible.

Tina says

While Wild Magic is the fourth book in Poppy Dennison's popular Triad series, it is great as a stand alone. I didn't read the previous three books, and this one made perfect sense to me. There were several vague references to prior events which I assumed happened in books one through three, but it didn't detract from the story being told in Wild Magic.

I am not generally a fan of supernatural fiction. Sometimes it's ok, but definitely not my first choice. I had the opportunity to read and review Wild Magic. With the success of the series and getting to know Poppy a

little bit on Face Book, I wanted to give it a try. I am glad I did! I learned a valuable lesson. Never rule out an entire genre. If I had declined Wild Magic on the grounds that I don't like paranormal books, I would have missed out on a fun read.

Joseph Anderson and Dominic Levent were childhood friends for years. Dominic's younger sister Krista often tagged along. The boys both had crushes on each other, but neither knew it. Dominic was born a mountain lion shifter. As his sexual desire for Joseph began to grow, Dominic found it increasingly difficult to control his urge to shift. The shifter pack had been taught early and often that humans must never find out about their existence. Because of this Dominic told Joseph he couldn't see him any more and disappeared from his life, taking his secret feelings with him.

Fifteen years later Joseph is a successful real estate agent and Dominic is a U.S. Marshal. Joseph is hiking in the mountain trails behind his childhood home and hears children yelling for their mother. He prepares to face what he believes is a mountain lion. The boys are yelling at their mother, not to her. She has been gravely injured and is dying. All Joseph sees is an injured mountain lion and two small boys close to it. When he tells the boys to get away, they refuse. The lion turns into Krista before Joseph's eyes. She says it is too late for her but that Joseph must take her two sons and find Dominic. The boys are in danger and Dominic will know what to do. As Krista dies, Joseph realizes that he has no choice but to take the boys, ages four and six, to his home in the city and try to contact their Uncle.

As soon as Dominic arrives, he is stunned by his sister's death, scared for his nephews who he was rarely allowed to see because the pack Alpha saw him as a threat and didn't want him around, and immediately reminded of his attraction to Joseph. Poor, confused Joseph. He still has no idea why Dominic left him when they were teens or what is happening now. Dominic has no choice but to tell him, and show him.

Joseph is blown away by Dominic's beauty in his cat form. Just as he is wondering if he can make Dom purr like a cat, the boys come in and Dom does start to purr. Joseph thinks it is one of the most beautiful sounds he has ever heard. After changing back to his human form, Dom begins to answer Joseph's questions. His attraction to Joseph comes out, but Joseph keeps his mutual attraction to himself for now.

Dom needs to find out what happened to his sister and their pack. He finds the entire pack has been killed and somehow Krista got the boys out in time to save them. Dom receives help from his Marshals partner and they begin to investigate. Enter a Wolf-shifting bartender and a Mage who is Dom's current case. They lead to the local wolf pack where the Alpha is also gay and assures Dominic that the one responsible for the massacre of the mountain lion pack has been killed.

While at the wolves' compound, Dom senses an Alpha mountain lion shifter. A little boy, the son of the previous Alpha has also survived. He is friends with Dom's nephews and the three have been communicating through the mind link that the Alpha shares with all his pack members.

Dominic and Joseph begin to explore their feeling for each other and try to find a way to make a "pack of their own" with Dom's nephews. Difficult and painful decisions have to be made based on what is best for the children. As is usually the case (thankfully for the readers!) the best choice for the children is the best choice for everyone involved.

I am a sucker for a long lost love given a second chance story. That is really what this book was at its heart. It was a comfort to Joseph, who thought he had done something wrong, or perhaps given away his attraction to Dom and driven him away when they were younger. It was more than comforting to Dom to learn of Joseph's mutual desire for him.

Wild Magic is a light, sweet story about lost love rediscovered. It just happens to be complicated by shifters, children and a job that requires Dom to travel a lot. Since when, in the world of romance, have those things been too big to overcome? This time they aren't, either. Highly recommended.

Brooklyn says

Loved this series. The little ones are so cute! Especially as animals. It was fun to see everyone in Gray's pack again. Even if just for a short while.

Jacq says

This book started out interesting. Smexy scene starts at 84% and was a little off, for a shifter book.

Christy says

I fell in love with mountain lions when I was a young girl. In my mind they were the epitome of beauty, grace, strength, and savagery. We would go up into the mountains of North Carolina to camp and sometimes we would hear their screams. It never scared me, it just made me be even more in awe of these wild creatures. So when I knew the latest book in a favorite series of mine 'Triad' by Poppy Dennison included a mountain lion, I was jumping all over waiting for it. I was definitely not disappointed.

