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A spin-off of the Partnership in Blood series.

By the time the alpha of the Morvan werewolf pack approaches l'Institut Marcel Chavinier for help solving his people's fertility problems, pack numbers have dwindled and the remaining members are desperate. Though the wizards at l'Institut have no experience with werewolves, their lore, or their brand of magic, Raymond agrees to help.

At l'ANS headquarters, Raymond finds Marc Gourlin, a young wizard fascinated with werewolves. Marc agrees to visit the werewolves' home to study their rituals for the source of the problem. But when he arrives, he finds himself distracted by Adenet Silaire, the pack shaman. The attraction between them is powerful, but though Marc suspects he might be Adenet's mate, Adenet rebuffs him. Marc is a man, and Adenet's sense of responsibility will not let him take a male mate when the pack so desperately needs children.

Meanwhile, Jean and Raymond discover the Aveu de Sang allows a vampire's Avoué to calm his inner beast. For Jean and Orlando, this is wonderful news—but it only convinces Thierry how much Sebastian is missing out on because they cannot form an Aveu de Sang. Determined to give his partner everything he can, Thierry sets out to recreate the bond denied them by Sebastien's past.

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Romance says

I honestly don't know how I feel about this one. I took me days to read since I never felt a true hook. I loved reading about the other characters who felt more like the story than Marc and Adenet. Many cliffhangers as well. I've committed to the series so I'm hooked for more...

Tj says

I really enjoyed this book. I haven't read all of the original series yet but I could still follow the story itself. The author does an excellent job with the writing in the book. The world is complex but easily understood. I really only had one issue with any of the book and that was with Marc. It just didn't feel right that he would have been so accommodating to Adenet with the relationship when Adenet is so mean to him. I would think Adenet should have had to work a little harder for Marc by the end. I want Adenet to REALLY realize what he was driving away. The rest of the story was excellent and I would recommend this read to anyone.

Rellik says

This is a very enjoyable read. It's great that we get to revisit the cast of the Partnership in Blood series and see how they're getting on at l'Institut.

The lore of the world is expanded to werewolves in this story, which is quite nicely tied to the theme in the series. I like how the story try to dwell into the magic behind the nature of the werewolves and their rituals, and not just the random smack of werewolf facts as often found in the genre.

While I like how we get to see more of the couples in the other book (I'll never object to more Raymond and Jean), it does steal the spotlight from Marc and Adenet. Together with other couples having already well established characters and relationships from the previous books, Marc and Adenet ended up feeling pale in comparison.

There's also appearances made by characters from Rhianne Aile's Cursed series. I think this is a nice addition as they add more to the story by linking the problem to this one to theirs, but do not take the focus from the main characters of the book.

Paul says

This book is a wonderful and special addition to the Partnership In Blood series. Wizards and werewolves? Oh, hell yeah :-)

Gokce ~Muslin Myst~ says

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I've been feeling the lack of a good m/m story for a while now, so this book was very much welcome. It's a spin-off from the 'Partnership in Blood' series by the same author, and even though I am obsessed with reading a series in order, this didn't turn out to be as scary as I thought it would be. This was also my first time reading a book by Ariel Tachna and I can say that it won't certainly be the last.

Since this is a spin-off story, it takes place after the events in the main series, but not having read them -yet!- wasn't much of an obstacle. A powerful werewolf pack comes to the wizard/vampire pairings for help about their mating rituals, the couples are unable to have children and they're afraid the pack might be dying out because of that. The helping hand comes in the form of an enthusiastic, werewolf fanboy, newbie wizard named Marc, who's sent in to the pack to observe the ritual performed by the pack's shaman, a gorgeous black wolf named Adenet.

The book mainly is about the different relationships from the previous couples, as well as how Marc tries hard to make Adenet acknowledge their inevitable bond.

