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Cougarville's mechanic, and resident Alpha fox, shelters a mysterious woman who ignites his protective animal instincts when evil forces try to tear them apart.

Jo Ferrell has been cast out of her home for reasons she doesn't understand. The grey streak in her hair is gone, her body is younger, and there's an ominous shadow chasing her. With nowhere else to go, Jo finds shelter in a shed whose owner she wants nothing to do with—but he's too much to resist.

Reese Cooper has never felt a pull towards a woman like he does towards Jo and his Fox is desperate to claim her as their mate. After offering her a place to stay, Reese finds it difficult to resist his beautiful new roommate. But when dark magic threatens their happiness, Reese will use all of his strength to protect the woman he loves...if he's not too late.

Stone Cold Fox is a fun, sexy, exciting read that will make readers want to revisit Cougarville again and again.

Author's Note: Though I have tried to handle the subject sensitively, certain events in this book may make anyone with a history of past abuse upset. Please read responsibly.

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From Reader Review Stone Cold Fox for online ebook

Emily says

Jo Ferrell is a woman on the run and the one thing she knows is that she can never trust a man. Reese Cooper finds Jo hiding on his property and offers to assist her but knows he is going to slowly have to build her trust. Jo is a witch though and does not know about shifters and when Reese changes to his fox, he sees a different side to Jo and knows that he wants her. Someone is after Jo though and Reese will do what he can to protect, can Jo let go of what her fears are to have a chance with Reese and build any type of future?

I like this shifter series, has a different twist and each character is uniquely different. I liked Jo's story had several twists that get revealed as the story goes on. Reese I loved, he was rock solid where Jo was concerned. Anxious to see what is next in this clever series.

Sophia Triad says

Reese and Jo

So, in this story we will have again an older woman that rejuvenates and becomes the potential mate of a much younger Cougarville shifter.

The new elements in this book are:

1. The fact that Jo is a Hearth witch. Thus, witches are introduced in the series.
2. Huge wolflike creatures play a part in the story. Thus, I can imagine that one if the next stories will be about their Alpha , Jase. Yes, I am looking forward to it because I love wolf shifters!
3. A potential important enemy is introduced. A Skin Walker, i.e. A human that becomes animal with magic.

I don't find easily fox shifters in literature, so I was very happy with this story.

Other than that, the book was definitely not as funny as the first book and also it was much darker than the first two books. It was really heartbreaking and the readers will almost immediately realize that Jo has been abused when she was younger. As a result she does not trust easily and Reese will have a hard time trying to prove to her that he only wants to make her happy and safe.

If you have triggers, be warned that (view spoiler).

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

'Stone Cold Fox' by Evangeline Anderson is Book Three in the "Cougarville" series.

I have read the other books in this series bu feel this is easily a standalone book.

This is the story of Jo Ferrel and Reese Cooper.

Jo is a witch that her and her fellow witches only practice White Magic. Unknown to Jo and the other, Jo has started a rejuvenation process which some women when they reach a certain age go through. The process set in motion the women looking and feeling way younger than her actual age..with a few other side effects. Since her fellow witches didn't know anything about this process they accused Jo of doing black magic and kicked her out of the groups. So Jo has been on her own with something that seems to be following her that

she feels in threatening her. While running she comes to be in Reese's shed feeling lost. Reese was sort of expecting someone in his shed because of the local pharmacist / future teller who told him to go home that there would be someone there for him to meet. At first Reese's Fox was showing an emotional upset that the Jo was upset. Once Reese calmed her down some and cleaned up the weeks of running from her shadow... he himself is lost. Reese only wants to keep her safe and to claim her.

Hot Paranormal story that I enjoyed.

"My honest review is for a special copy I voluntarily read."

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Erica Chilson says

I received a copy of this title to read and review for Wicked Reads

3 stars

When Jo began the rejuvenation process, her fellow witches noticed, and thought her to be practicing 'black magic'. She was excommunicated from the coven, and set adrift. Being herded through the woods, Jo makes her way to Reese's property.

Reese is Cougarville's resident mechanic and one and only Fox shifter. He's a sweet, caring man, willing to literally give the shirt off his back to help anyone.

