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All it takes is one mistake to be marked. One bite, she crosses a line...into forever.

Diana Hambre's body is blazing. For days this leopardess shifter has spun through a body-searing heat cycle. Alone. Her senses reel when Shawn Barclay, her boss, walks into her reserved room at the Downtown Den, a stud club for shifters. He gives Diana a choice: spend the evening with him, give into his every desire, and she'll find out what it means to quench her heat-crazed thirst—or try her luck with a stranger, one of the club bangers.

Shawn hates when his back is against the wall. One sip of Diana's pheromone-laced scent is enough to force his alpha hand. The tables have turned and it's Diana's back he wants up against a wall, or any other surface for that matter.

As the moon rises toward midnight, Shawn and Diana come to understand the difference between sex and bonding. For a night, neither of them resist their primal instincts, blindly giving into carnal desire. Her wild nature fights being subdued and she risks spontaneously shifting without warning.

Now, bearing Shawn's bite marks, she can't simply walk away from him; not when he has the means to teach her to harness her leopardess nature. Shawn accepts the challenge of training Diana to control her untamed cravings. Employing every method available in and out of the bedroom, he discovers he's on the verge of ensnaring himself in the process.

Warning: Erotic scenes hot enough to peel paint

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From Reader Review Collared for a Night for online ebook

AnnMarie says

The authors warning...*Warning: Erotic scenes hot enough to peel paint...*she wasn't kidding!

I love love love shifter stories. And Collared for a Night is no exception. Loved it!

I have always been a fan of paranormal romance. Loving the worlds the authors create. And shifters, a definite favorite. Alpha male, virile, dominant, smexy to the highest power, completely committed to their mates and pack, what's not to love?

The language was lush and smexy. Very swoon worthy. Had me on the edge through out the entire story. And the erotica...blazing kids blazing. But...drove the story line and even gave you some insight on the ways of shifters and how their relationships really work. It is a shifter story and the erotica, dominance, and animal tendencies is a must.

The story line and characterizations, as well as secondary characters...excellent. You really got to know everyone. The characters were completely engaging and well rounded. Totally believable in their passion, feelings, wants, and needs.

Collared for a Night was a smooth and quick read, not easy to put down. The passion Diana and Shawn have for one another was palpable, though both were hesitant because of family history of who they are and their own painful pasts. Much of the story is Diana and Shawn working and sexing through her heat. Discovering who she really is was key to the story, training of her alpha self by Shawn, and their desire for one another. And even with their own hidden fears of completely mating, their need for one another was very real. The story takes an unsuspecting twist when Shawn's past comes back to haunt and destroy then both. That was a definite surprise! Really liked that flip in the story line. The ending was prefect and believable how all was eventually resolved as well as these two finally accepting their desires and needs.

Really a good story and a must for all you shifter fans!

Roses Book Blog says

For days Diana has been burning up. She's right in the middle of her heat cycle and has no fellow leopard shifter to help her with the burn she is feeling. She finds her savior in the form of Downtown Den which is located through her daytime job at Matrix. Little does she know that Downtown Den is co-owned by her boss Shawn. Diana has been attracted to Shawn for a long time, but Shawn has always kept it professional. When he discovers Diana is in his club, he is not happy. So when one of his employees goes up to confront her about the contract she signed that states that she withheld her connection to Matrix, she thinks she's going to be kicked out. That is until Shawn gets a whiff of her scent.

Shawn has been unmated and single for a long time. He doesn't want a mate, or a woman that he has to take

care of and protect. But the second he gets scent of Diana a fellow Leopard shifter, all those thoughts go out the window and he knows he must possess her for the night. Stepping into the room and locking the door, Shawn and Diana are both barely able to control their urges to shift and mate to one another. They struggle the entire night until Shawn decides to take Diana home and show her some training that she seems to be lacking.

