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Welcome to the avian shifter world of Undercover Peckers. Where love is instant the moment you find your mate. Where there's only one true pecker for every man. Where the sex is so hot it will singe your tail feathers. Where bird-watching is both a recreation and a preoccupation—that usually leads to feathers flying.

Simon Spoonwell—intrepid bird store owner and history geek—knows avian shifters exist. With so much myth and lore, there must be a touch of reality. But he doesn't expect his proof to come in the form of hottie cop and blue jay shifter Jay Azure. It's an innocuous ticket for jaywalking that brings them together, but an inescapable attraction, a love of awful puns, and a shared need to protect the vulnerable will make them true mates.

## **Jay Walking Details**

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## From Reader Review Jay Walking for online ebook

### Mandy\*reads obsessively\* says

3.75\*

I saw the cover and read the blurb and was hooked.

This sounded like just my kind of story, a fated-mates-mine-growl-shifter book with lots of ridiculous bird puns. And come on, a JAYBIRD shifter?! I just had to read it.

It fulfilled my expectations: it was a cute, ridiculous and easy punny short. And I do mean punny!

Total break (not beak) from reality, no angst or stress, the only thing the guys need to overcome is their own stubbornness.

They don't hit it off right away, which of course might have been Jay's fault. A \$250 fine is not the best way to pick-up a mate.

**“Jay just had to stop being an asshole for long enough for Simon to see what a good mate Jay could be.”**

But he makes up for it, that man can shake a tail feather, that's for sure.

So I'm glad I read this silly little story and am looking forward to more Undercover Pecker stories.

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### Cory says

This was a fun and easy read with likeable characters. It was punny! Looking forward to the next one.

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### Ami says

All right, I have been warned by the author (through Hoff's website) that this series is where love is instant. So I tried to disregard this fact and found other things to focus on. Because OMG, this was definitely insta-love in all its blazing glory!!

The story was cute enough, there were a LOT of bird puns. If you are one for such a thing, you will be in for a treat. I did get my cackling glee a few times. It was fun reading Jay doing the mating dance for Simon (seriously, that scene was a hoot!).

It was also very light in story – the only 'drama' that you got was that Simon didn't immediately trust his mate. He thought Jay was arrogant and rude. So Jay needed to do some wooing, even if he was having to battle a hawk to do it (no, I'm not kidding).

It doesn't require a lot of thinking – you will probably have some eye-rolling moments and I seriously still have NO IDEA what is the significance of Jay being an undercover cop (maybe in the next book?) and it's not going to be my best read of the year... However, sometimes you have the mood to read something easy

like that, and this can be an option.

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## Ann says

Required Unicorn Clubhouse Reading

Undercover Peckers FFS!

I'm gonna read the hell out of this one.

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ETA - I DID read the hell out of this one and I loved it. So much cute and smark.

I had so much fun reading this sweet and unique shifter book!

\*hugs book really hard\*

When I saw in the blurb for Jay Walking, a welcome to the world of Undercover Peckers I thought, "Why, yes, I would like to visit this world thankyouverymuch!"

And look at the cover! LOOK AT IT! Cartoon buns don't get much better than that and I really like to think of myself as a true bun afficianado.

Anyhooters - Jay Azure is an arrogant cop with no real friends and a serious case of burnout. Simon Spoonwell is an unassuming bird enthusiast and owner of Bird in the Hand. Both men use their own methods to keep from getting too close to other people so they're a couple of lonely souls until the fateful day when Jay gives Simon a ticket for jaywalking.

Jay is a bluejay shifter who has grown up alone, being bounced around through the foster care system after being tossed from the nest/left on a doorstep as a baby. And really, this one of my favorite aspects of the story, he didn't understand any long line of flock tradition, etc. that we usually read about in shifter books. He was totally on his own and has been winging it (heh, winging it) his whole life. He uses his cocky attitude and overwork to keep his distance from others and that seems to be working for him until he meets Simon. Jay doesn't really have a concept of "mate", why would he, he just knows that something in Simon speaks to everything primal inside him and Jay HAS to get to close to Simon.

There were so many fun little *moments* as Jay and Simon did their snarky bantering mating dance. And really, Jay's mating dance was adorable. Reading Jay's evolution from a cocky loner to a lovesick dove was so sweet. He really had no clue what he was doing and that made him all the more charming.

