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Being the last male standing isn't always what it's cracked up to be. Mikah Malloy is living proof. His mother and father were both killed during their individual attempts to assassinate the pride leader of Ariel Estates, Silas Murdoch. Now after the dust has settled on his bloodstained family's name, Mikah must face life alone among his fellow lion shifters. But Silas and his mate, Theo, have decided a vacation in Alaska is just what the doctor ordered to help Mikah come to terms with his grief and his plans for the future. The only snag with their plan is trouble always has a way of finding Mikah, no matter where he runs.

Gideon Haven, eldest son of the Haven pack's alpha, would give his soul for a way off the ice. But when a hunter is out to eradicate his pack one by one, skinning them alive for their wolf pelts, Gideon can't just walk away.

The predators have now become the prey, but they're determined to hunt down the poacher out to slaughter Theo and Gideon's pack. As for Mikah, he's more than ready for the job. Putting one's life on the line isn't a hardship when you don't care whether you live or die. Even though the heat between Gideon and Mikah becomes nearly impossible to resist, Mikah is determined the tenacious wolf isn't about to get close enough to break the ice around his heart.

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Carly says

An impressive literary adventure; five out of five stars!

Mikah Malloy is a lion in hiding. Considering that his parents had both attempted to assassinate his pride's leader for being gay, it could be said that he was lucky the pride even let him stay. Tormented by the knowledge that he had caused his mother's death by protecting his leader from her hatred, Mikah was steadily drinking his way along a path towards self-destruction.

Along with the weight his own guilt, he also carried the secret of his attraction to other men. He'd been keeping that particular secret for most of his life, knowing his parents would have considered him an abomination and cast him away. He was tired. Tired of others looking at him with a mixture of suspicion and fear. Tired of hiding his true feelings from his pride. Mostly, he was tired of always feeling alone, but who would want to mate with the son of traitors? It was a taint he wasn't willing to pass on to his worst enemy, let alone someone he loved. Most days Mikah wished for death, because without the ability to love and no end in sight, what was there left to live for?

Gideon Haven, eldest of his pack alpha's twin sons by minutes, would give anything to escape the isolated environment of their Alaskan home. Restlessness consumes his spirit and is the driving force behind his infamous temper and reckless disregard of his own safety. More than willing to secede leadership of the pack to his more diplomatic twin brother, Gideon dreams of shaking the snow off his paws and exploring the world.

Determined to save Mikah from himself, his pride leader brings him on an Alaskan vacation in an attempt to give him a new perspective on life. There Mikah meets Gideon, but the attraction they feel for each other is overshadowed by danger; wolves are being slaughtered for their pelts. Adding the desperate hunt for an escalating killer to Mikah's emotional damage and Gideon's jealous ex only complicates an already complex situation. Can two restless shifters, who want nothing more than to escape, find peace in each other's arms or will their differences drive them apart?

A well written and emotionally engaging paranormal romance, **BREAKING THE ICE** has a fast paced and well developed story line that I found entertaining from start to finish! Third in the Ariel Estates series, **BREAKING THE ICE** can be read on its own, but characters from the first two books make appearances that are sure to delight fans!

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Kristy Maitz says

I will say just one word - "boring".

Lee Todd says

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I love this series by Jessica Lee. Breaking the Ice is book 3 in the series and tells the story of Gideon (a wolf-shifter and alpha in waiting) and Mikah (a lion-shifter).

Mikah is the son of recently deceased homophobic parents and has always had to keep his sexuality hidden. Gideon is openly gay but restless. He doesn't want to be the next alpha of the pack as he wants to get out and explore the world.

They are thrown together when a hunter starts a murderous spree against the local wolf pack. Murder, lust, betrayal are themes woven through this story and it will take a lot of heartache to get to a HEA. well worth the read!

Susie says

Jessica Lee has written a wonderful book that is at times heart breaking, heart warming, and action packed. Mikah is so broken up over his actions dealing with his mothers death, and his fathers actions against the Alpha Silas and his mate Theo. He is out of control and headed for self destruction. The good thing is his Alpha Silas sees it and takes the steps to help him. The plan is a nice vacation in Alaska to relax and regroup. While out walking Mikah comes across a hunter getting ready to kill a wolf shifter. After saving the wolf (Gideon) it is lust that is now at work on Mikah. Since he has denied any trace of his sexuality Mikah is at war with his sudden desires. The hunter becomes a major issue as he is killing the wolves for the money he makes selling their pelts. Gideon is next in line to be Alpha for his pack, however he wants to leave and explore. Gideon is also gay and proud to be his self. As the hunter becomes a major threat to the shifters Silas, Theo and Mikah stay on to help in the fight for survival. Mikah will not let Gideon fight this without his help. The book takes you through so many different emotions, you will not want to stop reading till the end. Looking forward to the next installment in the series.

Eva Millien says

The third book in the Ariel Estates series is a thrilling and erotic shapeshifter read.

With both of his parents dead after individual attempts to assassinate their Alpha, Mikah Malloy must face life with alone among his fellow lion shifters, But Silas and his mate Theo decide it's time from Mikah to get away and drag him to Alaska. But trouble seems to have a way of finding Mikah no matter where he runs. Wolf shifter, Gideon Haven would give his soul to way off the ice, but with his family and pack being hunted, he can't just walk away. Putting his life on the line to hunt down the poacher is no hardship for Mikah since he doesn't care if he lives or dies even with the heat between him and Gideon, but he's determined the tenacious wolf isn't getting close to break the ice around his heart.

This fast paced and thrilling romance keeps the reader's on their toes with lots of suspense, action and super hot romance. The author brings the story to life with vivid imagery and strong bewitching characters that are easily related to and that grabs the reader's attention and doesn't let go. The tension builds throughout as the suspense keeps the reader guessing as to whom the enemy is and if Mikah and Gideon's relationship is going to work out.

