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The Gathering is called. The spell is cast. There is no escaping the Midnight Matings.

The chaos of the Midnight Matings continues. Everyone attending the UPAC Conference has twenty-four hours to claim a mate of a different species or risk being without one forever. After this announcement, Blake and Drake see a man offering himself up and decide they want him for their own.

Blake and Drake Collier are ancient unicorn shifters used to keeping to themselves. Mating Gilbert gives them a chance for true love and happiness if they can learn to put his needs before theirs.

Gilbert Quinby is a raccoon shifter who has been sexually abused due to the traditions of his shifter community. Blake and Drake may be his ticket to freedom and to love.

Will Blake, Drake, and Gilbert's attendance at the UPAC Conference be a blessing for them all, or will the trauma caused by Gilbert's horrible past be a stumbling block they may not be able to overcome?

Note: There is no sexual relationship or touching for titillation between or among siblings.

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Tamela says

I felt so bad for Gilbert but he got lucky with Blake and Drake. Though sometimes I wondered if Drake might be missing a few brain cells, or if he would ever learn to be a little more careful about what he said.

Later though, when he said how he felt bad because he was always the one apologizing even when he didn't know what for, and was always walking on eggshells, I saw what he had been dealing with. Yep, Gilbert had been laying the guilt trip on a bit thick for Drake.

So glad they finally cleared the air, and I did love Gilbert's kick butt mom :)

Recommended

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Pamela Su says

Blake and Drake are twin unicorn shifters who mate with a raccoon shifter, Gilbert. Unicorns mate with raccoon...

Look, seriously, if you were expecting some stellar story-writing and deep, complex plot, you are in for a horrible wake-up call.

The plot is ridiculous and Gilbert is this poor guy who has been treated like crap all his life. It's quite sad really. Even the way he ended up mated to the unicorn shifters at the start of the book was really sad when you think about it. I wanted to put Gilbert into some heavy-duty therapy sessions. Poor lil dude.

Still, it was nice to see a happy ending for all three of them. Also, I like that there's a lot of love for the less firm-bodied gay men in this story.

Emma Sea says

Ugh. DNF at 32%. Written like a kid's book (except for the m/m and the sexual abuse, of course).

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Charnel's review posted on Guilty Pleasures

Another sexy Midnight Matings installment.

Blake and Drake Collier are unicorn shifter twins, and a raccoon shifter mate named Gilbert. LOL Need I say more?? Okay, I don't know what it says about me but I just LOVE these Midnight Matings shifter stories. I understand some readers may think the concept is unusual but I can't get enough of this series, I also know that unicorns and raccoon shifters are not the sexiest shifters BUT the men behind the animals are fun, loving and make for a really good story.

There's an instant mating, an ex-lover/tormenter who doesn't want to let go of Gilbert, and an m/m/m mating like no other.

If you like m/m and shifters you will enjoy Stripes and Twin Horns.

Phaney says

2012 Review:

Rollercoaster.

For a threesome, and especially one involving twins and by *this* author, this started out surprisingly well. O.o I can't say I ever really followed Gilbert's logic even then, but our narrator during the first three chapters (yes, first person again) was fairly reasonably tempered and even made his harsher brother understandable and thus endearing.

Sadly once we switched to Gilbert's perspective we had another whiny narrator. Hate that. Way to ruin something that was genuinely going well, author.

Also, sadly, when Drake finally got his turn he was being whiny, unreasonable and selfish too. "Why me? Why not the others? Wah, wah, wah."

How can the author ever think that kind of stuff is appealing? Go back and look at the Blake chapters! That was a good hero! Issues there, too, but he was willing to work things out instead of flying into a fit of "poor me" every time anything goes wrong. Of course later on, during Drake's narrative, Blake turned stupid as well.

Meh. Such a disappointment for something that began so nicely. For a while it seemed as though the "abused, broken waif" storyline would be working out. Pity Gilbert had to turn out to be the same self-centred jerk as every other character this author comes up with lately.

Why is that, really? I can't fathom it. Everyone always takes everything someone else says in the worst possible ways and flies into fits over things that can't be changed anyway, playing the blame game to the fullest without any justification.