Gotta say, I loved the sexuality in this book, my god it was hot! More than once I wished I had a vampire partner of my own to be wild with in the bedroom, or perhaps a werewolf to mate with in abandon, but let's just get back to the review. The characters were likable, especially Marc, and I enjoyed the dark way the vampires were handled here. I don't know, I've always been a fan of the darker side -they have cookies and all!- The plot wasn't hard to follow since the main thing is the relationships, but still I think it would help if one reads the previous books first, for the sake of connecting to the characters more.

My biggest problem, however, was the constant use of French words. The author has lived and worked in France so I can understand her choice of including the culture, since the story is set in France, and I could understand a few commonly known words here and there, but whole sentences in French, or words that may not be widely known to non-French readers is another story. Thankfully my sister helped me with this, but for those who don't have French speaking sisters, this might be a bit of a challenge, not to mention it disrupts the flow of the story.

Overall, I still liked the book, it was an interesting world where different races are made to mingle, and I'll definitely work on getting my hands on the other books. Who knows, it might also help improve my French!

Chris Jeffreys says

This novel adds to the potential combinations of love between magical beings. In this case, the combination is a young wizard, Marc, and a werewolf shaman, Adenet. Here's the set up for the story -- without any spoilers. A group of werewolves are having troubles with their mating rituals. The alpha of the werewolf pack seeks help from the wizarding community, and a young wizard with an affinity for werewolves is dispatched to try to fix the "magic" surrounding the werewolf mating rituals.

It's a pretty simple premise, but along the way to a resolution of the problem, there are a lot of side stories that are explored and will be terrific fodder for additional novels in the series.

Like any true romance, the issues between the two main characters in this novel are resolved, and there is a classic "happily ever after" ending.

There is clearly more to explore in the development of the shaman werewolf character. I'm not so sure that there is a lot more to develop in the young wizard's character, but only time will tell.

This was a well constructed and well developed novel. The only down side about this book is that this reader was always confident that there was going to be a "happily ever after" ending. I think I would have liked a little more conflict to be developed whether there would be a happily ever after ending. (Since this was the first known relationship between a wizard and a werewolf, maybe something could have been raised that the mutual love of the characters would not be able to conquer their physical differences. There was a hint of that torment in a side story involving a vampire and a wizard, but I would have liked to have seen it fleshed out with the main characters as well.)

I suppose the highest praise for a book is that I want to read more about the characters. So, a solid four on the goodreads scale for me.

Becky Condit says

I really like how the author has been able to portray a very convincing and original world that I would feel totally at home in. Told in chronological order, there is no problem following the events from beginning to end.

The various characters get their HEA and we get an excellent adventure that I really loved reading and would definitely recommend to everyone.

Please see Trish's complete review on February 20, 2013 at <http://mrsconditreadsbooks.com/index....>

Chancey Knowles says

Plenty of other reviews. Very solid, consistent series with some unique twists. Great characters and interesting world building. For fans of the genre this series is a must, but I would recommend it for nearly anyone except those with an aversion to M/M or vampires. Read the spinoff series before reading the last 2 books in the main series for chronological order.

Love Bytes Reviews says

4.5 star review by Vicki

I think I'll break this up a bit... there are two very different story lines going on in this book.

Ariel introduces some fantastic werewolves in this story. We know they exist in this world, they have been mentioned, but we never see them. Until now. Lorenz Iserin is the alpha of the Morvan werewolf pack, the oldest werewolf pack in France. His pack is slowly dying, no pups have been born or even conceived in several years, and the old werewolves are naturally dying off. He and his shaman, Adenet, are getting desperate. Lorenz is desperate enough to go for help, Adenet is a stubborn ass and won't. Lorenz wins, since

he's the alpha, and he heads to l'Institut to ask for help from Raymond, who he thinks might be sympathetic to their plight.

Raymond is sympathetic, however Jean wants to kill Lorenz on sight! Apparently there is some baaaaad blood between werewolves and vampires.... But Raymond calms Jean down. Actually he ties him to their bed, but you know... calms him down! So Raymond agrees to help the poor werewolves, but doesn't know enough about them. He heads to l'ANS and is recommended a wizard by the name of Marc, who is a werewolf nut. He's been obsessed with them for years, but hasn't actually met one! Raymond recruits Marc and sends him off to the werewolf pack. Lorenz is happy to see him, Adenet not so much! Especially when he realizes Marc is his mate. Marc is sweet and patient, Adenet is a shit to him for a while, not accepting that he has a male mate, who is a human not a werewolf, and a wizard to make it even worse. Marc isn't able to solve their issue and eventually two werewolves from America come to help. Much drama ensues, and we get a fantastic ending to that story line!