This is the recipe of a hot and steamy, yummy read, right?

I'm truly struggling with this story, and I adore both this series and author. It isn't so much the story itself, but Jo. While her tragic background, witchcraft, and the shadowy thing in the woods were the perfect vehicle to propel her into Reese's orbit, her actual characterization is a struggle to get through.

This is my issue in a nutshell, and I need to be completely blunt. At 40+ years of living experience, 20+ in a normal home life, even with higher education, and then 20 years in a 'yoga' community, where they visited the real world weekly, Jo sounds mentally and emotionally incompetent. It goes beyond naivety, being sheltered, or dealing with traumatic experiences. Her wooden, short sentences of inner monologue have her sounding childlike (not childish, but in actuality the mental capacity of a child).

"Get back you... you man!" (This makes Jo sound like she was raised in the woods for 40 years of her life and never around civilization) This evens out after a few chapters, but it made the first few chapters feel choppy. Then, come to realize, while Jo may have been in an all-female yoga community, she ventured into town and no doubt didn't go around pointing at every male on the street, "You man!"

At first, Jo first sounded as if she wouldn't be able to hold a conversation, go out into public, or speak anything but monosyllables. With her stilted speech and inner monologue, it was difficult for me to enjoy the erotic and romantic aspects of the novel, as if she was physically unable to consent. So reading Reese coax Jo made it feel as if he was a predator doing anything he could to get 'inside' her, added on top of that the 'mating', the spell, and the magic of it all.

As a witch, who must believe in otherworldly things, she was so blankly in denial about anything dealing with herself, it was beyond frustrating to read. While I realize this was to slow the pacing of the storyline, so that there was a reason for it being more than a short story, it made Jo seem unable to consent to anything.

*"It must be the spell" but she felt that way prior to finding Reese.

*"I'm not a Juvie" yet she was excommunicated for looking younger, & she herself never once contemplated 'why' she looked 20 years younger. (Who in their right mind wouldn't wonder HOW/WHY they look 20 years younger, and when told why, would completely disregard it but not offer a viable reason?) She conducts witchcraft, never questions why she looks younger, yet doesn't believe the logical explanation as to the why of it.

*What rational 40+ yo woman would waste her last few dollars to buy coffee/tea when her companion tells her expressly not to enter the coffee shop. She's scared, has no money and no job, is living off the generosity of others, and just had breakfast, but she needs tea NOW. She does it anyway, of course... pandemonium ensues.

*When Jo ventured into the woods, I was literally done but forced myself to keep reading.

*Jo & Reese never once was curious as to who the man was in the woods, didn't even discuss his physical features. Instead of protecting themselves and figuring out what was wrong, they did a sex 'ritual'. As I said, Jo bought that, sex with the trappings of it being a ritual, because she is not mentally competent enough to consent.

*"I won't break my vow" but she kept having no issue with Reese touching her (any sexual contact would be the breaking of a vow, not just penetrative sex)

While I enjoyed the premise, Reese, the cast of characters, and the world-building, the childlike way Jo was written, compounded with the forced feeling to her ignorance, made it impossible for me to enjoy the story.

Another issue was how quickly ILYs were said. I realize this is a mating story, which I do find as a guilty pleasure, but Reese's Fox was thinking ILYs within 'seconds' of meeting Jo. There is attraction, lust, infatuation, but love takes familiarity to build. I do this in my writing, and I implore others to do so- writers, ask your character why they are saying they love the other character. WHY do they love them? If the answer is physical, it's not love. Reese knew nothing of Jo to love yet. Reese wanted Jo, needed Jo, but he didn't love her.

? BookAddict ✎ La Crimson Femme says

When a person is abused, sometimes they turn inwards and shy away from the world. Not everyone is a survivor able to take the world back on. Jo Ferrell is a woman who was accosted as a young girl. She never

got over it and used various ways to make herself forget. She finally finds a place to stay that helps her heal to some degree, she lives with witches in a coven. Happy for years, she felt she finally is in a safe place, only to be kicked out for practicing black magic. The kicker? She didn't have anything to do with black magic. She has no idea why she is suddenly looking so young.

