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Sometimes the first bite is all people need before becoming so addicted that they can't stop themselves from craving more. Even if it leads them to their own undoing.

Raised by a ruthless slaver to be one of the best assassins in the shifter world, the only one Tatum knew he could count on and trust was his twin brother. The fact that they've joined with a cast of Hawks hasn't changed that, either. While their new allies might seem nice enough, Tatum found out the hard way that kind words are, more often than not, just a nice façade to hide the true ugliness underneath. So he vows to never let his guard down or let anybody close...at least until he stumbles across a certain Spider shifter. One who may be small, but has as many emotional scars as Tatum.

After being accepted informally as part of the feline coalition, Baxley still doesn't feel safe. He lives every day in fear that his past will come back and finish him off. The only time he is able to breathe freely is when Tatum is around. Yet Baxley knows that he can never truly love the other man, for fear of putting Tatum in danger.

Will Baxley be able to turn to Tatum? What's more, will Tatum be willing to help? Or will Baxley lose the little bit of happiness he has in his life?

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## **From Reader Review When Tatum Got Bit by the Spider for online ebook**

### **Mirka says**

I love this series...I am always so excited when there are suddenly more shifters who can be paired up :D

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### **Christy says**

Finally! Finally! Finally! A spider shifter! Something out of the norm and unusual. Of course I have friends on social media who will shudder and cringe but I think it's awesome and I was excited to get Baxley's story. 'When Tatum Got Bit by the Spider' is the nineteenth installment in the 'Lost Shifter' series and I am not bored yet. How could I be? Spider, hello?

It was hard to decide whether my heart ached more for Baxley or Tatum. Baxley was abused and terrorized by his own family for being a runt and Tatum was sold into slavery by his own parents. Tatum and his twin brother, Ackley, were raised to be assassins and Baxley is just lucky he made it through childhood. Watching these two abused and damaged men find love almost brought a tear to my eye. When Baxley's hive threatens to destroy HQ and all the felines and allies in it if they don't surrender Baxley, well shock is a mild term for Baxley's response when the coalition tells the Spiders to go to hell. He can't believe that the coalition is willing to fight for him and Tatum is just as stunned. These two men have never experienced love and loyalty to this degree.

I so enjoyed this addition to the series and the ending finale battle with various types of spider shifters and scorpions was insanely fun. I've said it before and I'll continue to say it, I'm looking forward to the next book in this exciting series.

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### **Shell says**

I love Stephani's shifter books, but I'm getting kind of sick of every protagonist lately being a victim of violent sexual abuse. Can we move on from that, please?

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### **Mandy\*reads obsessively\* says**

I haven't read one in this series for a while, I think the break was good, since I really enjoyed this one.

Poor little Baxley, finally safe and has a hot, sexy, scary, assassin shifter mate Tatum. The past comes back to haunt him and of course bombs explode, blood flows and I'm hoping Tatum's brother Ackley gets a mate soon.

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## **Sophia Triad says**

### **Hawk shifter, Tatum & Spider shifter, Baxley**

I loved the combination of the powerful hawk and the tiny spider. Unique combination.

I loved the title of the book.

I didn't mind the extreme sappiness.

The battle with various types of spider shifters and scorpions was very enjoyable.

And yes, finally a story with a spider shifter!

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## **Kelly H. (Maybedog) says**

Notes:

Quick, guess the lost shifter story: Mistreated guy finds he can be loved. Another mistreated, lonely killing machine shifter finds he's capable of love. Neither thinks he's good for the other, both start with avoidance but they've been watching each other for a while thinking the other couldn't possibly love them.

There is a brother involved who won't approve of the relationship if he knew.

The weaker one is hurt and the other proclaims his undying love at the side of the first's hospital bed.

Then they are together, there's a short battle to kill the person who hurt the weak shifter before which the strong one vows to keep his mate safe by killing the beast who hurt the man.

As always, there's a scene where Shane gets excited about killing (and we're told once again how misleadingly adorable he looks). There is a moment that is rather ethically dubious. One of the MCs narrowly avoids being killed but is completely fine at the end.

Can't figure it out? Why ever not? Yeah, this is like a bunch of others in the series, which are like umpteen other shifter books out there, but I enjoy them. They're short and sometimes I need a sweet little snack like a Fun Size Snickers in book form.

If only the author would stop saying, "I'm not for sure." I believe in you, really. I'm sure you exist. :)

Issues specific to this story: tarantulas aren't that poisonous actually.

They didn't worry about any innocents, even though they knew Baxley's mom was a good person and hadn't been able to escape permanently. There could have been others. In fact, they saw men trapped in the pit and the MC didn't make sure that (view spoiler).

I wish for once the strong MC was seriously injured rather than just almost. It would be so much more realistic. Who am I kidding. This is a shifter true mate book. There's nothing remotely realistic about it.

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**Jessie Potts says**

WTGBbtS (mouthful!) is a #TBT rec this week!  
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/happyev...>

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**Nikko says**

I totally love it!!!