Diana has been single for a year, her husband and mate dead. She's withheld her urge to mate for as long as possible for she cannot resist Shawn and so she follows him home after a night of hot passionate sex. Shawn has also been single for a long time ever since his mate ran off with his cousin and never looked back. For Diana and Shawn their attraction to one another is an easy one. They need one another and are barely able to contain themselves when they touch one another. But will Diana be able to love again after her previous loss? Will Shawn be able to learn to let another into his heart? What happens when an old flame returns to shake up their happiness?

This book was hot and steamy. It was a little different from what I expected based off of the title of the book, but overall it was enjoyable. If you are into paranormal romance and hot scenes with two dominant alphas this will be a book you'll enjoy reading. I enjoyed parts of it, but then again paranormal isn't really my genre and based off the title I just thought it would be a little bit different from what I read. Overall good reads, 4 stars.

Review Copy received from author in exchange for a honest review

Jessie says

2.5 stars

Overall the book was alright. The lead male character (Shawn) was dominate and controlling while the lead female character (Diana) wasn't a push over but was submissive. The sexually heated scenes were borderline animalistic- a lot of biting and referring to there inner beast coming out. I felt like there was more to Diana's ex Cole or at least there should have been more. The author hinted at a tragic death that traumatized Diana but never went into ant detail or closure. I also felt like Shawn did an unrealistic complete flip on his feelings for Diana. His change in Feelings didn't make sense. The flow of the story was a bit choppy. There were parts where I either had to skim over the text or I would lose interest. I did however finish the book so it wasn't obviously to bad.

(view spoiler)

Jessica says

Once again I'm wondering how I read the same book as all the very positive reviewers. I just got a new kindle and decided to take advantage of the lending library with this book. Bummer on me because i can only get once a month. I dont even think i made it through one chapter because the writing was so absurdly over the top. Like ok she's in heat and horny I get it we don't need to spend 75% of every page beating the dead horse over and over and over and over and...well you get the point. I was also not even a little impressed by the heroine. I get that she's in heat and all but the "oh if someone doesn't service me im gonna

jump the next hot guy i see" good lord some willpower please silly me but i want a heroine who is more than just her lady bits. "oh my boss compliments me at work so often i just wanna molest him on the desk" ugh it was just...not sexy to me. I couldnt respect her. The author tried to give her some depth by throwing in a dead mate but it just comes out of the blue and has no emotional impact. And we're just dropped in the middle of the world with 0 explanation which is a huge pet peeve of mine. What that all added up to for me was i knew i wasn't gonna enjoy this and i decided not to waste my precious free time

TheWriter says

I was given this book by the author and asked if I could review it so here we go! This is the story about a shapeshifter Diana who is trying to find someone to help her in a critical time of her life. And a shapeshifter named Shawn who is a alpha he is consumed by her and her by him! It is very hot and very steamy!!! They each have things in their past that make the romance challenging. I dont want to give to much away but its a great read and i know u will like it! Definitely not for anyone under 18! I just hope that there's more to come. The author was very detailed in her writing which is always a plus!!

Daisy Sloan says

Paranormal romance has always been a favorite of mine. Collared for a Night is no exception to that. It's fast, hot, dirty and intense.

Diana is an untrained alpha leopardess. She's in heat and needs some relief. She contracts with a local club that caters to single shifters in heat and needing relief. What she doesn't realize is her boss is part owner of this club. He sees red when he finds out she's there for the night. He decides to take things in his own hands.

Diana's boss, Shawn, is powerful in his own right. He's an alpha leopard, on the shifter council, businessman and all around badass. Diana is badass in her own right she just doesn't know it!

This story is non-stop seduction, sex and domination. Of course, it's exactly as expected based on the description of the book. The attraction between Diana and Shawn was hot. I love that Diana didn't just fall at his feet. With her being an alpha leopardess, it fits with her character. It also fit with her to be reserved and cautious. She wasn't so cautious and reserved that it spoiled the story. It was the right amount.