Is this the end of the series? Because if so, I feel like Ms. Anderson has left me hanging in a world that could spin off more stories. In this third one, which can be read as a standalone, Jo is another woman clueless about being a juvie. She is caught up in a nefarious plot to bring more potential female mates into the world of the shifters. Lucky for Jo, her knowledge of magic plus her innate power has saved her several times. But when it comes time to find an alpha male, Jo is stubbornly refusing, due to her unresolved trauma from her past.

Jo is a character I am not sure I like. This is because I can not relate to her. Her victim mentality doesn't work for me. Yes, I get that she was sexually abused when she was young. Some of us who have similar experiences, have moved on and not let that one moment in time define who we are for the rest of our lives. Jo let it define her entire life for decades. It isn't that I look down upon her. It is more that I can't understand letting someone else screw up my life and letting the "bad guy" win. Perhaps I am too much of a stick it to them type of person. I understand there are people like Jo in the world. I'm just not too enamoured of them. Regardless, Reese is very much attracted to Jo. He is a guy who has the utmost patience. He gently woos Jo. He doesn't press her. He is in a word - unrealistic. Seriously, is there any guy in the real world like Reese who would take on so much of Jo's baggage? A hot guy who has it together? Probably not. But this is what makes the story a fairy tale. A desperate modest unknowing powerful female needs a white knight to save her from... well, everything. If I come across a bit sarcastic, it is probably because this type of trope doesn't work for me.

Regardless of my lack of love for Jo and disbelief in Reese, I did enjoy the story. The plot moved along a thread that showed up in the second book. It also revealed a bit more into the history of one of the secondary characters I really liked. My favourite part is Reese's shifter fox. I loved his little baby like fox and also his ferocious one. Jo's issue with all of Reese was another negative about her for me. Still, this is a lovely shifter world with potential to grow into more. The story is well written and transports a reader into a lovely fantasy. Recommended for paranormal readers who enjoy white knights saving their damsel in distress.

**provided by NetGalley*

Sportochick says

A beautifully executed story where Jo has a past history of abuse and Reese an alpha fox shifter who is caring, thoughtful and patient. The authors' sensitive handling of Jo's past will bring tears to your eyes. This book is impactful to anyone who has had abuse. It made me cry, pray she would have the courage to step into a new life and that she would allow love to consume her.

Reese was so sensitive and the perfect mate for Jo. How he handles what he finds out about her is done with tender and loving care. Don't get me wrong. This is not a weak man. In fact, the strength it took for him to not go crazy and try to take care of everything for her was amazing.

This story does have some very hot, hot scenes that will cause the reader to want to fan themselves. But of course, let's not forget the dark magic that is pure evil and gives the reader just the right amount of intrigue to keep them on the edge of their sets. Combine all the ingredients and you have a great memorable read.

I give this book 5 STARS for the outstanding execution of a difficult subject while portraying hope and love.

Received an advance reader copy in exchange for a fair review.

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Racy says

I am so enjoying this series. I just loved Reese. He was a fox shifter that was just perfect for Jo. He had the perfect personality and patience to help her heal and move on.

I loved that fact that the author made Jo a witch. It truly made the story truly interesting. They both served the goddess but in a different way. This was Reese's first time meeting a witch and Jo's first time meeting a shifter I had to wonder what was going through her mind.

Oh, I did not like Bianca. She was one evil, well you get the picture. You will have to read the book to find out what meanness she was up to.

It is always good to see some of the previous characters in each story. I have to say I just love Fiona. She truly has a gift and it makes you wonder what her whole story is.

Reese will have a ways to go before he has Jo's trust. I love how he went about winning her.

Jo is a Juvie and is in denial about the whole thing. She is also in danger and has a past that she is having a hard time over coming. There are things that happen that Jo is having issues dealing with and Reese will have a hard time dealing with his own things as well. The one thing I love is that love wins out in the end.

FYI.. looking forward to Jase's story.

Avid Reader says

Stone Cold Fox (Cougarville #3) by Evangeline Anderson

3 stars

M/F Shifter Romance

Triggers: Rape, Attempted Murder, Kidnapping

I was given this book for an honest review by Wicked Reads.

