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As a dedicated covert ops agent, Victoria Morgan follows two rules: accomplish the mission and protect the innocent. When bitten by a werecat—yeah, that was a sucky day—she must investigate beings that shouldn't exist and are hard as hell to identify. Just how can she tell if a person is human--or an animal-shifter who enjoys Bambi-sized snacks?

During her investigation, she finds a real home and friends for the first time. Sweet, right? But there's a flip-side: the bad guys are waiting for her to turn into something four-legged with a tail, the shifters suspect her of spying, and she has fallen in love with a pair of Thumper-eating werecougar brothers.

Her duty is to expose their existence. Or she could follow her heart and protect them with all of her deadly skills.

Hour of the Lion Details

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UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

I'm a huge fan of Cherise Sinclair's writing, so there was no doubt I'd be reading this book because there's something about the way she writes hot, sexy romance that keeps me coming back for more. My only hesitation about this story, though, is that I'm not a huge shifter fan, but I can tell you, honestly, I was not disappointed!

I really enjoyed the were-world Ms. Sinclair created, and the characters of varying species. Thanks to littermates Alec and Calum, the were-skeptical Victoria, and a great supporting cast, this book is a fun, sexy read, and I'm hoping we'll get to see more from the shifter residents of Cold Creek, Washington.

Laura (Kyahgirl) says

4/5; 4 stars; A-

I haven't read a book yet by this author that I didn't like. She is a consistently good storyteller. This paranormal romance is a departure from the Club Shadowlands BDSDM series and I think she did a fantastic job changing gears. I debated whether or not to even put it on the erotica shelf because it has some really great menage sex scenes as well as m-f sex scenes but they are more romantic than erotic. maybe I'm reading too much UF and PNR....sex between a human and two werecats seemed normal? Or maybe its a testament to Sinclair's writing ability!

My only quibble with the book was the ending didn't seem as well developed as it could have been. Wells was shockingly easy to sway...it was a bit unbelievable plus there were a couple of editing errors that were grating but besides that I really like it.

Kate's Corner says

First read 02/01/2017 3*

Re-read 03/12/2017 bumped up to 4 *

I enjoyed this far more the second time round than the first. This is still not my typical paranormal romance as alpha males, mates and sharing etc. but here it works. The scenes are hot and will most surely give you the tingles.

I understood Vicki more this time and grasped her and her feelings more. She is a strong heroine but she is like a marshmallow crusty on the outside but soft and gooey on the inside.

Alec and Calum are still awesome although they get somewhat idiotic to the end. This is a series I can definitely get on board with.

I enjoy the author's writing very much.

You like menage than this book and series is for you.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

Kindle freebie 10/31/17!

Heather in FL says

This was my first Cherise Sinclair. I don't think it will be my last. I've been a bit over paranormal recently, but this was a great story! I was so sad when Lachlan died at the very beginning, and we didn't even really know him. I think it was because of how brave he tried to be, and just the little bit of bonding he and Vic did before he died. He just seemed like such a great kid.

I loved how strong Vicki was. The solitary life she led was sort of sad, but it was necessary for her line of work. And I love how she was sort of eased into the whole werecat thing. It would have been nice if she'd been told sooner about the sharing thing, just so she could have been saved from quite a bit of guilt. And I wanted to smack her when she left after Cleavage and Ice Queen made their moves on her men. How could she possibly give them up?? Or even Jamie? Her protectiveness over Jamie was awesome, too.

Calum and Alec were the perfect pair for her. First, they were strong enough to more or less control her. I don't mean her entire life -- just her impulses. Second, they complimented each other well and gave Vicki what she needed but in slightly different ways. Vicki's internal struggle to submit to Calum sort of cracked me up. She *so* didn't want to give in, but then again, she really did want to. She just wasn't used to anyone having the upper hand. And I loved all the werecat play... the guys rubbing their faces on Vicki in cat form and them all rolling around while playing. It reminded my of my kitties playing. :-)

Holy crap the villians were ruthless. I wanted to puke anytime Swane talked about women. And how selfish could Vidal be?

I liked the ending and how Wells was still a part of Vicki's life. This would be a great series starter. The author created a great world and I'd like to read more about it.

Raine says

I thought this was quite boring and not as hot in the style of Cherise's Shadowlands or Masters series with bdsm. I was pretty disappointed with this book that it wasn't like her other ones. I did give it 4 stars because if I just rated it on its own merits that would've been the right rating and if I took into consideration her other works it would've been more of a 2 or 3 stars instead.

I know she doesn't write too much paranormal, but if she continues with this genre I hope the writing gets better or at least as good as her bdsm series.

Cindy ~ says

From what I can tell this was Cherise first book in the Paranormal catagory. I have read lots of shapeshifter books. If they are all to cookie cutter you would get board reading them. Cherise take in this book was different from other that I had read - meaning that is a good thing. The story kept me fully engaged until the last page. I do have to admit I was thinking the sex was going to be as intense as it is in her BDSM books (which I love).. But to my surprise its not. She took the time to make sure Vic and Alex and Vic and Calum each had time together before they were all together.. I think it was a nicely written book and as always I look forward to any and all of her future books.