I honestly couldn't begin to understand how I might react if, like Joseph, I came across two young boys hovering over a dying mountain lion which then shifts into a young woman I used to know. Personally, I thought Joseph handled it pretty darn well. Krista begs him to protect her boys and get them to her older brother, Dominick. Joseph and Dominick used to be the best of friends until high school when Dominick told him they couldn't be friends anymore, which hurt Joseph as he'd been very attracted to Dominick. So, Joseph takes Avery and Blake back to his home and tracks down Dominick. Seeing Dom again and verifying that shifters are real and that was why Dom abandoned their friendship spins Joseph on his axel.

Dom works for the US Marshall service, and he is stunned when he gets the call from Joseph and rushes to his house to get some answers and his nephews. Dom is shocked to see Joseph after fifteen years. Dom had to end their friendship, it was getting too difficult to hide what he was, especially since he was attracted to Joseph also. But Dom is in for more shocks when he travels to the mountain lion compound and discovers everyone dead, a strange sulfur smell, and the scent of wolves over that. Now Dom has got to figure out what is going on when there is no pack left and he has to be a parent to two young boys, which Dom is pretty clueless about. Not to mention he got transferred to the local Marshall's office and now has witnesses to track down, too.

There was a lot of excitement in this story. It subtly wove together parts of the stories from the first three installments and did it in a way that was seamless and kept the flow of this plot line running. Dom had to let go of some issues and learn to trust, and part of that was to meet with Alpha Gray and get answers about the

wolves, the mages, and his own mountain lion pack. Plus, when Dom and Joseph go to meet Gray and his mate, Simon, they find Riley, the mountain lion alpha's son, who is now alpha and has been conversing telepathically with Avery and Blake. Boy, things just got more confusing, particularly after Gray, Simon, and Dominick lay all of their cards on the table.

I adored this fourth installment. I fell in love with Dominick, Joseph, and the boys. It was wonderful to reconnect with characters from the other books and to watch the story come together. I can not begin to thank Poppy Dennison enough for having written this fourth book. I was so sure there would only be three, so this story was a blessing! I can't recommend this series enough. It's fantastic!

NOTE: This book was provided by Dreamspinner Press for the purpose of a review on Rainbow Book Reviews.

Adara says

[I've done the drive between Atlanta and Knoxville regularly, and there is NO WAY th

T.M. Smith says

Joey and Nickie grew up together, child hood friends who lost each other because of a secret. All grown up, Joseph is a successful real estate agent and Dominick works as a US Marshall. Joey still lives in the same small town, as does Nickie's sister and two small nephews, though Dominick hasn't had much contact with them either since he moved away. When Joseph stumbles upon Dominick's sister just before her death, he winds up temporary care giver of her two small children, promising to get them to Dominick and keep them safe.

Dominick drops everything to rush home when he get's Joseph's call. Devastated by the death of his sister, overwhelmed with the new responsibilites of being a father to his young nephews, and hopeful that now that Joseph knows his secret, the secret that drove him away, they can finally be together. A visit to the place where his sister died and her packs compound yield more questions than answers and soon, Dominick finds himself in the company of the wolf pack that are caring for his nephews new alpha.

Throughout the story, Dominick and Joseph struggle with their long buried feelings for one another. Although they display those feelings with small gestures and not so subtle stares, they don't actually act on it until close to the end of the book. It was nice to see where things are going to go with Riley and the other survivors of his mountain lion pack, but I don't think this book should have been titled as 'Triad book #4'. It didn't have the same feel as the first 3 books or the same flow with the writing or the characters. When I listened to the first 3 books in the Triad series, they all flowed seamlessly like one long book split into 3 parts.

And even though it's the same narrator, Robert G Davis, he sounded different in this book as well. Overall the the plot and the narration seemed underwhelming to me in comparison to the previous books in this series. I think perhaps I had expectations going into this book that were developed with the previous books, and though this was an enjoyable read that cleared up some unanswered questions, I thought it could have been better.

** I received a copy of this audio book from Dreamspinner Press in exchange for an honest review through MM Good Book Reviews **

Lily says

3.4 stars. Compared to the previous three instalments, 'Wild Magic' came across as rather underdeveloped in all its dimensions - plot, characterisations, romance. This might be due to the significantly shorter length, but I was still a bit disappointed... It covered to some extent plot aspects regarding the mountain lions' pack and their survivors. The protagonists were interesting individuals, yet their relationship unravelled too quickly and did not feel solid enough especially with the past issues. Overall, a pleasant read which only somewhat measured up to its very engaging prequels.

