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Ellison Rowe is a wolf Shifter who has embraced all things Texas. He's a cowboy through and through, complete with a Texas drawl, cowboy hat, and well-worn cowboy boots. He's also lonely, though he feels obligated to look after his sister who is recovering from a hit-and-run accident that has left her striving to control her feral tendencies.

Enter Maria, a human woman taking refuge with the Shifters, who volunteers to look after the cubs and help Ellison's sister. Maria too is recovering from a haunted past—she was kidnapped and held hostage by a rogue Shifter and then disowned by her family when she was set free. Now she's on her own, but determined to put her life back together and leave Shiftertown for good.

But someone is attempting to abduct Shifter cubs, and Maria and Ellison know they must stop him. As Maria works with Ellison to track down the kidnapper, she finds her heart slowly awakening once more. And Ellison realizes that Maria may be just the one to bring light back into his life...

This 16 chapter, 43,000 word novella includes a preview of the Tiger Magic

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From Reader Review Lone Wolf for online ebook

Tracy DeNeal says

Ellison and Maria

A tale of survival from trauma and renewal of a broken spirit. Maria Ortega, one of Miguel's tormented captives, has found a new life with the Austin Shiftertown. Along with her new life comes a powerful attraction for sexy Ellison.

Unfortunately, Maria has a powerful aversion to being tied down in a mate bond after her experience with feral uncollared Shifters.

This story, although sad in parts, is ultimately a story of triumph of love in spite of tragedy. I really enjoyed it.

Ami says

3.5 stars

The okay romance plot is balanced out by the awesome actions near the end.

I read this novella in backwards, meaning that I read it after Tiger Magic, where I found Ellison to be quite entertaining character. Unfortunately here, in his own romance story, I just found it, well, too smooth. I never been a huge fan of smooth-talking heroes (I prefer my heroes to be rather stoic and calm). So Ellison always calling Maria with sweetheart, darling, love, just made me roll my eyes. Though he was indeed good with his broken sister (that saved his character in my eyes).

Maria, on the other hand, I liked. Maria was one of the female saved by the Shifters on the third book, Wild Cat. She had been broken and trying to build something for herself. I thought she was quite brave -- especially when she confronted the villains, first by a smart plan, and second by gun. I liked that she was also close with the cubs (the polar bear cub Olaf, by the way, was still so, SO adorable and stole the scenes!).

The romance is just okay because I thought for someone who was still in trauma, Maria sure did fall in love with Ellison pretty quick. Again, this is probably due to it being a novella, which made the story a bit under-developed.

Ingela says

Written October 28, 2014

3 1/2 Star - Another interesting and lovely *Shiftertown* tale with amazing women and alpha men

Book #4.6

You may know by now that I love romances about cuddly hot shifters in 'adult' PNR stories. Both m/f, as this one, and also M/M.

'Shifters Unbound', is a great paranormal m/f series written by (always delivering..) Ms. Jennifer Ashley. Good books to pick up now and then. You always get interesting stories, thoughtful topics and sweet grand love. ~ Maybe my favorite Shifter / PNR series.

Lone Wolf - a short novella (5 hrs audio).

A nice and tasty little snack for all fans of these books. ~ My headphones was, I listened attentively, and highly enjoyed gorgeous Ellison's story. Short and quick but charming sweet.

At last was it the lovely Lupine Shifter Ellison Rowe's time to get a love story. Ellison is one of a few wolf shifters in *Morrisey's Austin Shiftertown*. The friendly, helpful and always so amusing and happy guy. The one who has been waiting for someone to love and mate to for such a long time.

Maria is a young Mexican human woman "moved" to Shiftertown after been held captive by ferals from male Shifters looking for mates (book #3). Ellison likes Maria's resilience and fire, he want to protect and take care of her, but she's been broken...

This is the third time with a *Shifters Unbound* book as an audiobook. This part like the earlier, narrated by a pleasant female voice, belonging to Cris Dukehart. She does it great.

The Shifters Unbound series:

This is stand-alone books but as always when reading a series about a bigger bunch of new and old characters is it most fun (and best) to follow these lovely shifter's from book to book even if we meet a new couple of lovebirds in every part.

"Twenty years ago, shape shifters of all kinds banded together and announced themselves to the world, only to be shunted to areas no human wanted ("Shiftertowns"). They are forced to wear Collars that control their hunting and fighting instincts (referred to by Shifters as "Taking the Collar")."

My reviews and raiting: (view spoiler)

Well-done stories, important topics, grand hot love..

As always in this series, there is also an important subject in the book, for example; human equality, racism and women's rights. There are also some good suspense as well and these shifters sometimes need to fight for the women they want.

...And the love and romance part was 'sweet & steamy' and it felt good to know that dear Wolf Ellison at last got an amazing strong woman to wife and mate. Ahhh.. just cuddling myself in their lovely love.

I LIKE - as always when *Jennifer Ashley* is the writer

Laura the Highland Hussy says

Review posted first on Got Fiction?