A plea/request/shameless begging of the authors – More Calvin in the next book! I loved, loved, loved Simon's assistant. He's got some great lines and is a great balance with Simon.

**"I may be a nineteen-year-old ginger virgin, but even I'm relatively sure that food, flattery and**

**fucking are reliable standbys.”**

Yup, I love him.

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**Barbara? says**

Totally cheesy shifter mate book. Both mc's got on my nerves at times. But, it had its funny moments and was a quick cute read.

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**BWT (Belen) says**

**I love True Mates stories!**

I'll admit this didn't hit for me until almost three quarters in. Jay was a little too aggressive, a little too cocky. Thankfully there is a dual POV so you get to see both Jay and Simon's perspectives and **once Jay and Simon really get together and the puns really started flying...I was all in.**

*“I'll protect you, Simon. Always,” he whispered against Simon's skin.*

*Simon nodded and pressed his clothed body against Jay. “Because you don't have a choice since I'm your mate?”*

*“Of course I have a choice, Simon. Instinct draws me to you, and I may not have ever felt these feelings before, but it feels right. I may be just a big dumb cop, but even I know enough not to question Mother Nature.”*

I would have liked some more world-building and explanation of just how a 200 pound man could shape shift into a little Blue Jay bird, but understood with Jay being adopted that he didn't really have those answers.

All in all it was a low angst, humorous, fun read in the end, and I'll check out the rest of the series.

*This review has been cross-posted at Gay Book Reviews.*

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**Nick Pageant says**

Really cute shifter story with lots of birdy puns. Me likey.

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## Susan says

While I liked this, it didn't blow me away. I thought Jay was a little too cocky for me to like him.

Jay is a blue jay bird shifter. He's also a very cocky cop who has a bit of trouble with his anger management. He comes across as a bit of an angry person at first. But that changes the moment he meets his mate, the headstrong, geeky, Simon. Jay does not make a good impression by giving Simon a ticket for jaywalking when they first meet. But Jay knows he has to convince his mate to give him a chance. But Simon doesn't want anything to do with the cocky cop..

I'm not sure how to feel about Jay. He was likeable in the way he cared about Simon. I liked it when he picked a single flower for him. But Jay was also weirdly cocky, even rude at times. And Simon went from hating him to loving him in 60 seconds. So that was a bit strange.

And I was disappointed that there was no follow-up about Jay's job. Jay was not happy being pulled from his undercover job, and then assigned to stop jaywalkers. It is never mentioned again that Jay is not moving forward with his career like he planned when he joined the police force.

This did have its charming moments and the writing was not bad at all. That's why I think I'll try the rest of the series, despite this book being mediocre at best.

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## Sandra says

Super cute, quick read, funny as hell, with a cocky preening Bluejay shifter and a bird watcher as his mate.

Full review on Booklikes.

\*\* I received a free copy of this novella from the publisher. A positive review was not promised in return. \*\*

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## Meags says

### 3 Stars

A cute, funny, and most definitely puntastic, **avian shifter story**.

I could have done with *more* peckers, but beggars can't be choosers.

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## Christy says

Everyone knows, or should by now, that I love shifter stories. So when the opportunity arose, pun intended, to read about avian shifters, I jumped at the chance. The author is new to me, but anyone who writes a blurb that talks about Undercover Peckers with such tongue in cheek, deserves to be read. Of course, once I met

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Simon and Jay, I was hooked.

Jay Azure is an avian shifter, a blue jay, to be exact. He's also an undercover detective in the Organized Crime unit who's just been pulled from his assignment because Jay has had a little trouble controlling his temper recently and some scumbags have gotten what they deserve. Unfortunately his captain and the higher-ups don't agree and Jay has been placed undercover to stop the jaywalking that has caused so many traffic accidents recently. The first person he catches jaywalking turns out to be Simon Spoonwell, an adorably geeky guy who makes Jay react in ways he's completely confused by. Simon isn't even his type, so why can't he look away from his gorgeous gray eyes?