Then we have Jean and Raymond... oh my! I read the first three books, then the fourth shortly after, and was obsessed with Orlando and Alain. Then each of the next three books came out over the years and I read them and enjoyed them, but I had built Orlando and Alain up to mythical status in my head, since they were my first gay couple. I LOVED them dearly. Raymond and Jean were interesting, but by the time their book came out, I was all about Orlando and Alain. Now on this read, I'm realizing Orlando is a bit of a mess, rightly so, but I got a bit tired of him! But Jean and Raymond. Wow. They have stolen the stories and my heart. This book was not "their" book, but they are around quite a bit. Jean has an issue with Lorenz, Raymond thinks he's acting like an ass, and ties him to their bed to punish him. This leads to one incredible sex scene! Wow. The two of them together are just amazing. So what they are dealing with, that eventually includes Orlando and Alain (and a VERY hot sex scene with them too!), and Thierry and Sebastien, is details involving the Aveu de Sang bond between a vampire and a human. Jean and Raymond discover that bond allows the vampire to let his inner beast out, feed and fuck to his hearts content, and actually pass out and sleep. Jean and Raymond do it, and do it well! Then Orlando and Alain follow down the naughty path and see that it works too. Unfortunately Sebastien and Thierry don't have as much luck.

Anyway, way too much about the plot! I just really liked this one! The werewolf plot line was excellent, new characters, new drama, and Ariel borrowed characters from a Rhianne Aile book! I love that! Plus the very much sex driven plot line amongst the other men was... gah. Hot. Yummy.

I am loving reading all of these one after the other, I'm getting so much more out of them than I did reading them as they came out. I've been chatting with Ariel on Facebook as I'm reading and that has totally enhanced my experience. It's also made me nervous about the final book in the series.... One new short story to go, then I'll read the final one, that just came out. I have hints, I won't say here, but I'm concerned!

If you are a paranormal romance fan, you have GOT to read this whole series!

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Caroline Brand says

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This is book 3 in a spin off series to the Partnership in Blood books and introduces werewolves to the wizards.

The Morvan werewolf pack has problems. They once numbered over 200 but are now down to fifty as there have been no pups born for years. They are not the only pack in France with this problem and when the pack alphas mate loses the will to live due to her failure to provide an heir he takes matters into his own hands and asks the wizards for help.

As was the case when the wizards first joined forces with the vampires there is a lot of mistrust from the werewolves where the wizards and their magic is concerned. A young wizard called Marc who is really only just learning his magic but is fascinated and knowledgeable about werewolves is brought into help.

Within a werewolf pack the person responsible for the packs care and who performs ceremonies including the fertility ceremony is the Shaman. Adenet is the Shaman to the Morvan pack and sees the failure of the mating ceremony as a personal failure, he also abhors the idea of wizards and their magic but bows to his alphas request to at least explore the idea of receiving their help.

Werewolves recognise their mate on sight and when Adenet meets Marc his wolf sits up and pays attention. The more human side of Adenet refuses to acknowledge the fact though and this doesn't bode well for fixing the packs magic. Man and wolf need to be in harmony and Adenet is feeling anything but.

Back at the l'ANS headquarters the vampires and wizards are still discovering things about their partnerships, particularly the ones who have an Avoue. This leaves Sebastian and Theirry with a problem as they can never form that part of their relationship. An experiment to soothe Sebastian's inner beast doesn't go as planned leaving both men adrift.

This world that Ariel has created just keeps getting better and better and I would be happy if it never had to end!

Andrea says

2nd read

Gwendolyn says

I so very much loved the first four books, but I'm starting to feel like enough already.