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**Bubbles Hunty Honest & Direct Opinions says**

I don remember who Tatum is :(

After reading tatum is a hawk twin I had to go back and check Shane's Fury to see if these were the twins Riley seduced and ruined Shane's book. Good news, tatum is not one of the twins that tag-teamed Riley. Riley does however seem to play a large part in this book. (Go away Riley, haven't you ruined enough books by now?) but actually he's not so bad here.

Still can't remember Tatum. I remember her on the first Scream Movie, played my rose McGowan, but she died (spoiler, a garage door ate her cause her hips wider than she thought. Delusional woman)

Then T and Spider talk about first time they met and what they said without repeating it so I have no idea what happened when they first met. I hate flashbacks but I think their first meeting should have been a little prologue for the memory impaired readers

Well crap, is t's twin intereseed in North's brother or this issac guy? Please Stephani don't make it a ménage.

What happened to Riley's twin? Forget his name. And where was Brent? Hard to imagine Daniel going into battle without Brent. And hard to imagine Brent not being cocky so he must have been shunned and sent away?

The story was good. I liked both I the characters. It was simple and sweet with a sprinkle of sappy sparkles. But it fit my mood perfectly and I really enjoyed it.

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**Deeze says**

Another shifter book full of plot holes, unbelievable sappiness and the same old story re told.

I really need someone to explain to me why I like these so damn much!!

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### **V says**

Don't mind me, but, I just loved this sequel.

This author proved me with this story, the reason why I'm still reading this series.

I like the action, I love the bombs, I love that Tatum cut Paul's face. I would have loved to read he cut his balls on the way ..never mind, maybe next time he will do that to one of the nasty characters.

Well it seems that I really love this series when it focus in the killers characters, Shane, Tatum, I can't wait to read about Ackley..

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### **Gabbi says**

I love Stephani Hecht's books. When it comes to giving me some much needed escape from my everyday life, Ms. Hecht's fast-paced, interesting reads fit the bill for me time and time again.

I thought both heroes, Will and Tatum, were unique and addictive men to read about. At first glance, they seem to be polar opposites of each other. Tatum is a cold blooded assassin who doesn't trust easily. The only affection he has for another person is for his twin brother, who is as equally as dangerous as Tatum is. So Tatum is surprised by the pull of attraction and deep affection he feels for the spider shifter, Will. Will is shy and sweet and nothing like the rough and hardened Tatum. But as the two men start to get to know each other something extraordinary happens...they start to find things in common and begin to feel a genuine friendship, attraction and affection for each other. I thought the chemistry between the two men was sizzling hot and it kept me fascinated throughout the entire story.

Also, the action and continuing fight between good vs. evil kept me rooting for Will, Tatum and the rest of the clan. There are plenty of adventure, action and romance in When Tatum Got Bit by a Spider to keep fans of Ms. Hecht's books and of the Lost Shifter series will love this newest book in the series. Although this book could probably be read as a stand-alone, I highly recommend reading all of the Lost Shifter books. Not only will you love each and every character, you'll get wrapped up in their lives as well. Highly Recommended!

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### **DaisyGirl says**

3.5 Stars

Tatum is one of the hawk-shifter assassin twins. He and his brother, Ackley, were sold into slavery and raised to be ruthless since birth. Baxley is a spider shifter. Small, scared, and scarred by the abuse he suffered at the hands of his hive (especially his hive master) Baxley continues to live in fear even though he has been

granted sanctuary by Mitchell and the feline coalition. Tatum and Mitchell fall in love but Baxley's past and secrets come back to haunt him and threaten all that they hold dear.

This installment was okay. I enjoyed Baxley's character. Ever since his first appearance, I was hoping to read his story. Tatum was a little harder to like at first. Eventually, he grew on me as he warmed up by being around Baxley so much. Honestly, I like this series well enough but the characters are getting to be a blur. There are so many of them, I feel like I need an Excel spreadsheet to keep track of all the shifters, their animal type, their mate, whether they have any lost or recovered siblings, their extended family, any physical impairments, possible mental disorders, quirks, yadda, yadda, yadda.

Bottom-line: an interesting sequel but I'm losing the wind in my sails for this series as the cast of characters goes beyond what I'm able to easily track in my limited head space.

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### **Meggie says**

Baxley and Tatum were an enjoyable mated, shifters, pair. I liked them. The storyline isn't complex, but easy and comical. In general, good enough. To be sincere I'm more interested in Tatum's twin brother Ackley.

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### **Meep says**

Feels harsh to mark this a DNF it's more down to finding more absorbing books than any huge fault, and it wallowing on my 'current-reading' list gathering virtual dust.

The series clearly has it's fans, so good for it, but I rather suspect it's one of those 'read one and you've read them all' type series. If you enjoy the style well this is book 19, your book pile has just multiplied ;)

For me the characterisation is too thin. The big bad (hot) guy all introspective about how bad-arse he is and how everyone fears him, and yet people are shown talking even joking with him, it doesn't mesh. I never bought into the characters, didn't bond to any enough to make reading an imperative. Also the shifter element never seemed that powerful and it was the curiosity over the Spider shifter that persuaded me to buy.

It's lightweight, in-offense, I may yet finish it one day.

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