Simon owns a bird shop and has been fascinated and entranced by birds since he was a little boy. After traveling the world and not staying long in any one place, when Simon received his trust fund two years ago, he moved to Toronto and opened his shop. Simon has always wondered whether avian shifters could be real, particularly when reflecting upon Egyptian tales of bird gods. However, now he's just irritated and really, really annoyed at the smug cop who gave him a 250 dollar jaywalking ticket. The man must be nuts and Simon is going to fight it. Not the charge, because he'll admit to the infraction, but that's a ridiculously high price to pay for something as simple as jaywalking. Hmpf.

Jay and Simon are wonderful characters. Jay is an orphan who was left on church steps when he was just a few days old. He grew up in foster care and when he shifted for the first time at fourteen, luckily he was alone, Jay has stayed away from any type of permanent relationships, too afraid for anyone to discover his secret. Simon lost his parents right after high school graduation, and because he loved them so much, he's stayed away from opening himself up to that kind of pain ever again. Simon hides his emotions under a façade of coolness, never letting anyone see that he can be hurt very easily. The clash of these two personalities was definitely interesting.

This is probably one of the cutest stories I've read in a very long time. Jay and Simon are freakishly adorable together, the bird puns are hysterical, and then the fact that they set up a website, social media, and email accounts to reach out to other avian shifters who might be alone is fantastic. That they named it Undercover Peckers is amusing. That it comes across as UC Peckers was hysterical. I really enjoyed this and can easily recommend it.

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

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~☆~Doni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

### 3.5 the-cover-says-it-all stars

Date-night buddy read with the fabulous JenPher

I don't want to ruffle any feathers (\*snort\*), but this novella was just too cute for words.

Mind you, this isn't your typical shifter book. It's more puns than heat. There is some steam here, sure, but the bird puns sort of take over. And I typically don't do puns. But when Simon chirped (can't help it!), "Yeah, I tweet," I laughed for like five minutes. It's funny in context, I swear.

When Simon and Jay meet, it's not love at first sight. Well, it kind of is for Jay, but not for Simon, who's ticked because of his recently acquired \$250 jaywalking ticket. And the arrogant, snarky cop who gave

Simon the ticket? You guessed it in one.

After that, everything happens very quickly. A cocky little blue jay is injured (his own damn fault for preening and shakin' that ass).

Simon tries to nurse the bird, who's having none of that.

Then Simon realizes that Jay the cop and blue jay the bird are...

*\*shut the fuck up\**

Also, Jay has a big cock and wants to use it.

No, no, no, that wasn't a pun.

It's all a little rushed. But that's okay because this is not a serious book. **It's shifters light: super-fluff, eye-rolling fun.**

And the ending promises another Undercover Peckers adventure coming soon!

What a hoot. *\*giggles manically\**

Careful. The puns are contagious.

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## **Jennifer?Pher? says**

### **Date night with my bestie Dani!!**

Well, wasn't this just a ray of sunshine? I had no idea really what I was getting myself into with this book but I was pleasantly surprised by how much I enjoyed it. Well, I love birds and all the bird talk just did me in. I can't wait for more in this series. Thanks for another great read girl :)

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## **? Todd says**

This series is pretty camp and super fluffy, but I thought the books were a lot of eye-rolling fun.

If you enjoyed the Lost Shifters series by Megan Derr, I suspect that you'd like this series, too, as this series has a very similar feel.

Book 1 was by far my favorite, with me connecting a bit less with book 2, then book 3 not really delivering the same *\*feels\** that I got from the first two books in the series.

## Breann says

Let me start with some reasons:

1. There are naked buns on the cover.
2. The series is titled Peckers.
3. There's smut and snark aplenty.

So, obviously, *Jay Walking* was fantastic.

Jay meets Simon when he spots him jay walking and proceeds to issue him a \$250 ticket for his offense. Upon meeting him he realizes that this man is his mate. Instead of being smooth he continues to give him a ticket and becomes an arrogant mess. It was hilarious and totally drove Simon away.

Because of their unfortunate introduction, it takes some convincing for Simon to agree to even see Jay again, let alone be with him. But Jay's persistence was endearing and charming, especially given what a grumpy character he was in the beginning. It was cute to see Mr. Tough-Guy so set upon impressing his mate.

Oh, the snark. These boys were funny. They had some great banter given the mishaps in the beginning of their relationship, and the humorous dialogue continued throughout. Even the awful bird puns were funny.

Jay Walking is adorable, shifter fluff. Definitely recommended!

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