Shawn was determined to have Diana. He was patient and relentless. He was understanding and played within the boundaries set at the beginning of their liaison, no matter how badly he wanted to break those rules.

There were several things I found interesting in this story. One. Shifters are not unknown to humans. There wasn't any explanation of how or why, it just was. It worked for this story and I didn't feel anything missing for it. That wasn't the focus of the story. Two, because Sean was wearing condoms when he mounted Diana, he couldn't always tell when her orgasm was coming. I actually found this endearing and realistic. Third, there was some medical/psychological stuff that was a bit out there, but again, it worked for this story. It

wasn't over the top and it worked within the confines of this story.

This was my first story by Susan Arden and I will definitely be checking out more.

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Cozen says

Yeah. I really got into this one. There was a time a got a bit tired of the sex but surprisingly it finally got back to the plot and story. It was still good. A bit different than most. I liked that the female led didn't become clingy. Right from the get go she was like, "that's all good and all, but what happens...." she never quite gave every bit of control over.

The male led was not an alpha male, but then again he was. He was an alpha of his clan but his actions were not alpha style seen in most recent contemporary romance novels. He wasn't abusive in anyway and once he had her, she was it for him.

In all I actually would read this book over and over again so I have zero problems rating this a 5 star.

Jamie says

I enjoyed this one! Very steamy shifter romance.... good story, good characters, lot's of steam, not too long.. kept me interested.. A good one!

Cassandra says

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

** Received ebook as part of a blog tour for an honest review.

I love the cover especially the kitty with the big beautiful eyes :)

Ok first things first, a majority of this book is very steamy erotic scenes, so if that's not your thing, then you may not want to read this book. There is definitely a story to go with it, and I thoroughly enjoyed this book. This is the first time I've read anything by Susan Arden, but after looking at the cover and the blurb I knew it was something I'd enjoy. Her writing style makes it easy to visualize everything that is happening and be sucked into the characters' lives. Diana is trying to make her way in the world as a lone woman trying to control her leopardess half after personal tragedy. She is a strong woman who does not like to admit she needs help, and she keeps people at arm's length. Shawn is a confident alpha who is a bachelor after being burned before with no plans for that changing ever. Their story is awesome.

Only thing that I wish there was more of was their families. I almost wonder if there will be another book involving meeting both of their families & closure which would rock, and I would definitely read it. However, I have seen no indication of this being a series.

I loved this book and highly recommend it to paranormal romance lovers who like it steamy and hot.

Romancing the Book says

Reviewed by Nadene R.

Book provided by the publisher for review

Review originally posted at Romancing the Book

First of all I must say that the cover of this title is what first drew my attention and then when I read the blurb I was further intrigued. As a result when the opportunity arose for me to read and review this title I was very enthused. However, my enthusiasm got shot to the ground after the first few chapters. Now, don't get me wrong, I am not saying that the story was not good it was just not what I was expecting. To be honest, I don't mind reading about sex in romance stories as I believe it adds spice but when it practically dominates the entire story that's where I draw the line. I know this is an erotic romance, but frankly I was expecting a bit more substance. It moved very slowly. It was not until the about the last four chapters that the story started to get exciting.

The sex scenes were definitely sizzling. There was some amount of BDSM and anal sex so if you are in to this type of thing then this book is definitely for you.

Although I was disappointed with the story line I have to say that the story was well written. Characters were well developed. I was especially drawn to the female protagonist, Diana Hambre. She is a leopard shifter who has been a widow for some time. She had gotten use to keeping her carnal urges under control on her own. However, lately it had become quite difficult for her and she recognized that she needed help to achieve this task. Little did she know that the place she went to obtain a solution to her problem is owned by her boss, Shawn Barclay. She is a very strong willed person and it was somewhat difficult for her to give up this independence and to submit to Shawn. I liked how she was able to eventually do that and at the same time was able to hold on to her identity. She had no qualms about protecting what was hers.

