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On the Road: Sometimes, the shy quiet type, really aren't shy or quiet at all.

Payson thought he'd found his mate once, but had been wrong. With his senses screwed up by scientist's experiments, he no longer trusts them. He sleeps with any nice smelling, willing male—and some females—hoping his hyena will want to keep one of them. He's shocked and delighted when he and his animal are in agreement over one sexy, nerdy human—Land Zimmerman. The sex is fantastic, Land's shy virgin playfulness even better, and Payson gives in to his hyena's urge to mark Land. The next morning, things heat up, and not in a good way. Payson's jealous hyena attacks a fellow pack-member standing a little too close to Land. Can Payson convince his skittish human that he's not as crazy as he seems?

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Mandy*reads obsessively* says

I'm a fan of the series, it's my go-to read for when I need a light, sweet mate *growly* mine- claim read. Land is a 21 year old virgin and his big sister has decided it's time to rectify that. So at the bar she drags him to, he hasn't even had time to get to the bar and he has a hot, sexy biker Payson wanting to have him for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

They go back to his place, get the porn/virgin/kinky on and the next morning Land decides to quickly make his exit, it doesn't quite work out that way.

Now, despite the blurb, it's pretty much totally conflict and angst free.

My only niggle was the piercings, it's not done that way. I could go into a detailed description, but I won't. Just believe me, I wouldn't go to someone who does it the way it was described here. :)

Katherine says

Impulsive mixed with reserved

This story felt a bit backwards from the others in its progression, which made for a nice change of pace while still keeping to the world that has stayed consistent.

Since Payson was experimented on by scientists his sense of smell is off and he hasn't been able to find his mate. He frequently thought he had, but his hyena would never come out to lay claim. When Payson takes home Land he is thrilled to find out the man is his mate and lays claim on their first night together.

Since the claim comes right at the beginning, the rest of the book has to concentrate in convincing Land to stay since Payson is already so invested. After all, Land thought this was simply a (really awesome) bar hook up and that he needed to sneak out in the morning. Trying to explain shifters, mates, and the whole slew of life changes that were happening took a bit of doing, not to mention a couple of fights. It kept things fresh but made perfect sense for how Payson and Land are as a couple; a bit fiery and impulsive, but a long lasting fit. Sweet story.

Phaney says

Okay, that... Yes. F***ing yes. This book delivered *and* it was one I had been looking forward to, so that's rare enough a combination.

Payson was great; possibly not as psychotic as he's seemed before, but still quirky enough to be believably and refreshingly different. I think I like him the same way I like Jared from the original series. The unapologetic bluntness. And Land, strangely enough, is a great fit for him. He had a character of his own too. Sure, the usual restrictions apply, based on the brevity of the story, but in this case I'm buying the quickly developing feelings and connection, plus I just plain had fun with the story. Virgins aren't necessarily my thing at all, but here it just worked.

Certainly, if it had been made into a longer book there'd have been some great potential as well, although to be honest, Payson strikes me as someone who gets to the point fast, so this speed finally makes sense as well.

And they both weren't gushing love already, while at the same time clearly heading into that direction at breakneck speed. Satisfying and very believable within the confines of the genre. Maybe even slightly out of it, too.

So I'm happy. Good book! Liked it very much. :D Yes!

A??ela W. says

This was book 9 in the "*Kontra's Menagerie*" series. This was a short quick read that I wished was longer. I also had a problem with both MC's names. I have been wanting to read about Hyena-Shifters. Land is a hyena-shifter who has been looking for his mate so his solution to finding him or her is to have sex with anything moving male and female and a few years ago he thought he found her until his hyena rejected her. Land Zimmerman is a 21 year old virgin who spends all his time in his apartment when his sister Larissa drags him to a club to get drunk and get laid. This was a good read that I felt was rushed at times. Payson who was experimented on in a lab and his sense of smell is messed up. After having sex his hyena tells him that Land is there mate Land thinks it's a one night stand and tries to sneak out the next morning only to run into some of the pride members while looking for his phone he hits his head when one of the guys gives him something for it Payson loses it and attacks. I really liked Larissa she tries to tell her brother about Payson turns out these two had sex that's why she smells like his mate but she wasn't his mate. This was the first book in this series that I have read and I am looking forward to reading more. This book was well written with no errors in grammar or spelling this was my first time reading this author.

Ter says

They seem to be getting shorter and shorter. The beginning of series there was more to the stories. Now it's meet, sex, sex, etc done.

I really like the series just wish (imo) we could get more.