The chemistry between Mikah and Gideon radiates from every page, but the romance has a few ups and downs with emotions and enemies getting in the way. The author conveys all the emotions and passions with intensity that ensures that the reader becomes ensnared by their story and the empathy inspired by their

plights and the frequent sex scenes are scorching hot, leaving the reader sizzling with passion.

I thoroughly enjoyed this fantastic shifter read and the wonderful characters have certainly caught my attention. I had tears in my eyes at a couple of points in the story and was cheering the couple along in their rocky romance. I haven't read the first two books in the series yet, but the author has certainly got me intrigued with these shifters.

Donna says

Though this is the third in the series it can be read stand-alone although you will have a better understanding of Mikah's headspace if you read *In the Pride's Best Interest* (Ariel Estates, #2).

Mikah is having a rough time dealing with the events of the past couple of years. His father's attempt at killing the Pride leader and then his mother's attempts at revenge plus dealing with the fact that he feels his homosexuality is a betrayal of his love for them. They would have never approved. This installment deals with Mikah getting his head together and falling for the wild shifter Gideon. And then there is the trauma of poachers killing shifters and the very real threat that it is someone in the pack tipping them off. This is a smart, sexy, paranormal romance.

I received a copy from the author in return for a fair and honest review.

Katrina says

Jessica Lee continues the Ariel Estate Series with her third book, *Breaking the Ice*. While this is the third book of the series, it can easily be read as a standalone book. The story revolves around one of Ariel Estates' troubled pride members, Mikah Malloy. The story line for Mikah begins earlier in the series and Jessica Lee has a definite talent of seamlessly weaving in just enough tidbits throughout to bring you up to speed without having a chapter of here's what's happened up to this point.

Mikah is alone, tortured by the past; a past where his loyalties to his pride and his family are at war with each other. Events exploded and guilt over his actions that resulted from his parents' intolerance left Mikah tormented about his lot in life. Unable to let go of the past to move forward, he finds himself forced into joining the pride's leader and mate on a little vacation in Alaska.

Mikah's growth through this story is heart-rending. He honestly can't see what his parents' choices and mistakes have done to him. While dealing with his grief and guilt, the reader follows along on his self-deprecating and self-destructive path. His journey in Alaska throws him into the middle of a twisted madman's nefarious plot.

Jessica Lee has a way of blending the action and sizzle in her stories that keeps me coming back for more. The characters call to the reader's heart, while the intricately woven plot keeps you from putting down the book. I did not want to stop reading. I didn't want to put the book down, and now I'm left waiting and wondering where the story is going to go next. I can't wait for the next book in this series.

Julesmarie says

Mikah and Gideon were lovely together. They both went through so much, it was beautiful the way that they

were able to overcome that to be what the other needed.

My favorite of the series so far!

Thomaidha Papa says

2.5 Hearts

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Review to follow.

Lorraine Lesar says

This is a beautiful, beautiful love story between a lion and a wolf, both shifters. Through the clever use of words by the author, the emotions felt by the reader, leaps off the pages, you feel the depth of their despair, their uncertainty, how the past dictates their future and most of all, their love for each other. The author doesn't just leave it there, oh no, she then takes us on a wonderful journey of cold blooded murder, greed, betrayal, lust, loyalty and hot, hot sex scenes that sizzle so much that they scorch! What a combination! and what a marvellous read!, the author has outdone herself this time. I loved it! Anything that I add about the storyline that is not covered in the synopsis of the book would spoil the story and as I don't do "spoilers", I will encourage you to read it for your selves to find out. Though this is book three of the series, it can be read as a stand alone, another bonus point for the author, as she doesn't leave the reader hanging, having to buy the next book to see what happens, she gives you your full money's worth - with style! There are many, many m/m shifter books on the market, some good, some really bad, but Ms Lee delivers original and appealing books, every time, her standards are second to none! I have no hesitation in awarding this book five stars, it's well deserved and highly recommended.

Ericka Walden says

4.75****! Loved it! Hopefully there will be another installment of this series soon!

multitaskingmomma says

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I had been wondering whatever happened to Mikah after that disastrous event that led him to kill his own mother. I was wondering what kind of demons this man had to live with and how it could affect his whole personality.

Now we know. In Breaking The Ice, we have Mikah a changed man. He is not the one we read before. He is

drinking himself to oblivion, he has kept himself from his friends, he cannot sleep, he hardly eats. In short, he is falling apart. The only way to get through him is by getting him out of the environment that reminds him daily of what he went through and the guilt he is feeling.

Alpha Silas Murdock and mate Theo takes him for a vacation to Alaska to be far from it all. From all the troubles. Unfortunately, or fortunately, he meets trouble in one form or another. And then there is Gideon.

Gideon is the alpha's son and cousin to Theo. He may have all the physical attributes to make him a great leader, but his heart is not in it. He wants to go where Theo had gone, to live life outside of the pack. When he meets Mikah, it is not in the best circumstances.

There is a killer on the loose and it is preying on their pack. One by one, they are being hunted. If not for Mikah, Gideon would be pelted as well. As the men struggle with their attraction to each other, they need to focus on hunting the killer.

I really loved the way this story unfolded. The meeting between the two shifters was unusual and frightening. The heat between them could not be ignored and lent an erotic feel throughout their relationship even before they even did anything about it.

As the story progressed, there was really no hint on who was the killer. When it was finally revealed, it was violent, bloody and fatal. This turn to the plot startled me a bit as I was rooting for someone and I really wanted to know more. But this whole thing just exploded unexpectedly and it caught me unawares.

Overall, this would be, for me, the best of the series. Can't wait for the fourth book.
