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Halle Pumas, Book 5

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Cassandra says

My Thoughts - 5 out of 5 Unicorns - I loved it!!!

***I choose what I read and review based on what intrigues me!! I bought this book, but no one tells me what to think, feel, or write about any book! I own the whole set!

The cover is not my style, and it definitely doesn't let you know it is a shifter read.

This is the 5th book in the series, and it is for adults only due to the steamy content. While it isn't mandatory to read in order, I highly recommend it because it makes it so much better!

This is Gabe and Sarah's story! I loved the book, but there isn't much action in this book. It is more about drama and misreading situations on both of their parts. It all starts with Gabe leaving for Hunter training! There is also an awesome part at the end that if you have been reading the series, you want to read about, but I'm not spoiling it by telling you what happens.

I love Dana's writing style! She gets the right amount of humor, snark, chaos, and romance to make it perfect!

I highly recommend to any shifter fan who loves humor, romance, and HEAs! Can't wait to read more of Dana's work!

Kathryn says

The Halle Pumas series is one of my feel-good-float-away-de-stress series. I had put off reading this book based on the description of a delayed romance, with the main characters being separated for a time, as well as the mention of a friendship with another woman, all in the book blurb. I tend to dislike such stories, so much so that I skipped this book and read the first in the Halle Shifters series, which was a lot of fun. So I will just admit it here, I hated Chloe and if I had known what she did in this book before I read the first in the Halle Shifter spin-off, then I would have looked at that story a little differently. If Chloe has her own book, I really do not want to read it.

So that aside, I loved both of the characters in this book. I completely understood Sarah's reactions and even though Gabe was rather slow on the uptake, he was still a great lead. I tend to make excuses more for men than women, which I know is an awful double standard but I expect more from women and I do not care if that makes me a hypocrite or whatever.

This book (novella?) was a little heartbreaking, which made the end that much sweeter. Also, light dominance/submission themes for those who gravitate to such stories.

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

I don't know what happened. I loved all the other books in this series then I get this book and Hell to the no!

Gabe was a shitty mate. I couldn't stand him. He did everything wrong and if he was my mate I would demand a refund! I felt bad for Sarah. Since I hated Gabe so much I didn't get invested in relationship so yea total disappointment!

Elspeth says

I hated the asshole main character in this book, and I felt bad for his mate Sarah.

Reason One: In the beginning of the book he meets a man who tells him that he is Hunter, and has to leave for six months for super special training. This man he has known for all of five minutes tells him that he should not claim his mate, that he should leave her to the dreams until he can claim her when he gets back.

Reason Two: With the AWESOME advice from reason one, note the heavy use of sarcasm here, he leaves without consulting his mate, or talking to her, making the decision himself cause that is just the type of guy he is. No, he calls her from the airport to tell her, even lying about his whereabouts, cause nothing builds trust better in stressful situation than lying to a person you are supposed in love with.

Reason Three: So now you are apart, and it hurts soooooo bad, and you just can't suffer talking to your love. So you get the brilliant idea to talk to another woman about your daily activities, and have her tell you love. Yeah, cause they will be fast friends, almost sisters, with all the trust building you have instilled from reason one and two!

Reason Four: You keep a mental tally of spanks to the ass you are going to give your love, for all the offenses she has done during the day. Such as dancing with another man, singing karaoke, refusing your mate mark, just defying you in general. I mean how dare she be pissed that you are hanging out with another woman, giving her Christmas gifts when you didn't get her anything, stopped calling her, then come back all indignant and try telling her what to do.

Reason Five: When your love who is the Omega, and is in touch with the whole prides emotions shows you just how she felt with what you have done to her you feel bad. I mean not bad enough to stop pressuring her to let you mark her, and not bad enough to walk over to the other woman that has caused a lot of the pain, and start talking to her. I mean you are talking to her on how to make it better, your love will understand, right?

So yeah, I fucking hate the main character in this, he was a arrogant twat that I wanted to see be hit by a bus then lit aflame, negative stars would be appropriate goodreads, I really want them.

Maggie says

The "misunderstanding" ruined this story for me. I found the hero's attitude troubling.

Mspink says

Ok, I'll start by saying that I really love this series. They are somewhat short reads and very enjoyable. I love all the characters and the author's ability to keep us updated on everyone in each story. I can see how it may branch off to other stories about neighboring packs and new characters. Gabe and Sarah's story was ultimately very sweet and romantic. However, it was unusually different from the other stories about the Halle Pumas, in that they did not really get together until the end of the book. That part was really difficult for me because all the rest of the stories have them joining together early on. This was one big fat misunderstanding and a jumble of wrong decisions on Gabe's part. It was painful to watch how they continually hurt each other. I'm not sure, considering how sensitive the "mating need" is among these characters, that the hurts that took place would have been so easy to overcome as quickly as they were. I truly hurt for Sarah and her friend and hated Chloe for the games she was playing. I was glad Sarah was able to "share" her hurt feelings with Gabe so he could truly feel what he put her through. (that part will become clear to you when you read it)...

