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The Gathering is called. The spell is cast. There is no escaping the Midnight Matings.

Elder Davan Solaris has secrets, the most important being the love he still harbors for Manuel Tejada, the man he bonded with four years ago at the last Great Gathering. Some days, thoughts of Manuel are the only thing that keeps him going. Other days, the anguish of being abandoned brings him to his knees. Manuel will always hold his heart. When Manuel appears at this year's Great Gathering, Davan panics. He's given up too much to let Manuel rip his heart apart again. Besides, he has an even bigger secret to hide, and this one he needs to hide from Manuel.

Manuel knows Davan betrayed him. He has the proof. But he can't help but seek Davan out when he attends the gathering. A cloud of rage fills him when he discovers the plans of the elder council, and he takes that anger out on Davan, claiming the man as his mate. When his mind clears, Manuel's only thought is to guard his heart from the one man that has the power to destroy it, even if that means not having Davan as his mate. Destroying the forces bent on keeping them apart might be easier than giving Davan up, especially when Manuel discovers the secrets Davan has been keeping from him.

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Serena Yates says

This book is just as much fun as the others in the series. Maybe even more so, because we finally get to see some more of the background - from an elder's perspective. While the urgency behind the idiocy they are committing (essentially forcing paranormals to mate) still isn't clear, the fact that this decision was apparently debated and seemed like the lesser evil to them made me think. Whatever it is that forced them to do this might be truly serious.

Davan is a great character. He's a fae who is loyal to his last breath but misunderstood by the man he chose to mate with - without that man mating him back. He is courageous, kind and has suffered more than should be possible. This is revealed only gradually, and with each piece of information that came to light, I liked him a little more. Dvan is also too shy for his own good, and his lacking self-confidence (which I don't understand at all) causes a lot of pain.

Manuel is a fierce jaguar shifter with preconceived ideas about fae that cost him the man he fell in love with - or rather, separated them for four painful years. I don't like the way he reacted, the signals he missed, but I can see how that fits with his hot-headedness. Thank God he redeems himself!

If you liked the other books in this series, you will like this one. If you are looking for some light entertainment, and cute characters who are just as stupid as people in real life can be, this is your book. It's a stand-alone story, but for those of you who have been following this series, it will begin to explain some of the questions that may have been bothering you for a while. I know they've been bugging me - and they are far from answered!

Christy says

Update: 3/27/17 ~ having reread this story I've got a much different opinion of it than I obviously had the first time, which is why I changed my rating from a 2 star to a 4 star.

I have no idea where my brain was at when I wrote the review below, but my view of Davan and Manuel is of two men betrayed by their families, lied to, and instead of just confronting each other when it initially happened, they were dumb and did what a lot would have in their situation. Regardless, I was thrilled to see them work everything out and admit their love.

So happy I reread this!

This book was way too predictable for my liking. Davan and Manuel's issues with each other and their feelings of betrayal stemmed from a total lack of honesty with each other - that is not a committed relationship. How the families were involved was just too trite.

Bubbles Hunty Honest & Direct Opinions says

I liked most of the story but hated parts too and some parts were just blah and others were just repetitive I would give it 3.5 stars if GR would let me give half star ratings

Michi Rosa says

I love this book so so much!

It's angsty, it makes my heart hurt, brings tears to my eyes, every time I read this.

A??ela W. says

Spoiler Ahead This was book ten in the "*Midnight Mating*" series Elder Davan Solaris has secrets, the most important being the love he still harbors for Manuel Tejada, the man he bonded with four years ago at the last Great Gathering. Four years ago Manuel thinks that Davan who is Fae cheated on him so he left him without saying goodbye or leaving a note at the gathering the Elder's put a mating spell in the champagne that everyone drank and before he knows it he is claiming Davan. Four years ago after being left by Manuel Davan was beaten and left for dead at the hands of Manuel's family when he went to tell Manuel some important news. Davan is still in love with Manuel and although he thinks that Manuel had him beaten he is unable to stop loving him and he has a secret that will change his life forever. This was a good read with a lot of emotions with two families that don't want the two to be together and with both of them scheming to keep them apart. When Manuel goes to one of the Elder's about breaking the spell he was asked to talk to Davan to find the answers that he is looking for. This book was well written with no errors in spelling or grammar. I am looking forward to reading more books in this series.

Raevyn says

So far, I think this is the best one of the series. I loved the earlier ones because of the different characters (bunny, mouse, ferret, etc), but this one seemed to have a lot more depth (story and characters).

Davan is Fae and an elder of UPAC. He is also brokenhearted. Enter Manuel, who we learn is the reason for the broken heart. Through the forced matings they are reunited and mated. Their new relationship takes them through why they split and the deceit of those involved in their split.

I really liked them together and the mystery of their betrayal was better than I thought it would be.

FYI - this is an M-Preg and mm with children story.

Tj says

A wonderful tale of a romance full of misunderstandings that gets a second chance. Davan was such a sympathetic character, you want him to find happiness even if it means with Manuel. Now Manuel you want to kick, the man just ran! What the heck kinda love is that? You do feel bad for him though, he lost a lot doing something that was just an immature mistake.

Barb ~rede-2-read~ says

Similar to the other Midnight Matings stories, this one features two protagonists who get permanently bonded. In this case, Davan, a Fae, is bonded to Manuel, a jaguar shifter. The twist is that they came together for the first time four years ago and Davan thought he had found the love of his life. In his mind, they were bonded back then, but Manuel disappeared one night, without a word, and never returned.

