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A girl who needs a change...

Terry Spencer is curvy, spontaneous, and brimming with attitude. When a crazy job and a crazier family overwhelm her, she leaves for Vietnam with nothing but a backpack. But she doesn't expect to bump into a strange and stunning traveler on a train in the middle of the countryside. She certainly doesn't expect to find herself falling for that man who so obviously harbors a dark secret...

A broken man on the run...

Liam is heading for Vietnam in search of an old friend. He happens across a beautiful woman with the unique capacity to both attract and irritate him. But he's got a secret that ices his heart, that prevents him from falling in love. He's one of the last of the shapeshifters, and he's got a hunter on his scent who won't stop until he, and everybody he cares for, is dead...

A love on the line...

Will Liam give in to his desire, and allow his emotions to surface in the face of the hunter threat? And will Terry, confronted with the reality that shapeshifters exist, still feel the same way?

A Change To Bear is a slow burn shifter romance that follows a spunky woman as she discovers something new, and a hurting man who rediscovers something old.

37,000+ BBW Shifter Romance

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Robin says

I read this in the Fated Mates anthology. Well written, if I hadn't read the synopsis I wouldn't have known the shapeshifter aspect of the story line until the exact moment of reveal (almost wish it hadn't been in the synopsis, the surprise would have been wonderful). The characters were well developed and likeable (a must for my reading enjoyment). My one complaint? This is a stand alone, however, I can see so many more stories with these two and some of the plot reveals.

All in all, a must read from me.

Taz Will says

This book was slow paced and the interesting part was rushed. Nothing was actually solved or figured out I guess it could be a part 2 but after wading through this I can't see doing it again. So many things were left open that it was frustrating when the action began. The sex scene was okay but you could've missed it just trying to get to the good parts. For him to be as old as he was he didn't seem to know anything which was a little far fetched. This story was different from the shifter books I've read. He did show any other strengths as others. It was never said that she was his mate or not either. There was just a lot not said it was focused on the scenery more than anything.

Katie says

I read this book as part of the Fated Mates: The Alpha Shifter Boxed Set of which I received an ARC via NetGalley.

Cassandra says

My Thoughts - 4 out of 5 Unicorns - I really liked it!!!

The cover is very sexy with both beasts on the cover :) Definitely makes me want to pick up the book :)

The author's suggested reading order straight from her newsletter says: "While there is no set order, I feel that this would be best: At Full Sprint --> Bear This Heat --> A Change To Bear --> Love of a Tiger --> Her Bark His Bite." Also a word of caution, the covers have changed, and I noticed that it doesn't show that I purchased the book since the change, so please check under manage content to ensure you haven't already purchased this awesome book....I have purchased the same book in the past because the cover changed in fact this is one of those very books that I have paid for twice.

This is the 3rd book I have read in this series, and I'm reading them in the author's suggested order though I think you could read this book before Bear This Heat....it is a toss up with this one referencing things that happened in Bear This Heat, but in that one, these characters are involved in the interview parts from

Monster Magazine. This book did not have any of the interview or excerpt parts from Monster Magazine. I really enjoyed this story.

This is Terry and Liam's story. Both characters are great, but I just wasn't feeling as connected to them as I did Cheat and Circe & Sasha and Dylan. I can't put my finger on why though. I do really like this series. This story is set mostly in Asia. There is some action, touristy stuff, and romance.

I recommend this series to those who like shifter stories :)

D Thomas says

A Change To Bear (Last of the Shapeshifters, #1)
by A.E. Grace

Terry is fed up with her job and her family. So, she does something that is completely unlike her. She quits her job, buys tickets for a plane and train, packs a bag and leaves. She is going to backpack through Vietnam.

The trip is going good, but on the train it is packed and smelly, so she goes outside. While standing there taking in the view and the fresher air, she meets Liam. There is something about him that is different, but she can't put her finger on it.

Liam is going back to Vietnam for couple of reasons. One to pay his respects. The other, to end a problem. He has been her several times and the trips are always good, but this time he meets a woman, Terry. There is something special about Terry, he just can't figure out what. Her scent draws him in and it settles his bear, but he just isn't sure why, as he doesn't know much about his people, shapeshifters.

The two wind up traveling together, even though Liam knows he should stay away from her, but there is someone on Liam's tail. Someone who wants to do harm and if he finds out about Terry, he will kill her. Liam will keep her safe at all costs.

ARC given for an honest review

Deborah says

For me it was a little slow in the first half of the story. He was being hunted and this made the story interesting for me. I read this in the Fated Mates bundle. Overall an enjoyable read. wondering why is this girl so insistent on talking to this man, is it just because he's attractive? Because of the tragedies in his life, he didn't want to get involved with her, even if he did find her attractive. The interesting second half allowed us to figure out why he acts like he does. This made the story interesting for me. I read this in the Fated Mates bundle. Overall an enjoyable read.

Tamara! aka AmyG.Dala says

I liked this well enough. The main characters were worth exploring, the fact that she left home just to go on an adventure was a nice addition to a typical boy meets girl story, and I liked how he was willing to let her, bit by bit, into his life. But felt like something was missing. What was up with the travel agent intern, the way that was described, it was like he knew something. And a few others things would have been nice to have known. But, I'll look into more books by this author and see if there's something more to her than this story. She had some great descriptions and I liked the idea of the plot for this story.

Linda says

Terry Spencer, quit her job of editing for a small publishing company in London as her boss wanted her to do something illegal. She lived at home with her two older drug dealing brothers because she couldn't afford a place of her own, but now jobless, she could scratch off her bucket list to backpack to Vietnam. With her trip prepared she flew to China, then on a train with smelly animals on board and people crammed into every available space, she had to get outside for a decent breath of air.....