But all in all, I really love this author. Love this series. I will continue to read them. I'm a loyal fan. Its worth reading, especially if you have read the entire series. don't miss it!

Darcy says

While I liked this one, it seemed like it was missing something. I understood Gabe's problem, here is is slated for a great job in the shifter world, but he has to put off his mate. At the start I even agreed with his waiting to mate her, but where he lost me was how he treated her when she was gone. I sided with Sarah on this one. By his actions he made it seem like Chloe was more important than she was. I liked how Sarah dealt with his suddenly showing back up, giving him a taste of his own medicine. I was glad that Sarah really made him work to get back in her good graces and that she was able to really show him how she felt.

♥ Rainy Day Reader ♥ says

<http://rainyreviewz.blogspot.com/2013...>

Author: Dana Marie Belle

A few months ago one of my Goodreads groups read Bear Necessities. At the time I didn't realize that the Halle Shifters series was a spinoff from the Halle Pumas. In Bear Necessities there is a big confusion with Chloe's cousins over who her mate is. They assume that it is Gabe the sheriff. I now understand that sooo much better now that I've read this book.

Let me just start off saying that Gabe is an idiot in this book. It also doesn't make Chloe look very good either. What happens is that shortly after Gabe and Sarah realize that they are mates Gabe has to leave for like 8 months. Instead of mating Sarah before leaving he thinks it would be better to wait until he gets home. Then he quits calling her because he doesn't want to disappoint her by not being able to share with her where he is and when he will be back. Instead he asks Chloe to befriend Sarah and keep her spirits up. Chloe lets Gabe think that this is what she's doing when instead she uses her friendship with Gabe to make it appear as if they are dating. She does this because she is jealous of Sarah's relationship with Jim, Chloe's mate.

A lot of the reviews that I read for this book were negative because of Chloe and Gabe. I gave this book 5

stars because of the intense feelings that it elicited in me. Seriously, I was shaking at one point I felt Sarah's pain so thoroughly. Any book that can you make that level of emotion deserves 5 stars in my opinion. Another favorite part of this book were all of the Orlando hotspots mentioned. I live close to Orlando and it was really cool reading about places like The Rainforest Cafe that I have visited.

Ashley says

I thought that this story was a bit dragged out, and when it all did happen it was too fast. True to form, the guy should have claimed the girl before leaving, but listened to someone else and didn't (stupid). Then comes to regret it because he didn't do it. Then he has to work his ass off to make it up to her. I did like the whole dreams were actually reality thing. Sometimes I wish I could claim the same. But he hadn't even talked to her and was already going to propose? And then he did everything for her, and Sarah was still far too jealous for my thinking. Overall, it cute but a bit annoying.

Shannon (Savhage Temprest) says

I have to say I have some mixed feelings about "Only in My Dreams" by Dana Marie Bell. This latest installment of the Halle Pumas series had its good and its bad aspects. A lot of emotion, relationship struggles, and hint of romance mixed with erotica made the base of this story between Halle Pumas Gabe and Sarah.

Gabe has just been contracted to become a Hunter for all the shifters in his region. It's the opportunity of a lifetime, only he knows that Sarah is his mate and has yet to claim her. Sarah has been waiting for Gabe to finally claim her as his mate, and when he goes off to train for his new position, she doesn't know what to do or how to show him what he's missing. They'll have to connect in their dreams if they want to make their relationship a reality.

I found Sarah to be way too whiny for my liking. She was also a bit hypocritical with Gabe as well. She made the same mistakes he made only he didn't punish her for them like she did. I also thought their relationship was just okay as far as the previous characters' stories went in the Halle Pumas series. I did like the side character developments, both previous and newly introduced. I liked the way the story ended, and I will be reading on because these stories are just addicting to me! I like the way the author writes and I enjoy the premise of her books, but this one just wasn't one of my favorites, which happens in most series I'm realizing. I would give this read a 2 1/2 - lower 3 star rating for sure.

Thenia says

The story of a couple of cat shifters who had to delay the claiming of their mate when Gabe got offered a position as a hunter for the Shifter Senate and had to go off on training for six months, leaving Sarah behind.

There is a lot of tension between the two and miscommunication, that leads to jealousy and mistrust. When Gabe eventually returns, it takes a while before the two can find their way back together.

According to the author's recommended reading order for her shifter series, the next book is Bear Necessities.