Nikyta *Miss Forgetful* says

This review can be found at [The Blog of Sid Love](#).

First things first. If you haven't read the Triad series... well, you seriously need to get your butt in gear and read them because they're great. Different, intense at times but still has enough soft and sweet moments to make it not too heavy but an engaging read nonetheless.

With Wild Magic, it's no different. While we aren't experiencing the wolves as much, we're taken in a different direction in what's happened to the surviving mountain lions that no one knew about and the fear that they're still in danger. For those that have read the Triad series, you'll know why this is so significant. I loved the fact that we got to see more of the cats but also enjoyed exploring how a human reacts to knowing about shifters.

It was interesting to see the relationship between Dominick and Joseph, who were best friends back when they were teenagers. Unfortunately, Dom had to break off their friendship when he realized he was in danger of spilling his shifter secret to Joseph. When they meet again, Joseph is still hurt by Dom's sudden withdraw but he's willing to put aside his feelings for the boys... especially when he still yearns to be in Dom's arms. This story goes beyond that, however, by eventually bringing both types of shifters together that will ultimately set things to right. Along the way is the possibility of trouble and the fear that Dom might not be enough for his nephews to survive while also exploring a little of Dom and Joseph's rekindling relationship.

I loved that Joseph was so willing to get Avery and Blake to safety even when he just got the shocking of a lifetime. He's a sweet, successful and tender man. Dominick is hard to explain. When he hears about what happened to his sister, he's lost. He has no idea how to raise two little boys and even less of an idea of how to keep them safe. It was obvious to me that he still wanted Joseph so I found his need to protect both the boys and Joseph so adorable. Joseph and Dom together fit perfectly, IMO, because where Dom was nervous and unsure, Joseph gave him a shoulder to lean on and where Joseph was unsure, Dom gave him the strength to figure things out. I just loved these two and Dom's little nephews! Soooo cute! I had this little "OMG, I KNEW IT!" moment when I realized who Avery and Blake were... it was great and I'm curious if other

readers will make the same connection that I did.

I only had two issues with this book. One, I felt like Avery and Blake spoke and acted much older than the ages of six and four. Second, the resolution to the conflict was very anti-climactic to the point that I was left wondering if that was it. Beyond that, I wished the story, in general, had been longer so that some of the scenes and what was glossed over could have been expanded on. I wished there had been a tad more emphasis on the romance because there wasn't enough to make me really understand their feelings (as there were with the previous couples) but I'd love to know where Joseph and Dominick go from here and to see their actual mating.

In the end, I adored this story just as much as I enjoy all of Ms. Dennison's books. I've always loved this world and I'm happy that we got more of a taste from it but from a cat's point of view instead. It was definitely interesting and I loved the moment when the connection between the previous Triad books and this one became known. I sincerely hope there's more to come of this series because I'm not ready yet to let it go!

Pixie Mmgoodbookreviews says

3 1/2 - 4 Hearts

Review written for MM Good Book Reviews

This book is part of a series and is best read in order. Joseph stumbles across a dying mountain lion and two young boys while hiking, he is surprised and disbelieving when the lion changes into the sister of his childhood best friend, Dominick, and she begs him to take the children and take them to Dominick. Dominick a U.S. Marshal is surprised when Joseph calls telling him his sister is dead and his nephews need him, he rushes home to protect his nephews and to discover what happened to his sister. But he never forgot Joseph, the man he longed for, and now Joseph knows the truth about shifters Dominick can only hope that he now has a chance at happiness.

While this story is directly linked to the previous books it is more of an off shoot wrapping the up loose ends of Riley's confession of his pack mates in Soul Magic. Joseph gets more than he bargained for while taking a hike in the woods, his discovery helps to explain why his best friend cut him out of his life but Joseph isn't prepared to forgive so easily. Dominick left Joseph behind rather than admit his secret, now with Joseph discovering his secret and helping to care for his nephews Dominick hopes he will have a chance to make Joseph his, but first he has to discover what happened to his old pack and protect his nephews.

I quite enjoyed this story, it wasn't as action packed or magic filled like the previous books but it was still a very enjoyable story. Dominick left Joseph behind years ago because his attraction to Joseph was causing his shift to become unstable and Dominick couldn't tell Joseph his secret, now though Joseph has discovered the truth and Dominick discovers the attraction is still as fierce as ever. Joseph still finds it hard to believe what he saw but with Dominick confirming it Joseph is overcome with hurt that Dominick never told him. While they dance around their feelings for each other they have more important things to worry about, like what happened to Dominick's old pack and looking after two boys who have just lost their mother.

