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Lasha says

3.75 stars

A great start to what looks to be an exciting series from new author Jess Buffett. Twins Sawyer and Riley have been on the run since their entire family was murdered seven years ago by evil vampires. Sawyer is about to come into his Mage powers when he's attacked, then saved by Alpha wolf Jake Hunter. Realizing they are mates, Jake takes Sawyer back to his compound so the two men can learn more about each other. But dark forces are brewing and threaten their new-found happiness.

What I liked about this book was the slow build between Sawyer and Jake. This story wasn't Insta-Love mates, who then have OMG-amazing-sex which segues into a happily ever after. No, Ms. Buffett took her time with the initial get together of the two main characters and allowed the build-up to progress organically, especially after bad guys attacked Sawyer. However, once she does that, then came a rush of happily ever after plot points which seemed to me to unfortunately rush the ending. Up until that happened, this was an A-book, but the "heteronormal" ending didn't seem to fit the previous chapters which were romantic and sweet.

Another great part of this book was that Sawyer was kick-ass. He's no TSTL simpering man waiting for his Alpha to save him, he's a powerful Mage coming into his own. A dynamic character in his own right and when paired with Jake, they make a formidable couple. Plus, his relationship with his twin, Riley was wonderful. (I cannot wait for Riley's story, "Riley's Vampire Prince" to be released on May 11, 2013!) Add on some interesting world-building and you have a very enjoyable read.

Recommended for all paranormal lovers who like complex characters, intriguing plots, secondary characters who will knock your socks off and leave you panting for more; plus a wonderful love story that brings something fresh and new to the genre. I am looking forward to more from Ms. Buffett in this universe!

Lasha's Paranormal M/M Reviews

Phaney says

It's the same old story with the same old types, just with new names for the usual functions. They only kept *mate*, of all things. (As though most of us weren't already tired of having that word flung around as an excuse and explanation for anything the author needs to happen or wishes to accelerate.)

I'm really not one to demand originality; all I want is a nice story to read, and every author tends to bring something of their own into the mix anyway. Sadly, though, the execution falls flat in this case.

There's a lot I'm letting slide here but... Sawyer. Your abilities to read auras helped you recognise people to steer clear of – yet (view spoiler) How'd you miss/mistake that?

I do like that they opt to not jump straight into sex. I like a lot less that even so there is zero build-up of sexual tension, so when they do get around to doing the deed, I don't feel any sparks.

The whole baby thing is insane. (view spoiler)

What this illustrates more sharply than anything else I could bring up is how entirely unreal this is. It's a romantic fantasy. Someone's romantic fantasy, at any rate; not mine. I realize that the presence of magic allows for fantastic things to happen, but, for example, Sawyer's (view spoiler) also falls under the heading of *too damn sudden*. (view spoiler) Sorry. You lost me.

The writing itself shows traces of flippant teen. Which feels weird in exposition and when used in disregard of who the character is supposed to be, their age or status.

Overall I get the sense of being told how people feel and what they want; I am not really seeing much of it in action, protestations aside.

This is sad, because I'm certain the author intended to create a fun, exciting (possibly even sexy) story with this. The well-meaning vibes are all over the place. It simply does not work for me. I suppose it's still okay, but I'm not sure I want to continue with book two after this. Meh.

Ang -PNR Book Lover Reviews says

Love love loved this new series

Perfect easy read!!

Can't wait for the next one!!

Crissy Morris says

Not a bad debut for this author. I like the story although I'm a little disappointed in the pacing. There is a lot of time skipped that could have been used to utilize building the relationship between the two MCs. The world is unique and quite creative. And the plot is entertaining. I just felt like there was something missing. I look forward to reading Riley's story.

Mandapanda says

M/m shifter erotica story. There is the usual testosterone-fuelled Alpha male and his tiny, child-like, feminine-looking ~~heroine~~ hero. Clichés everywhere you look - insta-love, 'mate/mine' type dialogue, set top/bottom roles, a loving and sainted older 'mother' figure. The only thing missing is the obnoxious female BFF but I'm sure she'll make an appearance in future books. The MC's are dumb as rocks and if it wasn't for the sex content I would think this was written for children. Obviously I'm not a big fan of this subgenre but it is probably a good example of the style.