Liam is heading to Vietnam in search of an old friend and leaving Borneo as old old hunter had found him there. Marcus the hunter wanted him dead and wouldn't stop no matter that they were kin. He stepped out of his train car for a breath of fresh air and discovered a beautiful woman that made his heart thump as it hasn't in years! He tried to ignore her when she asked question after question with his answers long buried for years deep in his heart, but Terry is hard to brush away, and he couldn't afford to fall in love and get another hurt because of him.....

A. E. Grace spins a short story that I wished was a bit longer as I was caught up in the story of both Terry and Liam denying their attraction. What about Marcus and where did they go next? Would Terry grow old as Liam looked the same age? PLEASE LET THEIR BE A SEQUEL!!

Kelly says

This is definitely a slow burn romance as it says in the blurb. Liam is drawn to Terry from the first time he sees her, but with circumstances being what they are, he's not willing to pursue anything. Then they meet again. And again.

And, as you know, eventually you just have to give in and accept that you're not going to get rid of one curvy lady who irritates you as much as she intrigues you.

Hey, these things happen.

I liked that the shapeshifter mythology was a little different from most. Liam's had a long, eventful life. He's been through a lot and it's left its mark on him. Taking Terry into his confidence isn't easy for someone as closed off as he is, but he does and then he has to wait and see if Terry is able to deal with the reality of his existence.

I feel like we've barely tapped the surface with this story. Liam and Terry still have plenty to work out and learn about one another and we're given some information at the end of the book that could put a whole new spin on their relationship. Unless I'm reading too much into things. Which sometimes happens.

The point is, their journey doesn't feel like it's over. Both on the physical and emotional end. There's plenty more to be explored and I am curious.

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

Melody says

Awkward and Wishy Washy.

Liam is a werebear who lost his wife 200 years ago. He has been sulking and wandering the world doing nothing ever since.

Terry is a woman who spontaneously decides to quit her job and leave England the next day to go backpacking in Vietnam.

She meets and pursues Liam.

He tells her about his wife and that he is a 200-300 year old werebear. She intelligently asks him Why he turns into a bear instead of a jaguar. 8-O? Wth?

Then she is suddenly jealous that she isn't the first woman he was ever interested in. He should have waited 200+ years for her.

Next paragraph she is angry that he is betraying his wife a mere 200 years after her death.

Then he kisses her and she wants him. Then she tries to push him away. But he sticks a hand in her dress and suddenly, "Her ramparts crumbling, she knew she was his."

This whole story is so awkward and pointless.

Liam's wife was killed by a werewolf who is trying to exterminate all shapeshifters but he doesn't really care. When the wolf attacked him after killing his wife he merely disabled the wolf and wandered off to roam aimlessly. Wth? Seriously this guy is so apathetic and lame. Looks are all he seems to have going for him. But I guess the weird, wishy washy girl is a good match for him.

I didn't actually finish the story. I skipped ahead to see it ended as awkwardly as the rest of the book.

Cindy Caron says

I was gifted a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

This book is the beginning of a series, yet it continues in a form of spin-off from Love of a Tiger which I loved. Ms. Grace has a gift that she is sharing with us in the form of these books. They are light, easy to read with lots of comedy, a bit of violence, some steamy sexy parts and the beauty of love. What more could a person ask for? The plot is very well executed, showing how much thought has gone into it. She has made the characters believable, with a hunky bear shifter and a miserable wolf shifter thrown in for good measure. Curvy Terry just needs to get away from life, and makes a quick decision to pack it all in and backpack

across Asia, ready to see something of the world. She hasn't gone far along on her trek when she meets Liam. From the first time they see each other, they both realise that there's something different. Both feel the pull of fate, and neither realise just what it is all about, but both are willing to follow the invisible thread that seems to be pushing them together.

The book is full of adventure and definitely worth the read. Looking forward to book 2 in this series.

Norma says

‘A Change To Bear (Last of the Shapeshifters)’ by A.E. Grace I read this book as part of the Fated Mates Anthology, and was pleased with the author's unique take on shifters. This was definitely a different kind of story!

The main focus with this one was the MCs. Ms. Grace took great care in developing Liam and Terry – not from the standpoint of explaining their pasts, but more of delving into their psyches to show who they are in the present. This did not detract from the storyline, rather it wove into the plot so subtly that the details were just suddenly there and I realized the clues had been piling up the whole time. The perspective of shifters was also very unique in this genre (no, I'll not give it away!).

I found this to be a very enjoyable read, and will definitely be watching out for Ms. Grace's next books!

Puna says

So much unnecessary stuff in this book as filler and so much left out. What did the whole travel agency/intern bit add to the story??? Why did she suddenly get a wild hair to travel??? What did Leon & the other were add? Why did we need to know they were once lovers? Sorry but I think I'll wait a few years before I try to read anything else by this author, give her time to figure out what actually adds to the story and what is just dumb fluff.

Natasha says

A Change To Bear started off a little slow. Once you pass the first couple of chapters it started getting better. Terry is trying to get a way from her job and family and Liam is on the run from a fellow shifter who's trying to kill him. Terry and Liam meet on a train and that's where the story begins to get interesting. Love the story has a lot of details.

Samantha says

this was certainly a different spin on shifters. However I felt like too much time was spent building up the characters and plot only to have the good parts rushed. Terry and Liam are both likable enough but I felt like I needed more. I guess there will be a part 2 maybe? But i found myself skimming and skipping ahead which isn't fair.