Previous book reviews:

- ◆ *Steel Beauty* (Halle Pumas, #4; Poconos Pack, #0.4)
 - ◆ *Cat Of A Different Color* (Halle Pumas, #3)
 - ◆ *Sweet Dreams* (Halle Pumas #2)
 - ◆ *The Wallflower* (Halle Pumas #1)
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GuisBell says

Hay Gabriel que manera de complicar las cosas, pobre Sarah, tuvo que soportar a la disque amiga de Gabriel que dejaba entrever otra cosa, hay esta chica me desquiciaba con sus muestras de amistad, que complicado...

Michelle says

The 5th book in the Halle Puma series takes place 2 days after book 3 ends, events occurring at the same time as book 4 and afterwards.

This book focuses on Gabe and his newly discovered mate, Sarah. Unfortunately circumstances take Gabe away from Halle for 6 months before he can mark Sarah and we follow the aftermath of that decision. Lots of bad decisions, manipulation, doubts and second guesses plague the couple throughout. Throw a werewolf and a human into the mix and we have a very bizarre quadrangle that at times you wonder just what else can go wrong.

I certainly joined Sarah on her rollercoaster of emotions in this one, I wanted to strangle some people :) If you enjoy this one I'd recommend reading *Bear Necessities* (Halle Shifters, Book 1). We find out more

about Chloe and the other types of shifters who visit Halle.

Emily says

This, the most current offering in the Halle Pumas series (before we shift over to Halle Shifters with Bear Necessities that is) is an important installment in the story, but I'll say at the onset that I didn't enjoy this one as much as I did the others. Don't worry, this book is still enjoyable, and it adds important things to the series, but there were enough loose ends and elements that didn't quite add up that I can safely say that there are other installments that I enjoyed much more.

Gabe and Sarah are a lot alike in that each has a special position within their world that carries a lot of responsibility and garners them each a lot of respect. Gabe is a Hunter, or rather, he finds out at the beginning of this book that he's a Hunter and has to be trained on how to do the job, a process which will require him to be away from Halle for six months. He takes the advice of his supervisor and mentor and doesn't claim Sarah before he leaves as he thinks the separation would be too hard for her if he did; this mistake just goes to show that you should do what you think is right.

Sarah is okay with waiting until Gabe is done with training to begin their life together; what she is not okay with is having to find out everything that's going on with Gabe through Chloe, a close friend of his. Gabe remains in close contact with Chloe and seems to share a lot more information with her than he does with Sarah, and this doesn't sit well with Sarah or anyone else in Halle, since for all intents and purposes it looks like Gabe has a girlfriend on the side. Chloe doesn't do anything to discourage the rumors that are flying about her and Gabe either, which is one of my issues with the book and something that I'll get to in a minute.

Sarah isn't a wimp, and she decides that if Gabe can lollygag around with his female friends, then there's no reason why she can't do the same with her male ones. She strikes up a friendship with Jim, the town veterinarian who's also Chloe's mate- there's a weird love cube going on here at this point, with hurt feelings and mixed signals thrown together that makes for a lot of problems that everyone has to deal with if they're going to move past all of this.

The whole premise of the tangled relationships and the trying to make your beloved jealous to draw their attention back to you isn't one that's brand new, but the execution of it here was a little disjointed when compared to the rules of the world. Probably the biggest issue that I had was that Sarah is the freaking Pride Omega- she has the ability to know what any Pride member is feeling and as a result, they can't lie to her or disguise their emotions. Therefore, it would have been easy for her to find out that a) Gabe loves her beyond all reason, b) that he isn't cheating on her and can't imagine ever doing so or even wanting to, and c) that he and Chloe are just friends, albeit close ones. She doesn't seem to really accept any of these truths even at the end of the story, and while I get it that she's new to being the Omega, this frankly does not make sense to me.

Second, I didn't really understand why Gabe and Chloe didn't realize what people in Halle were saying, and that nobody bothered to follow up with any of the involved parties to try to find out the truth. I know, I know, people will gossip the tongues out of their heads while simultaneously saying they don't want to pry into other people's business, but apparently Gabe didn't talk to anyone in Halle while he was away except for Chloe and, when he could reach her, Sarah. I wasn't able to buy into the idea that this colossal misunderstanding was allowed to go down without anyone really taking an active interest.

I don't want people to leave with the idea that I didn't like this book. I did, and it contributes a lot to the overall series- the dynamic between Gabe and Chloe and Chloe's issues with getting Jim to accept the idea that she's his mate play a big role in Bear Necessities, an awesome, awesome book that widens the playing

field to include all kinds of shifters. I was just left feeling like the hero and heroine had to go through an awful lot of pain in this story that ultimately wasn't fully resolved or addressed. Still, I highly recommend this series and reading all of the installments, this one included.

Overall Grade: B-
