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Like the Siberian tiger he can transform into, Maks Altán is a strong, ferocious fighter who's incredibly protective of his Sentinel kin. But thanks to a debilitating injury, he feels anything but fierce. That is, until he is sent to guard Katie Maddox, a gorgeous healer who awakens a dangerous lust within him. Problem is, in the shifter world, Katie's deer alter ego is easy prey...and much too tempting for Maks.

As unnamed danger lurks just beyond her awareness, Katie has doubts—about her abilities, her role in the Sentinels and the strange desire she feels toward her new protector. But somehow, the wounded predator and his wary prey must ignore their instincts, their fears and their dangerous attraction to each other in order to defeat their common enemy!

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## From Reader Review Tiger Bound for online ebook

### **TINNGG says**

So Maks' problem was that initiation was done too young and didn't take. Ok. Too bad we weren't privy to the conversations after he got reinitiated by the h. There was the implication that there would BE one.

Interesting that a local icehole was used to torment the h. One would think that he'd be wary of her putting HIM down.

Something puzzled me - the bad guy gave off minion vibes in the previous books, yet he's taken over... or gone rogue. Wouldn't that require a backbone? He didn't impress me as having one in previous books.

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### **Debbie Heaton says**

In Durgin's paranormal romance novel, Maks Altan is a strong, very protective, ferocious fighter just like the Siberian tiger he can transform into. Wounded, he is sent to guard Katie Maddox, an attractive healer who awakens a strong lust within him. But she becomes a deer in her alter ego which is prey to his alter ego. Uncertain of her abilities, she also fights the attraction she feels to Maks. But to survive, they must unite and stand together against their enemy.

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### **Danielle says**

This is the first book I've read by Doranna Durgin, and I enjoyed it quite a bit. I keep changing my stars from 3 to 4, so I guess I'd rate this one a 3 1/2.

It was a fairly fast read for me - finished it within a couple of days - and it was a sweet one, too. Maks and Katie's relationship wasn't the kind that scorches the pages with its sexual intensity, but that's what made it a nice change-up. To me, anyway. It seemed that their love blossomed more out of mutual understanding and respect rather than sexual lust, so yeah, a nice change from the norm.

Another nice change-up was Katie's personality. I like a strong heroine as much as the next gal, but all-too-often, "strong" is equated with a smart mouth and a huge dose of confidence. Katie was neither of those, but she was still strong. It was just nice to see a heroine who was insecure about her abilities and was quiet and shy unless she was backed into a corner. I liked seeing her come out of that, yes, but I definitely identify more with the "run away from all my problems and keep my mouth shut to keep the peace" type of heroine than the kind who kicks butt and has a comeback for everything.

Maks was nice, but I guess he just isn't my cup of tea as far as heroes go. He was the strong, silent type, and I tend to fall for the chatty ones. Still, I liked him, it was just that he didn't bowl me over.

I'd recommend this book for when you want a light romance that doesn't rip your heart out in the process of reaching HEA-land.

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### **Diane says**

#### **3.5 stars Goodreads, 4 stars Amazon. I love Maks, but the concept behind his fugue troubles, not so much**

Both lead characters are appealing and original choices: a protective-but-damaged powerful man who's more wild and less verbal than most Sentinels because of his traumatic early years, now fumbling to regain control after a Core attack left him more unstable than he's admitted, and a woman whose imprecise seer ability and animal form of a small deer left her vulnerable to bullying from some and dismissiveness from most among the mainly-large-and-predatory Sentinels until she made her own life apart from them, only using her other talents, those of a healer, to help humans' pets. The attraction between them would be difficult to begin with, with a deer's wariness of a tiger, but add in Maks's fits of confusion and weakness, and the puzzling effects after Katie's healing brings them closer, and have an intense and challenging path to find their HEA.

The principal antagonist is one we met in *Wolf Hunt*, here revealed to be more forceful and evil than he first appeared to be while under the authority of his disgraced drozhar, F\_\_\_\_ Gausto (Sorry, I'm terrible with names), with an unexpected tie to Maks' past. His tools include a thoroughly unpleasant but completely human man who resents Katie, and a massive and human-intelligent beast created in another of his experiments.

Consider the next section of this review SPOILER-marked, since I've got to discuss some things Katie doesn't figure out until well along in the book.

(view spoiler)

### **END SPOILERS**

My one other criticism is that Nick Carter, now Brevis Southwest's regional Consul, probably should've reached outside his region for assistance if his forces were really spread so thin by casualties that Maks alone was his best choice to protect Katie, even for a while after the seriousness of her situation became more clear.

Still, Durgin's writing is fine as ever, the climactic confrontation is exciting and suspenseful, and enough questions are answered and evil plans thwarted for a satisfying ending.

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### **Amanda Oscar says**

By all means my favorite of Doranna Durgin's Sentinel Series! Maks is such the strong, silent type, and deserves to find Katie at just the right time. Doranna also does a wonderful job of giving a twist to it, by the trouble that Maks and Katie encounter in pursuit of their romance. What a protector, and what a great ending! so thrilled yet again at Doranna's writing :)

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## **Polly says**

Maks is a wonderful hero. So strong, but more wounded than even he knows. Katie might seem like an unlikely match to Maks tiger, but, in her own way she is just as strong. This story is very well written, fast paced and such a great addition to the series.