Hc says

A Cute little read. No major action or conflict with a few kinky virgin moments

Nessa says

Payson finds his mate, Land, and they just fit so perfectly together. The plot was entertaining and their romance was quick, but definitely steamy. This is becoming one of my guilty pleasures (next to chocolate :)), and I totally enjoyed this book as well as the personalities within each character.

Gerald Sessions says

In the family

The pack rents a mansion in San Fran until Kontra's mate starts training. The hyena finds his mate only to realize the girl years ago smelled good because she was his mate's sister.

Kazza says

In the Eyes of Crazy fit the shifter mold pretty well. I requested it from NetGalley because it was a hyena shifter - that's new to me. If you like shifter reads that are short but still have a story, and a few characters in it that will keep it going. Plus you like pretty standard shifter fare, including -

Smells mate

Cock fills

Insta-lust/love

Great sex, made even better with a *claiming*

Undying love declared - *'I will always be yours, and forever faithful'*

Mine it thrown out there (I'm a sucker for that word, *mine*, in shifter books)

Pretty easy acceptance by the human about their partner being a shifter

Quite a bit of sex happens

...then you'll be happy, because that is all here. Combine that with a geeky, virginal human, and nomadic bikie shifters, moving around to increase their chances of finding their true mate; and you have In the Eyes of Crazy.

Charlie Richards has written these things well. The writing was free of typos, was well edited, and nicely put together. But it is short and there's such a quick coming together and then BAM, it's over.

I haven't read any of the other books in this series leading up into this one, book #9, but it was easy to follow and can definitely be read as a standalone.

If you're looking for an easy, quick, light shifter read I can recommend this.

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Ericka Walden says

3.5**

I wished Charlie wrote longer books!!

Cathy Romanczuk says

Our Favorite Crazy

Payson, the hyena shifter, finds his mate. Not too much angst going on, who would have thought that Payson would find his mate? Land is out for his birthday celebration and meets Payson. There are some issues from the past that emerge but Fate knows what she is doing. This is a different side of Payson.

Jab Forbes says

Awesomeness

A nice, quick, well structured read.

As with all of Mrs. Richards books, the pairing was rushed, but the characters were fun and engaging. I was happy Larissa was written with some nuance, and that the two leads were both fairly happy.

Honey says

[And I for one didn't appreciate Payson having slept with Land's sister because he thought she was his mate. (hide spoiler)]

Jo * Smut-Dicked * says

Enjoyed the characters and the continuing story of Kontras guys. The heat was good in this though it didn't do too much to advance any storyline.

Elsbeth says

I was excited when I saw this on netgalley, I have been curious about this series, and wanted to check it out. I am really glad I did, because I would have been really disappointed if I spent money on it.

I really dislike, putting it mildly, the way dominant men are becoming abusive, self absorbed, entitled, assholes. I don't want to see the steps of a spousal abuser portrayed as sexy, because it just isn't. This is why I have drifted away from the yaoi genre; it was the same thing time, and time again, not to mention the staid roles of top and bottom. I might as well be reading bad het smut if the men never switch it up.

So in this book what set me off was the over abundance of Payson referring to Land as "Human", here are a few examples.

"...his skittish human..."

"...finding the human first..."

"...skinny black-haired human..."

"...nice smelling human..."

"...the skittish human who smelled like heaven and gingerbread..."

“...cute human...”

“...little human...”

“...shell-shocked human...”

“...sweet human...”

Now, these alone might have just been a minor annoyance of repetition, it was the possessive “his human” which showed up seven times, and brush off “the human” which showed up thirteen times. Now, here is a gray area, I might have been more forgiving if this all happened before he knew Land’s name, but NO, Payson keeps it up throughout the whole book.

It got really annoying.

Now on the part that ruined it for me, there is a part in the book where Land, Payson, and another shifter get their nipples pierced. This is all well and good, they have the money to have the guy show up at their place which was a little weird but hey it’s a fantasy book. No, what pissed me off was that the author didn’t do the research to know that a good body artist would NEVER EVER use a gun...EVAR!

I hung out at a tattoo body art shop for a while, my roommate was dating the owner so I got to see some work done up close and personal, I even got some piercing done for free. I got to hear the whole speech on piercing guns, and how evil they are. The piercer also does not line up the piercings he just slaps some alcohol on there and goes to town.

Yeah, that would lead to some very uneven piercings, and some very pissed off customers. I know that this is knowledge that I got out of life, and is a BIG pet peeve on my part, but would it have killed the author to do a little research. Maybe, I don’t know go check out the local tattoo shop that does piercings, especially if your main character has a Jacob’s Ladder and a Prince Albert.

Just sayin’.

Maybe I am asking too much.

Thank you Netgally and Extasy Books for letting me read this book.

Oh, and thanks to Emily for giving me the inspiration to use Sherlock gifs!