I want to growl. But instead I will go back to the book I was going to read originally. Since it's part of the same multi-author series and referred to our triad here in the beginning, I became curious and decided to get this one done first. Oh well. :3

Wish me luck! At least it's another author. Can't recall if she's all into male pregnancy too but at the very

least we won't have whiny, self-absorbed multiple first-person!

Seriously.

Tom says

Great!

Two Unicorns and a racoon are mated at the UPAC Convention. This is their story with all it's ups and downs.

Taintedskyee (Books Books&More Books) says

Review after I stop giggling.....hehhehe!! Its not me that's shallow its Raccoon and Unicorn combo making me giggle and on top Mpreg.lol

Okay so I stopped giggling enough to find pictures.....yeah I don't intend to hurt anyone just wanted to find some fun in a emotion filled story of a poor abused Raccoon and twin unicorn mates.

So Introducing Gilbert Quinby the abused Raccoon shifter with lots of issues...

Who kept offering himself at Midnight Matings but was refused or taunted by everyone when he catches eyes of Blake and Drake Collier the ancient unicorn shifters

And they mate forever but the story doesn't end there but begins.....emotions flow, secrets come out and with it the culprit of Gilbert's distress.....tada
A Raccoon leader of the kit.....another racoon

Who threatens Gilbert's happiness and attacks Unicorns all by himself and gets killed by Gilbert mind it not the Unicorns. So size really doesn't matter in this tale.....hehe

I know, I know I hardly makes any sense but if you are really looking for sense you won't be reading this story...lol

Oh did I mention its a Menage, don't wriggle your nose the two brothers doesn't even touch each other in that way they only share racoon and it has got mpreg and Gilbert will carry seven baby inside him...now I can't stop laughing.

Timeforme says

Other than the guy getting pregnant aspect of this tale, I enjoyed the story but really and truly, I don't get the fascination about men sprouting disposable wombs so they can have litters of kids. That is just a turn off to a book for me. So I really, really wish that Joyee would drop that from future story lines.

I would have given this book a solid 3 because the interaction between Blake, Drake and Gilbert was interesting, especially with the abuse that Gilbert had endured with his kit. But I was so disappointed by the addition of the get the male mate pregnant story line that I dropped this to a 2.5.

Christy says

I swear I think this is the saddest installment of the series. Not that I didn't like it, because I did! It's just Gilbert's life has pretty much sucked and he has no self-esteem. Meeting and mating Blake and Drake is the best thing that could happen to all of them. It was still heart breaking to see how badly Gilbert was treated before the mating.

This was a very sweet and loving story that I enjoyed!

Sarah says

Total fluff book, but that is what I wanted. The entire series is about supernaturals going to a conference and getting drugged. They have a day to find and claim a mate of a different species or they will go feral.

Twin unicorns claim a raccoon. The raccoon (Gilbert) has had a horrible life as his kit's doxy (whore). It was a position he was born into, so becoming a mate to two loving unicorns was a difficult transition. All Drake and Blake want to do is love their mate, but 2 millenniums hasn't taught them anything on how to handle this little raccoon.

Gilbert kept pissing me off with his constant misunderstandings. I actually felt bad for Blake and Drake. Overall though a cute story.

CB says

Such a fun series! There are currently 20 books in the series, each book is written by either Joyee Flynn, Gabrielle Evans or Stormy Glenn. They could keep writing more as long as they continue creating interesting characters who shift into all kinds of wonderful and different animals/mythical beings and coming up with unique stories full of romance, crazy drama, angst and let's not forget the very hot sex!

You don't have to read them in order, very rarely are other characters mentioned, but each story is very different and engaging and together they make for a fun few weeks of entertainment.

There is a spin-off series by Joyee Flynn with 8 books out so far called "Unmated by Midnight." I have not read those yet but they are on my to-be-read list next.

Barb ~rede-2-read~ says

I can't imagine why I like this series, but I do! These books are so bizarre that they are actually fun to read. There's no hope of taking them seriously so I always read them with the object of having a few hours of fun escapism.