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## **Amber Long says**

Yet another amazing read from Doranna Durgin that kept me on the edge of my seat! Absolutely loved it and can't wait to read the next one!

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## **Sandy says**

I received this book through goodreads first reads. I would rate it 3.75.

My review starts with a sound. What is that soft breath of sound? It's low and throaty and the more I read the louder it got. Oh, yes! That's a purr of satisfaction. Or I suppose in this case it's more of a tiger's chuff. Overall this book was enjoyable.

Everyone knows the old adage about the lion and the lamb - well in this case it's more a tiger and a deer - a tiny deer with tusks none the less. (Think small deer with REALLY large vampire fangs).

Maks Altán, a Siberian tiger shifter, is the ultimate predator, both physically and mentally. He's grown up hard and fast, and now works for a group called Sentinel, where he embraces his role of protector. He's more in touch with the tiger than with the man, to the point where he has trouble finding "words". He's always in the shadows, removed, yet ever vigilant in his watch. Until he is wounded and then even that is taken from him.

Katie Maddox is prey in the world of predator. One of the few not predator shifters around. Her other is a deer. While agile and swift her first instinct is to flee, and that's just what she did. She fled to the middle of nowhere, and she fled from her other gifts as well. When she gets a vision she can no longer flee from, she reaches out for help from the Sentinel, and they send Maks.

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I enjoyed the characters of this book a lot. Maks just exudes caged beast. Every time the author was describing him I got a eerie picture of the old school zoo animals. The tiger pacing back and forth behind the bars. Stalking silently. Immensely powerful, yet still somehow lacking, somehow making you want to frown with sadness at the same time that you looked on in awe. Maks has this "silence" about him. You can just feel that he is damaged in some way. He's like the mighty lion who is felled by a thorn, and Katie is the little "healer" mouse that takes it out. I like how the author made Katie more than a one dimensional character. It would have been easy to let her fall completely into the roll of prey and nothing else. Instead the author explores the relationship and the sometimes divergent idiosyncrasies of both the animal and the human that reside within her, and her struggle to come to terms with that.

This is really a character study of the two main characters, and the action of the "plot" sometimes is a bit slow. Overall it was a good read and I would definitely recommend it to anyone who likes this genre. It was interesting to read a shifter story where someone shifted into something that didn't snarl, or snap, growl, or howl.

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### **Cathy Beckett says**

The fourth book in Durgin's Sentinels series was a fun quick read. I thoroughly enjoyed this read.

Maks, our hero, is a Siberian tiger shifter. Not only is he a fierce fighter but he is incredibly protective. Maks is suffering from PTSD and an incomplete initiation that has left him unable to function inhospitable human form. He has been sent to investigate some unknown danger in the woods where he grew up.

Katie Rae Maddox is a seer and healer. She has sent a request to Brevis headquarters for help in investigating something wrong in the woods where she lives. They send her Maks. She sees that he is still recovering from some devastating injury. She finally realizes the reason why he isn't healing properly and takes steps to correct the problem. She helps Maks by redoing his initiation and boy does it work.

I would definitely recommend this read.

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### **Julie Czerneda says**

What fun! Durgin is a terrific storyteller, whatever she writes, and her paranormal romances are no exception. Her characters are real, interesting people -- and, naturally, her depictions of their animal natures are utterly convincing. From the tight plot to the hot spots? This is a keeper.

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### **Melindeeloo says**

Katie, who is a deer shifter instead of the more typical clawed predator, has downplayed her powers in order to live apart from the Sentinel world, but now that her spidey senses are telling her that something big and bad is looming on the horizon she's having a hard time getting the powers-that-be to take her visions seriously, though they do send her a bodyguard. But not only is tiger-shifting Maks terrifying to her inner-deer, he's just newly back on the job after the attack on headquarters - and Maks is still way more damaged than even he knew - but even broken, Maks is protector to the core and he is determined to keep Katie safe at any cost, even if the cost is his own life.

I have been following Durgin's shape-shifting Sentinels from the very start and the Sentinels is probably my favorite of the Nocturne mini series. In this latest entry, Durgin has added something really unique in her odd prey/predator pairing. I really liked both of these leads, the quiet but deadly Maks - who seems barely civilized - and Katie - who finally finds the strength to face her fears and ends being the one to save her savior. The story moves fairly slowly, as it takes some time for Katie to come to trust in Maks and for her to figure out what is going on with him, and as such it is a lot less sexy than the other books in the series, but I still really enjoyed it and was happy to see a few old familiar faces in cameos here. Can't wait for the next one.

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**Donna says**

Hidden inside Mills n Boon's Nocturne label, something I picked up for a journey when I had nothing else to read, this was a surprising mostly well-crafted urban fantasy novel with the merest smattering of the usual romance element this publisher is (sometimes unfairly only) known for. Although some of the dialogue was a bit obscure and occasionally grating, overall it was a good read. Will seek out the others in this series.

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