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Roxanne has suffered a concussion after a severe bump to the head, but that's okay - she's having the best hallucination ever. It involves being rescued by an incredibly handsome man who can turn into a wolf and lusts after her like no man ever has before. No, really - in her home town, plain, chubby Roxanne was lusted after by no-one. Her handsome shifter hallucination is so hot, she finds herself wishing she'd never recover.

Steele Battle, wolf shifter, Sheriff of Timber Valley, has met the love of his life - and he must leave her behind, with her memory erased, because she's human and can never know about the existence of his people. A year later, he's still mourning the loss of the woman who captured his heart - when she strolls in to the bar in his remote, out of the way town, which is not on any human map. How did she find him, and what does she want? To keep her safe, Steel has no choice but to hold her captive until the town's shaman returns to erase her memory for good - but will Steele be able to part with the love of his life a second time?

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Hollie says

short but fulfilling

This book has a suspenseful plot and likeable characters. A solid 4.5 star rating here. I appreciated it being original. For a quick read it was intense throughout.

Ashley says

[baby (hide spoiler)]

JJH--Judy says

4-4 1/2 stars. I really loved this one. It was way different than the rest of the series. One reason is I liked the characters more. Steele was a good alpha, without being over-dominating. Roxanne was funny, smart and sweet. I thought their relationship and chemistry was a bigger part of the overall plot, and I could actually see this couple together. It also had a very exciting suspense plot line that had me guessing until almost the very end. Secondary characters were well done and entertaining too. I was disappointed in the actions of some of Steele's pack mates toward the end, but it just added another level tension. I don't feel it's totally necessary to read the others in the series to enjoy this book--the author did a great job with the backstory.

Shosh Yusufov says

[in that moment when Steele said he couldn't have kids with a human, I knew she would be pregnant. XD I mean COME ON, She was a virgin and they weren't using protec

Starr says

I could not get past the part that she feels she's dreaming just because he is able to lift her. Then the fact that she's must be hallucinating just because he's "hot" and wants to be with her. Chick had serious issues I didn't want to get past.

Rhonda Jones says

I Loved This Book

I think this was my favorite book in this series. I was curious why Steele was so sad in the prior book. I am so happy he got his story. Steele is a wolf shifter who gave up his woman to protect the shifter race. But when she tracks him down, he is torn between his desire for Roxanne versus his responsibilities to shifters. Roxanne's character was so funny as pieces of her memory would return then she would forget again. The story was fabulous but I will not say what it was about because I do not want to spoil it for anyone. I hope the author will continue the series.

Nancy Bodie says

Good story.

This was well written. I enjoyed the storyline and the characters. It was a fast paced but fully developed story. I have purchased the entire series. I highly recommend this series in both ebook and audio formats!

Carrie (Bears Read Too) says

This review was originally posted on "Bears Read Too!"

Hard As Steele is book 3 in the Timber Valley Pack series by **Georgette St. Clair**.

Best one so far!

Steele Battle is the town sheriff and is respected and loved by all. He has been quiet and solemn around the pack lately and has no interest in hooking up with anyone and we finally get to find out why in this book. Roxanne is a human who isn't supposed to know anything about the shifter society but she's having dreams or are they memories?

This series is so much fun. The excitement and anticipation is so good that you can't stop reading. The characters are all fantastic. I love the humour in the dialogue. It's hilarious. I love the style of St. Clair's writing. She grabs your attention right off the bat and then holds it right to the very end. It's not an overly huge book but I read it in one sitting. I just couldn't help myself.

It's not completely perfect though. Here's what I didn't care for. I would like to strangle the Wardens! I started to take a liken to one of them and then he turned out to be a dick because they are such sticklers for rules. Rules are meant to be at the very minimum bent. The harshness for breaking a rule is archaic. There are bad people and shifters alike, but the punishment that they wanted to enforce on Steele was uncalled for. Save that kind of punishment for terrible acts rather than trying to save someone's (or several) life. I'm very

unhappy that (view spoiler)

Either way though, this series is becoming very good to me. I'm really enjoying it!

Monica says

I think so far I like this one best. I really felt for both Steele and Roxanne. I mean those memory issues of hers because some untrained Shamen screwed up erasing her memory. Then the stupid Wardens tried getting in her mind without permission screwed it up. I get trying to protect their secret from humans but seriously there needs to be considerations in different situations. I thought it was totally unfair that Steele lost contact with his family and could never visit again. That was just wrong. Hopefully things will change with all the new developments in this book. Losing your memory and forgetting you had a child has to be awful. Steele really was a good guy and good sheriff. Kind of a slap in the face considering everything he's done for his people. Yeesh. So, I really enjoyed the book and so far its a favorite in the series. :) They get their HEA.

Ivy Deluca says

Steele and Roxanne have wild wolfy sex during a blizzard, but then Roxanne's memory is wiped to forget. When Steele sees Roxanne again, will be able to let her go?