In this pairing, twin unicorns Blake and Drake are at the conference where the toast is spiked and they are forced to choose a mate. They spot Gilbert, raccoon shifter, baring his cute, jiggly ass and it's love at first sight, so to speak. He's the mate for them.

Gilbert has been treated badly by his kit his whole life and was forced to be the kit's doxy, aka whore. He finds it hard to accept love and kindness from his mates, a fact which creates most of the conflict in the story. Add to that, the kit's alpha who wants Gilbert back for himself, and attempts a kidnapping, and it's a fun adventure.

All three eventually settle in their love and as the story ends, as expected, Gilbert is pregnant and expecting a surprising number of babies. Which dad is going to pass out first?

If you want to pick up a fun book, that will not tax your mental capacities, this is it.

A??ela W. says

Spoiler Ahead This was book 15 in the "*Midnight Matings*" series and one of my favorites in this series. After the Elder's spiked the champagne to induce the mating heat at the UPAC Conference the paranormal's have 24 hours to claim a mate of a different species or the will go feral twin unicorn shifters Blake and Drake Collier see a man offering himself up and they want him. Raccoon shifter Gilbert Quinby didn't drink the champagne he came to the conference to find a mate he doesn't want to go back to his kit because he was being abused by the leader Chuck so his mom got him a ticket to the conference so he can find a mate and leave his home. This was a really good book full of emotions. Blake and Drake are clueless when it comes to their mate they know that he must has suffered some kind of abuse at home but they don't know what because he won't talk to them. Gilbert is used to being used for sex he was his Kit's doxy a person in the kit used for sex a whore. As these three struggle to find ways of making this mating work Chuck Gilbert former kit leader shows up but the twin's are not having it. As the twins struggle to learn more about Gilbert they realize that he is more messed up then they thought so after calling his mother they try to make him happy. This book also had some funny moments in it as well like when Gilbert found out he can get pregnant he passes out. This book was well written like the rest of the books in this series with no errors in grammar or spelling. I like this series because each book is a stand a long. I am looking forward to reading more books in this series.

Serena Yates says

Stripes and Two Horns, despite the quite serious background of the raccoon mate, is actually quite a fun read, like many of the other volumes of the *Midnight Matings* series. The idea of having twin unicorns, both ancient and set in their ways, suddenly having to deal with a quirky little raccoon shifter who needs more emotional support than a normal man could give, never mind two fairly reclusive guys, was bound to lead to some misunderstandings at the very least.

Gilbert, a raccoon shifter who has only known emotional physical abuse due to some obscure rules raccoon shifters apparently live by, cannot believe he has two gorgeous mates. While the twin unicorns are not mated to each other, they are definitely more than interested in him. Only Gilbert has such low self-esteem that he doesn't believe them and it takes him quite a while to open up and admit the possibility it isn't just a dream.

Drake and Blake, having lived pretty much on their own for hundreds of years, aren't ready for such a challenging personality. Not that they're easy to live with or don't have emotional baggage, but we don't find out a lot about their past. Luckily, they have more patience than any three normal men and they manage to slowly gain Gilbert's trust. One of their fix-alls is sex, which leads to some interesting scenes in the bedroom, and the process of how they 'unlearn' those habits was fun to read about.

Add a great mother, her new boyfriend and a disgusting villain to this mix and you can see why the resulting ride might be interesting. If you like unusual shifter stories with a few secrets that pop out as you read, if a mate who needs protection so he can learn to stand on his own feet is your thing, and if you have enjoyed the other books in this series, then you may like this one as well.

Kelly H. (Maybedog) says

I'm sorry, but whether the siblings touch or not, if they're both in bed having sex with the same person, it's incest. Regardless of your views on that, IMHO that's pretty obvious.

My review is in spoiler tags because it is merely my raw notes which haven't been edited. I do most of my note taking on my phone which makes for some creative wording due to the spellchecker and my fat fingers and impatience. This review probable has too much negative stuff as that's what I tend to get riled up about enough to stop reading and jot down. If I'm enjoying myself, I don't want to stop reading!

If there are any real spoilers, I put them in nested spoiler tags, so don't worry about that.

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