The relationship between Dominick and Joseph is pretty good with just a touch of hurt feelings keeping them from acting on their attraction, Dominick and Joseph work together to look after Blake and Avery and when

they discover what happened to the pack they have to decide together what is best for the boys. I really liked the storyline and liked how everything connected together giving us answers and wrapping up a loose end, the way the relationship played out was quite relaxed with no real tension other than hurt feelings but it takes sometime for those hurt feelings to fade. The dilemma of what was best for the boys was well thought out with the adults tense while the boys playing nicely unaware of the tension floating around. We do get to see Gray and Simon as Dominick goes to them with questions and gets a lot more answers than he thought he would.

I recommend this to those who love shifters, reuniting children, rekindling friendship and love, some smoking hot sex and two men finding their happily ever after.

Sadie Forsythe says

2.5

This is by far the weakest offering of the Triad series. It felt much more like an extended epilogue to address what happened to Riley's little friends Avery and Blake (who are introduced at the end of Soul Magic) than an actual book or story of its own. Its timeline runs concurrent to most of the last book and it essentially answers the question, when Riley was being adopted by Simon, Avery and Blake were doing what?

It's only about half as long as the other books. It also doesn't involve a certain type of magic (mind, body or soul), which means I don't know what the title is supposed to refer to. But worst of all, there isn't much in line of a plot. Avery and Blake's uncle is called back from overseas to raise them, he doesn't know what he'll do, his old best friend helps, they of course fall (back) in love, and eventually they merge with the High Moon Pack and have a happy ending.

Sure, it's a feel-good, but it's also booooring and predictable. Even worse, it doesn't even bother with the important parts of the little bit it has. For example, after living together for a month or so while Dom tries to settle things to raise the boys Joseph takes him house-hunting. Dom finds fault with all the houses because he really just wants Joseph to ask him to stay with him. But the reader hadn't been given even one flirty, sexy, UST, loving, etc scene. NOTHING. We'd seen Dom's first day of work, the boys and Joseph cooking dinner with the token female BFF and that sort of thing, but nothing between Dom and Joseph. So, the reader has no emotional investment in the relationship, it doesn't feel natural, and honestly I just couldn't be bothered to care.

I think this series has always been about men loving their kids and families. I'll grant that that touches an easily twanged "awww" string in me (and probably most women), but my this particular book didn't put enough effort into the men, the kids or the family to pull it off. At the end they remained 3 distinct things and unless merged together they just don't have any notable effect.

Love Bytes Reviews says

3.5 star review by Vicki

Hmmm... I have mixed feelings about this book.

Joseph is out for a hike in the woods one day, and hears a scream. He gets to a clearing in time to see a mountain lion turn in to a woman and die, leaving two small boys alone. He knows the woman, she's his old friend's sister, and just before she dies, she asks Joseph to find her brother Dominick, for her sons.

Mountain lion shifter/US Marshall Dominick Levent receives the worst phone call ever, his sister is dead and his old best friend has her sons. He rushes home as fast as he can. He finds a very confused Joseph with two grieving little boys. Dominick has some explaining to do....

Which he does, and we get a nice little story about the reuniting of old friends, and the forming of a new family. All of that is just fine, and I did like Joseph and Dominick. But. This all relates to the last three books very vaguely. Dominick and his sister were part of the mountain lion pack that the triad wiped out, Dominick leaving long before it all happened, and his sister escaping, with her sons, just like Riley did. There is the mention of the boys at the end of the last book I think it was, very briefly. It has none of the passion or excitement of the other three books, it almost felt like a few chapters that could have been part of one of the other books, integrating the characters fully in to the full story. It wasn't bad at all, I enjoyed it, but I'm not sure it worked as a book on its own. It's also half the length of the other books. The series felt complete at the end of the last book, this confused me a bit. It was good, and if I hadn't just read the other three that were so strong I may have rated it higher.

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Taya says

I have no idea why I waited so long to read this story. Like the other books in this series, I just gobbled it up. I must say that I have always felt that whole series is about Grey and Simon from the first book and the additional books plus couples were just stand in before the main couple came. This book didn't feel whole and I need more story involving around just Dom, Joey, and family before they reintroduce the Alpha couple. But the overall nice addition to Triad series but not as complete as the previous books.