This is Ellison's story (it's a novella, but a longish novella which is kind of a treat), and I really like Ellison. He's a handsome wolf shifter who loves Texas, and likes to show it. From his big belt buckles to his boots, he loves how "everything's big in Texas." It's part of his charm. He has always helped the Morriseys out, and he's always in a good humor. But he's also lonely.

Maria was one of the women rescued from a horrible situation a few books ago in Wild Cat (basically she fell for a cute boy who wasn't a boy but a shifter. He convinced her to leave her family and move in with him. His pack was a bunch of feral shifters who caged the women and used them horribly). Maria finds out that the old adage "You can't go home" is true. She chooses to stay in the Austin Shiftertown and she picks up any and all jobs she can. She works hard. She learns English. She studies to take the SATs so she can go to college. But throughout all of these things, she keeps to herself and won't let anyone near.

Until one of the other wolves decides to mate-claim Maria. Ellison steps up to defend her, especially since she rejects the mate-claim. But the fact that she is unmated and there's a scarcity of women is a real issue. A favorite part of this story for me is a scene where Ellison decides Maria needs to learn to have fun. He takes her skinny dipping and he wears his cowboy hat in the water. He knows it's ridiculous, but he also knows Maria thinks it's funny. And she laughs for him. For him, that's enough. It's such a simple, silly thing, and I found it endearing.

But this isn't just about their beautiful romance. Unfortunately someone tries to steal Olaf (the polar bear cub she's babysitting). And we find out there's a demand for stolen shifters. These bad guys have been doing this for a while. And they're very good at what they do. So good, in fact, that Connor is kidnapped!

Getting him back isn't going to be easy, but nothing for shifters ever is. And of course, just because the book is over, doesn't mean it's the end.

Anyone who loves shifters, or wants a new take on shifters (in this series, they are treated as second-class citizens), then I absolutely recommend this series. **Another strong addition to a favorite series of mine, *Lone Wolf* delivers.**

***ARC courtesy of Penguin and netgalley

Sophia Triad says

We know Ellison. He is the wolf shifter who dresses like he is from Texas, although he is from Colorado. We have met him in several previous books flirting with girls, dancing with girl and always end up alone. We also met Maria before. She was the girl who was saved from the ferals in Mexico and her family did not want her anymore because she was damaged.

Two lonely people looking for happiness and they certainly find it in this book!
Happy ending as usual!

Maria11 says

Good short story!

Yodamom says

Maria a young women traumatized by her torturous handling by a feral pack of shifters in Mexico is try hard to make a new life for herself. She is living is a Shiftertown, a place where Shifters are segregated from humans and forced to wear shock collars. She takes care of the cubs, learns english and tries to save for school. Unfortunately, her fear of shifters is so deep that she does not trust them enough to feel safe. She dreams of leaving. She is gruff, argumentative, and just plain stubborn.

Ellison, a massive wolf shifter dreams of Maria. he stays a safe distance out of respect for her and the other shifters responsible for her. That dose not stop him from wanting her. He is always there, always putting himself on the line for her safety and happiness. he does this while his life is in chaos, his sister's mind has 'left the building'.

Everything changes when one of the cubs is danger. The whole pack comes together including Maria. (She brings too much, spit and fire for my taste) She fights, argues and charges into everything like a wild bull. Thing resolved pretty quickly, perhaps too easily.

I enjoyed the story. I had a hard time liking Maria. She charged first, not considering her actions. I loved the rest of the characters. Tiger was my favorite. he is also the main for the next book which I will not be missing.

Jennifer Ashley says

Ellison's story! He pairs up with Maria, who was rescued by Diego and Cass in Wild Cat, and sent to live in the Austin Shiftertown. The action of the series moves back to Austin for this one. Read excerpts at <http://www.jennifersromances.blogspot...>

Jen says

2.5 stars

Hey all....this was my lowest one yet. I have to say that I felt the Texas cowboy shapeshifter Ellison...I felt got shafted in his story. This had a lot more fighting and way less loving in it and for me that was a huge disappointment. Ellison, who is a wolf shifter in the Austin Shifter-town is known as the happy go lucky cowboy wolf, and he was always late to the party when it came to finding and claiming a mate. He finally gets a mate and like I said; the focus on the couple just wasn't what it should have been. Plus, this is another novella, so there was a lot of story drama put into a small amount of pages.

Next up is TIger's book...and I can't wait! Tiger was made and captured in a lab since he was born. He's wild, and I am very happy to report the next installment is back to a full length book! Moving on!!! YAY!

Jess says

I missed a couple of books in this series but it's more I just forgot about it with all the other books I've been reading. I will definitely go back and read the others because this one reminded me how much I enjoy this world and these characters.

This book was about Maria, a human woman living in Shiftertown after having been sequestered by a feral shifter pack in Mexico. She was saved by Shiftertown shifters and now does odd jobs around the area while she tries to make some money. Ellis is holding himself back from Maria even though he knows she is his mate. When other male shifters start feeling the mating frenzy and decide they want to mate with Maria Ellis knows he has to step up his game. The shifters also have to contend with human traffickers that are trying to kidnap cubs to sell them on the black market.