Hc says

[Sawyer's injuries when confronted with the past evil bastard that wiped out the twins' family/Guild. H

~♥ Elle ♥~ says

Great start for a new series. I thought this would be one of those books where there's a Neanderthal-like alpha male and a girly-man mate. I'm so glad I was wrong. I love that although this might be the case of instant mating, the author took her time in developing their relationship. The characters were well developed and likeable. There was good placement of the sex scenes that it didn't distract with the main plot or seem out of place or inappropriate. The story was well paced and interesting. Glad I took a chance and bought something from a new author. I'm definitely looking forward to the next book. :)

Claudia says

Not sure how to rate this one ... it is between 2 and 3 stars but nevertheless I liked itI think

At the beginning it seemed like it would be with more depth, which it had not
So I am not sure what to think ... and I am not sure if I want to read the next one

Lucy says

The twins, Sawyer and Riley, survived a horrific attack seven years ago. They were only 13 and have been on their own for seven years. They rely on no one but each other, although for the first time they had someone they considered a friend. Someone who turned on them and put them in more danger than ever. It is here that Sawyer meets Jake, the Kayan (Alpha) of his Clan who immediately recognizes his mate. I did enjoy that Sawyer also knew right away this was his mate, so there was no explaining or convincing about that to do.

I will admit as I was reading this, my first thought was that it was heading toward the usual trope of giant, overbearing Kayan of the Clan mated with the teeny tiny weakling. I was more than happy when that fear was put to rest. "That's right, bitch. This twink fights back", oh yes, Sawyer, yes you do.

The voice throughout this story is wry, sometimes sarcastic and very often funny. The author had solutions to potential problems for the Kayan that I thought were interesting and was happy to have included. The fear that there would be no heir because Kayan is gay? "Wake up and smell the artificial insemination process!". The truth that the Kayan kept from his mate? It actually came across as understandable, as did the reaction of Sawyer. There was no great misunderstanding that could have been avoided, but rather a protection issue.

Sawyer himself has a great inner dialogue. When he is freaking out about meeting the in-laws (right after being beaten up) and is then worried about being a "battered, slutty cheerleader", you want to just hug him. When Riley confronts him about the fact that he is hiding his strength from Jake, he is upfront about it and realizes his mistake.

To Ms. Buffet, I have to also say I was thrilled with the fact that the virgin Sawyer did not immediately jump into bed with Jake, mate or not. That tends to happen so often in shifter stories and it was good to read a man who knew they were mates and still wanted to take his time. That Jake respected that was also a boost.

That being said, when they do have sex, the ten inch penis of Jake was scary and then suddenly it was ride, ride, ride, no pain, no problem.

The secondary characters here are good ones, especially Riley. I liked Riley so much and I can't wait for his story. The plot line of the Potestas and the vampires is a good one. Eli, want you to get yours.

This is a great beginning to a new series and I've found a new author to follow. The Riley teaser at the end is perfect and made me want the sequel right now!

Pixie Mmgoodbookreviews says

4 1/2 Hearts

Review written for MM Good Book Reviews

<http://mmgoodbookreviews.wordpress.co...>

Sawyer and his twin, Riley, lost their entire family and Guild seven years ago when they were only thirteen, they are approaching their twenty-first birthday when they are betrayed by a friend. Sawyer is brutally attacked when he is rescued by his mate, but can he trust a man who doesn't tell him the truth? Jake is surprised when he finds the man he rescued is his mate, he knows that there is horror lingering in Sawyer's past and he tries to prove himself to his mate. When a foe comes back to finish what they started seven years before Jake and Sawyer can only pray that they are strong enough to survive.

This is an incredible beginning to a brand new series from a brand new author. Sawyer has been running with his twin Riley for seven years, hiding and dodging from those that hunt them until they are betrayed by one they call friend. Being rescued by wolf shifters doesn't create much trust, but finding his mate has Sawyer wanting to believe that he is now safe. Jake is trying to have a relaxing evening with his friends when they come across a young man being attacked, discovering that the man is his mate is shocking but discovering why his mate was attacked means they all have to be on guard. Getting Sawyer to trust him isn't easy, especially when Jake hides the truth, but danger lurks and they have to pull together to protect their family.

Well, this story is a great start to a series and I can't wait for other books by Jess Buffett. This story is filled with enough background that you never feel lost, the history is explained early on and you get a good idea how the Guild's and Clans are formed. The story is very interesting and is woven really well, the flash back to the past is informative and makes your heart bleed a little and the characters are brilliant. Jake is Kayan (alpha) of his pack and although he has the typical alpha tendencies it is also tempered by his acceptance of Sawyer's abilities, Sawyer might look like a twink but he knows how to handle himself, he isn't a pushover and makes his feelings known. Riley is a wonderful brother and is a joy to meet, he has a spunky attitude and will let you know in sarcastic tones that he is unhappy.

While some of you might moan about insta-mates this story handles it perfectly because although the connection is strong between Jake and Sawyer they wait to actually mate and there isn't much angst in their relationship, keeping all the tension for the enemies from the past. Although there is hot sex it doesn't litter the pages and isn't in inappropriate situations so you can enjoy the storyline and the relationship in equal

measure. I really am looking forward to Riley's story in Riley's Vampire Prince because Riley and Caleb clash right at the end of this story.