The Good

It's easy on the wallet (99 cents) and the reading (novella-length) so it's a quick read. I was able to read to kill time waiting in between meetings.

The world building is always the best part of Ms. St. Clair's books. It's always a slightly different take on the norm and it's what keeps me coming back for more, even if I'm not as big of fan on the reliance on insta-love. Here, the Timber Valley Pack's sheriff, Steele Battle (ok, the name kills me a little) is trying to forget Roxanne because she's human and human/shifter relations are strictly verboten.

The Bad

The romance portion of Ms. St. Clair's paranormals are always secondary, and a bit rushed. This is no different. There's not a lot of connection between Roxanne and Steele. Insta-love is invoked, and there's no development beyond that. Other than great sex, not sure if they had a full conversation. That's my main disappointment - I would have liked to see them have some dialogue, some banter, something other than a physical connection.

The Bottom Line

I like it, even if the romance is a bit lacking. If that part of the story ever matched the world-building, I think

there'd be a spectacular book. As it is, it's okay.

Alice says

2/5 ?

Okay so this one was actually really boring from start to finish. not the best one in the series.

Margo says

This is my favourite so far. There is an ongoing story about a military group who has been targeting and kidnapping shifters. As well there is the story of Steele, the sheriff of Timber Valley who falls in love with a human. A big no no in the shifter world. It could mean death. Roxanne's world is tilted when she finds out Steele is a wolf but that's not all she finds out. If you like shifter books it's a good read but you really need to read the first two to understand what is going on.

Kim O'Daniel says

I have fallen in love with this series by Georgette St. Clair
The timber valley pack series, is amazing. I started with book one
And just had the most amazing read. I just had to read them all. So I got all the books out, and just read one after the other. These books are well written and packed full of alpha men and very curvy and independent women. The new view on shifters is refreshing. I'm going to put a short review for each book

Wow loved this being a chubby girl myself, loved that Roxanne got the hot and sexy Steele. But of course she thinks it was all a hallucination. We first met Steele in book one. He has been miserable since his trip to a neighboring pack. And now one knew why but he falls for a human, and had to erase her mind. But when he shows up in his town, he does not want to let her go and once again I'm up all night reading, as Georgette has trapped me in her book till the end. Sleep and on to next book

Meetta says

Another awesome Timber Valley Pack book by Georgette St. Clair. I have enjoyed this series so far. The books can be read as stand alone, but there is a back story in each one that connects them.

As always, I loved that Isadora was in this book, as crazy as ever lol. I'm beginning to wonder what's going to happen between her and Dash, if anything at this point. But I am looking forward to her story!

Roxanne is a human that has an encounter with Steele Battle, a shifter. Everything that happens between them is against the laws of the shifter council and elders, whose attitudes I didn't care for one bit!

Not a lot of sex in this book compared to the others (depending on your taste). I could connect with Steele's

feelings with Roxanne, but not so much the other way around, especially in the beginning she thought he was a hallucination and with her memory issues (which you'll read about). But I loved the story and the ending (except for the council people). And little, feisty, brave Flit! A pleasant surprise!

Again, have I told you how much I love Isadora?? She kind of steals the show some. Also, liked the new character Clara and her "psychological warfare"

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Ruckasaurus Rex says

I am a big, big fan of Georgette St. Clair's paranormal romance work, especially the Shifters, Inc. and Blue Moon Junction series. I especially appreciate the fact that the heroines that his writer produces are not always society's ideal, but instead are big, beautiful woman (BBW) and definitely not the dishrag type. Her shifter covers typically feature a hot, steamy dude and his animal counterpart with an open skyline or nature setting at the bottom near the title. Hard as Steele is part of her Timber Valley Pack series which runs about 150 pages per book, making them shorter stories but excellent quality and ideal for a single day read or bedtime read.

Hard as Steele stars Roxanne, a small town cook who is rescued by a smoking hot dude after a car accident, and Sheriff Steele Battle of Timber Valley...who is the smoking hot dude, of course. Although shifter and human relationships are strictly forbidden by pack law, things get carried away. Instead of forgetting Steele (as intended), Roxanne starts to suffer from horrible bouts of amnesia...and over a year later shows up in Steele's shifter town asking for him. The armed kidnappers from previous books are back, too, and unknown shifters come on to the scene...but what will happen to Roxanne and Steele? Shifter law dictates that anyone revealing shifters to humans must pay the ultimate price, but is a life without love really living?

I enjoyed the book, and I enjoy her work – you will not be disappointed. The book is currently going for 99 cents at Amazon, and I am sure Barnes & Noble is competitively priced.

Favorite quote of the book: "Well, you're a hallucination. Of course you'd say that. Maybe you're an angel, trying to cheer me up as I'm dying. Not that I mind," she added. This is one good looking angel, she thought to herself. Thanks, Supreme Being! I really appreciate it."

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