Hmmm, where to start with this review? This was the third installment in this series and I had a much more difficult time connecting with these characters than I did in the previous books.

Jo is running. What she's running from, she's not sure - she just knows that someone or something is after her and until she can figure out what, she just has to keep moving. She is also a Juvie but doesn't know about this process, so when she's cast out of her community of women, she has nobody to turn to. She has had a rough past - being a survivor of rape, she has shut herself off from men in general. So, when she's confronted by Reese, a hulking man, she's not only scared, but wary.

Reese is a good guy. He's a fox shifter who wants to protect Jo, but given her skiddish behavior, knows that he has to treat lightly. He is a mechanic by trade, but also has a broad knowledge of a lot of different topics, which just makes his more intriguing.

I think where I take issue with this story is that despite her age, being 40 years old, Jo is so naive and sheltered that she doesn't seem 40. In the previous books, the women had life experience, but used their life knowledge to learn from and grow. Jo is stagnant and isn't really capable of growth - she's stunted. The dialogue between her and Reese is also not very developed. They have very youthful interactions and it seems like a YA story rather than an adult one.

While the mystery is solved and the resolution is OK, I think that I just didn't really connect with these characters like I did with the previous books. I do hope that the next one is more developed and has more mature characters.

Mindy Lou's Book Review says

I like the unique concept to this shifter series and I quite enjoyed book 1, but I'm not sure this series is for me. I love the alpha shifters in these books but the heroines in book 2 and this one just pushed away too much to enjoy the book. They pushed to a point that it got way over the top. These last two books also went down a darker road than the first. I'm a bit bummed because I really like the Alpha she has planned for book 4. I'm just not a fan of the overall plot of the series. ARC provided by NetGalley.

Elaine says

This book is the third in the paranormal romance series based in the shifter town of Cougarville. Here a plethora of different shifters and other paranormals live in relative harmony and it is here that women undergoing the rejuvenation process seem to find their way to. This story is definitely of a more adult nature than the previous two as it contains involves historic physical and sexual abuse warned!

Cougarville's resident mechanic is also their only fox shifter, Reese Cooper. Whilst out in town he's told to go home by Fiona, the town's wise woman/apothecary/seer, and to look after the woman he'll find hiding in his garden shed. Everyone respects Fiona and usually follow her advice. When Reese does so he discovers Jo Ferrell, a witch on the run, hiding just as Fiona had said. Reese is an alpha shifter but he's also a defender of those he loves, the kindest, patient, understanding and compassionate of them all - and he needs to be! When he realises Jo doesn't trust men he goes round a corner to shift, then attempts to let fox win her over - so sweet, but will it work? Jo has been hurt and abused in the past and is running from danger now so it won't be easy to get her to trust a man, let alone a shifter!

Reese is a character to win your heart but Jo is so traumatised she's somewhat irritating at times. Their journey to their HEA is a real roller coaster, and it is great to catch up on some of the characters from earlier books in the series, too. This story introduced some additional secondary characters and I'll be intrigued to discover which, if any, of these will have their own story told in later books in the series.

I requested and was given a copy of this book via NetGalley and this is my honest opinion after choosing to read it.

Cassandra says

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

***I choose what I read and review based on what intrigues me!! Yes, I got a review copy of this book, but no one tells me what to think, feel, or write about any book!

This is the 3rd book in the series, and it is for adults only due to the violence and steamy content. In this book, there is the sensitive topics abduction and threat of rape. I mention it for those readers who may be affected by these topics. I also highly recommend reading the books in order because it makes it so much more together!!

This is Coop's story, and it starts where book 2 ended with the crying girl in the his shed. Okay first off Coop is a very unique shifter which I think is very cool, but I won't tell you how he is unique because you need to read it yourself. Jo has had some bad things happen to her in her past, and she isn't over them. She has basically hidden herself away, but she never healed. Jo is also very unique. This world is very intriguing, and I loved every minute of it. I can't wait for the next book which I assume will involve a certain Alpha Dire Wolf.

Evangeline makes this world come alive, and I like it more and more with each book! I can't wait to see what she comes up with next!

I highly recommend to shifter fans who want a unique story especially if you are already a fan of this series!