I will recommend this story to those that adore paranormal, the past rearing its ugly head, a great storyline, wonderful characters, hot sex, a well-paced mating and a happily ever after.

A Girl Has No Name says

In The Kayan's Mage we meet Sawyer and his twin Riley. They lost their whole family and guilt in a very young age and have been on their own since. However, they still are in danger and during a brutal attack, Sawyer finds his mate, Jake, a wolf shifter. I liked the beginning of the story, but unfortunately this is when all the shifter story clichés started. Even if this is a subgenre I don't frequently read, I was hoping for something new. However, the suspense was great and thus I'm giving this story 2 stars. I might follow the series to see if they become any better for me. (Terrible cover by the way :/)

multitaskingmomma says

The only regret I had was that I waited too long to read this book. This was such a hilarious and fantastic read!

First, here's the blurb:

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What I thought and am still thinking....

The first thing that took my notice was the legend of how the Ashina clan came to be. It was a simple and yet intriguing legend that, in a few short words, the author successfully laid down the ground works of a series. A series that I am now highly anticipating.

The second thing that I took notice of were actually two things: "frak" and the Adam Lambert comment. These cracked me up. Why? Well, I had no problem about the use of "frak" as I am a huge Battlestar Galactica fan, from the original series to the re-upped one. And then I am also a die-hard Glambert. So there you go. That should be self-explanatory.

But going back to the story, I always am on the look-out for well thought-out works and anything that fails does not, for me, deserve attention, unless it is so bad that I just have to vent.

Hunter Clan Series is one well thought-out plot that this new author, Jess Buffett well deserves a 5 Stars for ingenuity and a character and plot development that can only be seen in a few published authors out there.

One thing I have to mention though: I really, really liked Riley's character. Is it bad of me to say that I liked Riley more than Sawyer? Sawyer was too serious, and Riley's commentaries just entertained me no end. However, I saw where Sawyer was coming from, he was the "protector" in their relationship and he endured a lot for both of them.

Then there was Jake. For an alpha character, his was one of compassion, pure machismo and sweetness. Jake was a complete surprise.

The Epilogue was a complete TEASER! although I am honestly glad that Riley's book was going to be published soon. I can't wait.

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Lizzie says

In general I liked this book. The storyline was interesting if a little...well the best word I can think of is choppy. A thread would start, then either end without a fadeout-You know kind of like lifting a needle off a record before it ends giving a very unsatisfying feeling. Well those of us who remember what a record is. For those of you who don't, it's like your cell dying in the middle of a text.-or skipping through it, leaving little pieces of it missing.

Loved the characters. Jake the big alpha that lives for his people, and Sawyer, small but feisty and sweet. Always, always love that combination. One point, and I don't often say this because I like this combination so much, and for the most part he could stand up admirably for both himself and those he cared for, but at certain times I felt as though Sawyer could have very easily been exchanged for a woman. It made for a wide swing in a characters personality. The sex scenes, though not disappointing, were a little, well I won't say clinical, but they felt distant. I didn't feel immersed. You get the gist of what they feel through their words and not their senses.

Found more than a fair amount of editing, grammatical and spelling errors. Enough to pull me from the story. An example; when Sawyer first enters Jakes family home, he says it felt "homely" when I'm sure it was meant to be "homey". The beginning of the story started out so well as far as dialogue was concerned, but about 50 to 60% percent through, it degraded into often being quite cheesy. I am a fan of the "mine and yours" thing, but a subtleness is necessary to keep it from being hokey. Same goes for the mate talk. The "my mates" were eerily reminiscent of Flynn, as was the attempt to explain points of humor. If the subtlety of the humor is lost on the reader, then announcing that you just attempted it doesn't make it any funnier.

So as I said in the beginning, all in all I like the story. Jake and Sawyer were an enjoyable match and the story and pace were nice, it simply lacked that certain intensity to fully hold my attention, as I often found

myself having to push from one major scene to the next.

Booklover95 says

A decent read. The only thing that rubbed me the wrong way was the use of "Can" as an affectionate term of endearment. Whenever it was used it sounded wrong and interrupted the flow of the book for me as it did not seem to fit well. Other than that I enjoyed reading this and am looking forward to seeing Riley's story, and how he reacts to a vampire mate ;)

LaShonta says

What to say?? I loved it!! I love this world. It seems when a book is bad you have so much to say about it but when a book is very good you can't seem to come up with enough to give a good telling of it.

I will say read this if it's in your to be read list. I almost missed this gem because its an author I had not read before.

I love Jake and Sawyer but Riley stole the show. I love sarcastic people and he was the best at it! I can't wait until book two!! He is going to give his mate a run for his money if the epilogue is anything to go by. I can't wait to read the sequel!