Overall I found it to be an ok read. It may not have been my favorite read but I would still recommend it as I know everyone's taste is different.

Brandy Dorsch says

I received a copy for the tour.

I really liked Diana. She had a strength of character that made me connect with her. Her mate had been killed so Diana was attempting to control her shifting urges on her own. She finally reaches the point where she needs help so she seeks help from a stud club that caters to shifters.

Unbeknownst to her, the owner is also her boss at the graphic design company she works for. The alpha male that has called to her and left her panting for more. She knows he is to be avoided at all cost because to engage him is to wind up bonded.

Shawn has desired Diana for awhile but he also knows that giving in will cost him the best designer he has ever had. When he discovers that Diana is at his club, he knows he has to get rid of her but when he realizes

how close to the edge she is, he knows he is the only one that can train her.

I love that these two need and want each other. Vegas was a bit of a pain cause there is nothing worse than a vindictive ex.

I am a fan of Susan Arden's and I can't wait to devour more!

Sapphire Kande says

Great job! Panty melting Story!

Mandi says

I was given this copy in exchange for an honest review.

This is a very steamy book that is bound to get you hot and bothered. It has male Dom, a tad of BDSM, and shapeshifting--OH MY! Who could ask for more?

If you are looking for an easy-going book that will take your mind off of reality for the weekend, this is your read.

Mara says

1 1/2

I can, and will say, that the author tried. I can't honestly add much more. The text was full of litter (part of words left there) and the writing itself at times seemed off to me. (Like, what is the point or what is she trying to say? All the training is a good example.)

This is labelled as erotica, so the sex-to-story ratio is high. But I admit that in the field this ratio is usually much higher. So kudos for it :)

As erotica, though, plot and world-building are not high in the list of priorities. I found some points a mystery (like why all of a sudden she becomes insecure? Or how an alpha can submit? Why the emphasis on her past if you then don't talk about it?)

I also admit that none of the scenes of "submission" sounded right to my ear (but clearly this is purely personal).

This is on the November Amazon Deals. I would have preferred if it was marketed as self-pub. (In theory it's not. It could be a vanity press, which is the same thing.) I might have decided not to buy it or I would have been less irked by the constant litter left in the pages.

If you decide to go for it, note that the sample is a good set for the book. Rather than hooking you, it leaves you dry. (For an erotica book, it's not such a good idea.)

Christine says

The story starts by leopard shifter, Diana, who has not had a mate for a year since she became a widow. Now she is in fear of shifting since she has been in heat and does not have mate to help her. Diana decides to make an “appointment” at a Downtown Den, specifically for shifters. Only Diana does not know that the Den is co-owned by her boss who is also an alpha leopard. Shawn has had his eye on Diana since she started working for him at his graphic design company, Matrix Design. When he finds out that Diana has made an appointment in his Den, he cannot handle the idea that another male leopard will be helping Diana with her problem. Shawn wants to help her not only in her time of heat, but also to show her all her potential as a leopardess.

Did I feel connected to the characters? Shawn is a very sexy, hot, alpha leopard. I love how protective he is of Diana and that he tried to help her since she was unaware of all the power she had as a leopardess. At first, I was annoyed with Diana analyzing every word that Shawn would say to her. He was trying to make her feel wanted and she took it as him trying to control her. It was frustrating. I wanted to tell her to stop analyzing.

Pace of the story: The first chapter dragged for me. There was a lot of inner dialogue which I thought would carry throughout the book. However, it did not. The story took off after the first chapter. The story switched from Shawn’s to Diana’s POV, which I liked.

Positives: A lot of steam between the two characters. I love that Shawn opened up to Diana immediately about his past. I think him opening up to her about his previous relationship with a woman and the friend made the story more interesting. I always love the potential of an ex coming back. I love that type of drama.

Negatives: Some of the dialogue between the characters felt awkward at first.

Do I recommend? It is steamy paranormal romance.

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