Raina Collins says

A very intense story that may have some triggers for some people. The main female character was raped in her past and there is some violent scenes. Definitely meant for mature readers as there is also some steamy scenes.

Cougarville just seems to pull in all the females that are going through a rejuvenation process due to latent shifter genes. This time Coop is the male to find a female. With her past he will definitely have a battle on his hands to prove his worth and what she means to him. He has way more patience for her than most people and never seems to give up.

I voluntarily read and reviewed a copy of the book.

Marta Cox says

In this book we meet Cougarville's resident Alpha fox Reece and he's no ordinary shifter as he's blessed with the ability to change his size which meant yep this big guy could do sweet and cuddly! Good thing he can because he finds a traumatised witch in his shed who is afraid of men and definitely in need of help. Jo has no knowledge of shifters and even less of the rejuvenation that she's experienced. Cast out and

suspected of dark magic she's convinced something dangerous is following her. It is and she might feel safe with Reece but is it real or all part of a spell gone awry?

I feel the first half of this book suffered a little due to Jo's manner and behaviour. Her dialogue felt stilted and well frankly juvenile (pardon the pun). I did like that she's a hearth witch and thought crossing the two species of witch and shifter added greatly to the story.

Reece was a sweetie and no mistake. Technically a grease monkey as he's a mechanic but he wasn't an imbecile and had hidden depths. He is the second Alpha to play down his brains and accomplishments and it makes a real change from the arrogant heroes some authors throw at us.

There's a mystery to solve that is partially explained but there's definitely scope for more in this series. Sexy times don't dominate and thankfully it's not as sticky and messy as the last book. Plus if you are a lover of wolves I'm pretty sure you will enjoy meeting a certain Dire wolf!

This voluntary take is of a copy I requested from Netgalley and my thoughts and comments are honest and I believe fair

Ann Lorz says

Reviewed for Romancing the Readers Blog: <http://romancingthereaders.blogspot.com>...

I'm happy to say that this series keeps getting better and better with each book that I read from it. I really enjoyed the first two books, they did a wonderful job of setting up the series, but I loved Stone Cold Fox!

I think it had to do with Reece. From book one I really liked him. He is one of those characters that keeps you thinking about them even when you're done with the book. From Naked Buck where he is introduced you want more of his story.

He just has that....you know, that it factor. I think of him and I sigh....

He is a all-around great guy. You won't be able to help yourself, you'll be sighing too! I think we just love nice, sexy caring guys that would stand for you no matter what! Of course we also like sexy bad boys that also stick up for us too. I think it's the sexy part that we are attracted to! ha!

Now lets not forget about Jo. I did like her too. But at times I wanted to shake her a bit. Some of her moves was pretty dumb! I found myself more then once thinking, really? Of course her dumb moves added to the story but still...

Together they are perfect with each other. Jo really needs someone like Reece in her life and Reece needs someone so he's not so alone. It just worked out perfect for the two of them that they were each others, everything.

If you haven't yet read this series and your a fan of paranormal, or would love to find that one author to try, I think you'll really enjoy this series. I've already read the first three books and all I can think about is when there will be more.

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A. Cook says

How to begin? Well, lets start with the fact that I really like the series and the angle which the author presents the shifter world. The author incorporates a little myth and other elements that help to separate this story from the others that are out right now. To me, the difference is a big PLUS considering most shifter tales can get a little too predictable. In the case of the Cougarville series there are enough little twists and turns that will have the reader coming back to see what happens next.

The male leads ... the alphas of the series are great. All three leads in this series have been compassionate, patient and understanding. Reese Cooper the fox shifter is the most patient of them all. His character had no choice but to be patient because his counterpart (rejuvenating Jo Farrell) is very, VERY irritating. While reading, I tried to keep in mind that her character was coming from a place of hurt and fear. Jo was just so ... I don't know ... distrustful and selfish. Jo made the second heroine in this series that I didn't really care for. Secondary characters like Fiona (the apothecary) more than make up the difference and I am really excited to see more of this character and find out more of her secrets. There are other secondary characters being introduced that could possibly have their own story soon and it will be interesting to see what the author does with them.

Thank you to Netgalley and the publisher for providing this ARC in exchange for an honest review.