Kat Desi says

Enjoyed this book. I think Cherise Sinclair can actually pull off a good PNR novel without the BDSM and/or menage! But what is a Cherise Sinclair book without a spank and/or an extra pair of hands or...? *wink*

Kathryn says

[I nearly felt betrayed, as the reader, when Alec and C

Stacey Kennedy says

There are not enough stars to give this book! I'm a huge fan of Cherise's Shadowland series, but Hour of the Lion proved just how incredible of an author Ms. Sinclair is! Seriously, I skipped my own writing, stopped watching Supernatural (which NEVER happens) and even ignored my family to read this book. It was captivating, had a very intriguing plot, and the D/s relationship in this book was just an added bonus!

When I saw 2 and 3 stars ratings for this book, I keep thinking, "Did we read the same story?". Beautiful writing, memorable characters that jumped off the page at me and just a damn fine plot that has left me drooling for the next book in the series.

Bring it on, Cherise! I'm hungry for more!!

Laurie Garrison says

Wild about bones review below

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Sophia Triad says

"After I kill someone, I like to sit in the shower and cry."

"Of course. It's good to have traditions."

The book starts really violently with the death of an innocent child. After that agent Victoria Morgan will discover the world of the shifters. She will try to hide from the bad humans who try to find the cure of death and she will try to hide from rough shifters who do not really know what she does in their isolated little

town.

Victoria will constantly lie to protect herself and to protect the secrets of her operation. But maybe deep down, she just needs a couple of alpha males to depend on. A couple of males who can understand what she has been through and can help her face all the changes in her existence.

There are so many shifters' books out there...

...but I am happy to say that this book has introduced us a unique shifter's world. I loved the way the author combines erotica and PNR.

...And this is my final book for 2017

Happy New Year :)

? BookAddict ↗ La Crimson Femme says

I enjoy a good paranormal book. I'm a bit jaded by the plethora of shifter books lately. Some of the authors throw in a couple of wolves and recycle the common "understood" of how werewolves and shifters came to be. I've read Ms. Sinclair's books before and generally found them to be well written with great characters that I like and a story line I can follow. In addition, she creates conflicts which I can believe and follows each developed thread to a conclusion. It may not be a happy conclusion, but it's a conclusion.

When I heard she moved to the paranormal genre with shifters, I was nervous. Would it turn out okay? Is she just jumping on the band wagon? With great reluctance, I finally forced myself to read the book. The first thing I can say after reading the first few pages is, "WHY ON EARTH DID I WAIT SO LONG?"

The first chapter BLEW me away. We went from zero to sixty in less than a second. I LOVE IT. I was captivated from the very first moment when Vic was tied up and under threat of rape and torture. This world Ms. Sinclair created for the shifters is fabulous. She's used some of the existing accepted mythology and added her unique twist. Her book leaves a wide open world for more than just shifters. She has so many interesting characters I hope she writes several books and this becomes a series.

The erotic categorization of this book for me was the sensual and sexy heat between the three main characters, Vic, Calum and Alec. The menage was a nice treat. There was nothing out of this world about the sex, but it was nice each time. Each sex scene had purpose to enhance the story. It wasn't a gratuitous sex just for the sake of checking off a list of required sex scenes.

I liked Vic - she's the type of woman I admire. Smart, loyal and strong cognitive skills and the ability to make a decision and stick to it. She isn't w/o her flaws. It's rather sad her flaws and I admit to shedding a tear at her heartache. Alec and Calum, what can be said about them? H.A.W.T, sexy, alpha and okay a bit paranoid. But seriously, is it really paranoid if people are really out to get you? I wouldn't mind being the meat in that man sandwich.

The axillary characters were just as charming. There was a reason for each person's madness. There was no "just because" explanations. Did people do bad things? Yes. Were they completely bad people? No. Each person's motivation was true to that character and help generate believable conflict. This is what I admire about Ms. Sinclair's storytelling technique.

I recommend this to all my friends, even those who don't really like paranormal, this is still a well written

story. I'd read it over and over and over again. At this point, Ms. Sinclair should just be an auto-buy for me.

WildAboutBones says

Sinclair blends shifters (weretcats, werebears, werewolves, oh my), OtherFolk (dwarfs, sprites, "*bush-thingies, tree-thingies ... fire-thingies*", gnomes, pixies), a drug lord, a rogue ex-marine and a romance between a woman and two brothers to create a unique supernatural world in this paranormal romance. This might sound like a fantasy with all of the *OtherFolk*, but it isn't ... well maybe a fantasy for me. {grin}

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Barbara says

I thoroughly enjoyed this paranormal, menage. It is a bit of a different take on shifter stories, which proved to be refreshing. Victoria, a CIA operative, is "gifted" shifter abilities that she doesn't understand and in keeping a promise made to deliver a message, she ventures into the small mountain town of Cold Creek and becomes entangled with the town's sheriff, Alec, and "guardian," Calum, who are brothers and cougar shifters. The relationship between the three of them is interesting. Both brothers are very much alphas and Vicki is attracted to them; but which brother will be the lead-alpha for her. I was drawn to Alec but found Calum very hot. There are lots of delicious smexy scenes and well-written emotional moments that had me reaching for a tissue.

This story has a menage romance, government/CIA suspense, and the hottest monthly town orgy ever!

Note: If you are looking for the level of BDSM like in other Cherise Sinclair novels, this book is not it. Although, there are elements of dominance and submission.

This is a good erotic, paranormal read. Definitely recommended!