Unknown to Davan, someone had slipped pictures of him with another man to Manuel and Manuel reacted by categorizing Davan with all Fae-- everyone knows they can't be faithful. But Manuel is wrong and never learned the truth. Davan has remained faithful and, in fact, he's also given birth to twins. When Manuel returns now, four years later, Davan sends the twins away so that Manuel won't find out about them. But Manuel is tricked by the Elders at the Great Gathering and when he seeks out Davan as his mate, they become bonded again.

The premise is quite simplistic but Stormy Glenn always makes these stories work. In fact, in this one we get more than the usual. There's more action, murder and mayhem, forgiveness and healing and as the guys move toward their HEA there's even more (view spoiler).

Rissa (an M/M kinda Girl!!) says

I just recently read a book from this series. I'm not much for paranormal but I'm finding that i'm intrigued by the different species that each book is about. This book was about a Jaguar and a Fae...odd combo but they 'finally' made it work.

These books are fun...i think I'll grab another whenever i can squeeze it into a challenge!

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

3.5*

These stories all sort of follow the same storyline, but that's ok.

I liked this one, although Manny was an idiot , but he groveled nicely so that helped! ;)

Tom says

Manuel and Davins Story!

Davin is an Elder and Manuel is the father of Davins children. They broke up four years earlier. They meet again at the council meeting and are mated.

Asynia says

Oh, what to say! I realize that I'm *so* not the target reader for this kind of book, I only read it because I had to read an MPreg-book for a challenge.

I've read some Paranormal Romance before, but those were M/F. This book might as well have been too, but I actually felt that the two MCs were *even less* equal than the MCs in the M/F PNRs I've read. Ms Glenn could have written Davan as a female and it would have made very little difference to the plot, or to the dynamics between the MCs.

The two MCs, Davan and Manuel have such communication issues that it became ridiculous. I realize that in many Romance books there *has to be* "The Big Misunderstanding", but the level it was taken to in this book... Just... *SIGH* I don't know what to say about people - *grown-up* people - who don't even ask the person they're with - and *want to be* with - about something, but instead just runs away and more or less ruins both of their lives! Just... *SIGH*

The whole "mate"-thing is not for me either, nor is the annoying "Alpha-male"-thing. What's wrong with equality? Am I the only one who gets turned on by that? Well, as I already stated, this isn't my genre, and this is probably no place to be looking for equality.

So why the 3 stars, when I clearly didn't like the book? I had no problems with neither Ms Glenn's prose (except for too much repetition in the sex scenes) nor her world-building. I might not want to read about that world, but for those who do, I think that this book is probably fine. So if this is your thing - go for it!

Karel says

This book makes me think that the world depicted in this series doesn't need forced matings as much as it needs a good translation device that can overcome this me Tarzan you Jane thing.

The MCs are practically poster boys for relationship counselling everywhere. I can picture it already: a dimly lit room, a projector projecting a blurry and unfocused image of men slamming doors and crying and screaming at each other. Suddenly, a row of delicate china is swept off the shelves! Hysterical screaming ensues! The counselor steps into the light, and with his vaguely ominous voice, he'll say, "This, ladies and gentlemen, is how not to behave like a woman that women would detest being associated with."

Or maybe they should just rename this one to Misunderstanding and Misunderstood, because that's what it feels like. 70% of the book was about how much they hate each other (but not really, because you know, romance) and the other 30% were fluffy things like kids bonding time and taking care of the Conflict.

And of course sex.

Good thing I love misunderstandings and angst and wawawa-he-doesn't-love-me or this is going straight to the one-star pile.

Elci says

Drowning in fluff isn't a bad way to go. Plus mpreg = squee

Vicktor Alexander says

I have never read a Stormy Glenn book that was so angsty and heart-wrenching and "make-you-want-to-shake-your-Kindle" emotionally charged before. Out of all of the Midnight Matings books, this was the one that I always cringed when I thought about reading it, which is weird for me because I'm such a "Stormy Glenn book whore." But there was something about the blurb that let me know it was going to be a book that was going to make me want to punch one of the main characters in the throat. And I was right.

Manuel and Elder Davan have a history that is filled with so much outside deception, manipulation, snobbishness, homophobia, anger, violence, lying and heartbreak that even while they were having sex Davan was crying and Manuel was angry, both of them wrapped up in their own versions of what happened to their past failed relationship and who was really wrong. When everything gets sorted out and the truth is revealed I breathed such a sigh of relief, but the angst and drama didn't stop there. The the ones who had caused all of the problems had to be confronted and justice had to be served.

In the middle of all of this heart-squeezing writing there is such an undercurrent of the power of Davan and Manuel's love for each other. You can feel how deep their love and passion burns for the other even in the middle of their misunderstandings and hurt.

Now, everyone doesn't like Mpreg (your choice I know), I, however, LOVE a good mpreg story or a good M/M with Kids story and this book had both (although the mpreg is merely mentioned in a few spots and not really "experienced" like in other books) and Mrs Glenn does it so well (as she usually does). I was charmed by the children though they only had brief appearances (as should be the case with ALL children-I joke. Hahaha. Laugh people) and found myself wanting to see how Manuel would handle Davan being pregnant again.

The dynamic of Manuel and Davan was so brilliant that unlike some other paranormal romances I didn't have to strain, tilt my head to one side and squint in order to try and imagine the two of them actually being together outside of the whole paranormal thing.

"The Epilogue Whore" is never satisfied when I read a Stormy Glenn book and is thereby never consulted because they are always so good to me that I find myself wanting more and more and more and really, greed is one of the seven deadly sins right? Well, I'll die happily because this book will be read again by me and I recommend it to all of you.