This was a novella so it definitely wasn't as long as a normal book but there was a lot of stuff packed into it. I liked the relationship between Maria and Ellis, and despite Maria's past, I don't think the relationship felt rushed. It wasn't that insta-love that seems unrealistic, so I was happy about that. The suspense of finding missing cubs and determining who was behind the kidnappings was also interesting. I wish it were fleshed out a bit more but this was a novella and not a full length novel so I'll accept it.

Overall I'm happy I read this one because it's reminded me I need to go back and finish the others that I've missed. Also the next book in the series is going to be really good I think. It's going to be about Tiger who sounds like a really interesting guy! Very excited for that.

Thanks to netgalley and Penguin for providing me with this book to read and review.

Mandapanda says

This novella felt like filler. The story was very similar to others in this series, nothing fresh or significant in terms of the overall arc. I think Maria was supposed to be a feisty independent woman but she caved quicker than an ice-cream on a summer footpath. Ellison was TGTBT and a bit boring. He's been desperate for a mate forever and has had his eye on every woman in past books but Maria was the first one to like him back.

So I didn't get that same *Mate/Mine* feel that I've got from previous books. Looking forward to Tiger's book though.

Keri says

Loved Ellison's story, one of my fav characters and glad to see he finally got the girl. :-)

Gina says

This was a fun, entertaining read! Here we have Ellison a Lupine shifter and Maria a human. Maria was previously captured by a feral shifters and is now trying to put her life back together in Austin Shiftertown. Ellison is a wolf shifter who loves everything Texas and is a tracker for Liam *sigh Liam*.

While Maria is working to put her life together all the unmated male shifters are trying to claim her, but it's Ellison that she trusts and I enjoyed watching their relationship blossom.

Also there is someone trying to kidnap the cubs and sell them to interested humans who want them as pets. The shifters are getting together to save the cubs and battle the bad guys.

The romance was touching and the suspense was exciting, this story kept my interest and I flew through it. I will be waiting impatiently for the next book in this series!

Tanya Davis says

Ellison Rowe has been watching Maria since she was brought to the Austin Shiftertown. He hasn't mate claimed her for himself, but he watches over her trying to keep the other shifters away from her. He takes protecting her pretty seriously.

Maria has no intentions in getting involved with a shifter. She has plans of going to school and getting out of the shiftertown she's in. She suffered some pretty bad conditions with shifters that imprisoned her and took away things she could never get back. To achieve her goals she works in the local bar as well as babysitting some of the cubs.

When one of the pack's cubs gets himself into grave danger, Ellison and Maria go to work trying to find out just what these hunters are after. This gives Ellison a lot of time to worm his way into Maria's heart and prove that nothing will ever happen to her again.

I liked Maria. She was strong, had great goals and was very nurturing to the cubs. Dependable. She felt a great amount of guilt over the almost kidnapping and has promised that she will help hunt down the person responsible.

Ellison is very smart. He is biding his time with Maria. Protecting her from the other shifters and just laying out a friendship. It's not hard to like Ellison. His patience and preseverance make him perfect for Maria. I was really rooting for these two.

The planning and execution of the plan to bring down the kidnappers was exciting and fast paced. I assume due to this being a novella. I finished the book with a feeling of contentment for Ellison and Maria. I thought it was going to take forever for Ellison to break through Maria's barriers.

Lone Wolf was exciting both with their problem with the kidnappers and with the love story. I loved that Jennifer Ashley was able to put so much into a novella. A novella I couldn't get enough of! I loved how Cris Dukehart added in Ellison's accent. He thinks of himself as a cowboy and tries to keep it up with his accent. Lots of fun and the narrator knew when he was going to use which accent. A great job was done on narration.

The Series

Quinn's Book Nook says

I'm on a major reading binge. I can't seem to get enough of Jennifer Ashley's Shifters Unbound series. I was pretty excited to read *Lone Wolf*, because the hero is Ellison, a shifter that I really loved from previous books. And **I absolutely adored *Lone Wolf*, although it is as good as other books in the series.**

What I Liked:

Ellison is sooo dreamy. Again, Ashley has created a hero that I can so get behind. Ellison is responsible, kind, caring, and once he commits to someone, he commits.

Although it was sad, I loved seeing how wonderful Ellison was with his sister. It made me sad he had to go through that, but he was determined to help her anyway he could.

I liked how determined Maria was to start her life over. She wants to put her traumatic past behind her, which isn't easy. Her determination is wonderful.

Ellison is so patient with Maria, which is something she needed. He was willing to wait until she was ready, and that always makes me happy.

Olaf, the polar bear shifter cub, was as adorable as ever. He has become a favorite character of mine throughout the story.

Cris Dukehart continues to be a great narrator for this series.

What I Struggled With:

The suspenseful/mystery bit didn't really work for me completely. Sometimes I couldn't believe all the aspects of it.

Although I did want Ellison and Maria to be together, I did feel a bit disconnected from their story.

While I do love Cris Dukehart's narration, her accent for Maria wasn't the best.

Final Thoughts:

My love for the Shifters Unbound series by Jennifer Ashley knows no bounds, however, *Lone Wolf* isn't my favorite. This review was originally posted on Quinn's Book Nook
