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Shy Cowboy Cass Drake is in love with his best friend, Tom Black, and content to keep it to himself until Tom is brutally attacked and Cass will do anything to protect him—even letting Tom mark him as his human mate.

Cowboy Cass Drake puts himself on a crash diet shortly after he meets Tom Black. Built like a linebacker, Cass has always been self-conscious about his size and his shyness isn't helped by all the teasing he endures in the bunkhouse. But his quiet new friend Tom actually seems to be flirting with him. When Tom is attacked one night, it's Cass who comes to his rescue. Tom has a thing for his innocent cowboy but he also has secrets that could put Cass in danger.

Reader Advisory: The stories in this collection are linked solely by theme. Each story can be read on its own and the stories can be read in any order.

## Shy Cowboy Details

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## From Reader Review Shy Cowboy for online ebook

### Jenna ~Don't Talk To Me When I'm Reading~ says

2 stars overall... it didn't live up to its potential, and those classic Jan Irving sexytimes were just... lackluster here.

But.. Cass. Oh man I love him. Rounded up to 3 stars just for his character alone.

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### Beck says

This is the third book I've read today from this series and the pattern of the formula is becoming distressingly apparent...these are shallow little stories that really don't progress past insta-love ... I got the first book free and the second for less than \$1 ... This instalment was over \$5 and so not worth the money ... if the stories were priced appropriately (\$1 or less), I'd keep on reading the series but I'm just not motivated to spend big bucks on shallow fluff.

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### Stacey says

An okay read. Pacing was choppy, but I really liked Cass and Tom. I docked a star because of the stupid ending. To introduce a boy who has been beaten, raped and tortured and he just "faded away" ...I wasn't even sure what that meant--like, sneaked off into the bushes faded(then couldn't their wolf noses track him?) or he literally blinked out of existence faded, which makes even less sense. And everyone is just okay with that? "I guess it's over." SERIOUSLY? I'm expected to turn the page and care about vacation and tofu? A very annoying end IMO.

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### AJ says

I absolutely love this series. I read it out of order but I was still able to follow along. For me I personally liked the role reversal between Cass and Tom. Tom may be the stronger of the two because he is a shifter but it is the human Cass that is the alpha in the relationship.

This series is great. It's not real long books so you can read them in one sitting if you so choose. These stories may be short but do not lack in the entertainment department. There's good conflict, a growing love story, and a cliffhanger surrounding the mysterious wolf trying to take Tom.

I not only recommend this book but the whole series.

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### Karen says

I quite like jan irving's books and thoroughly enjoyed the contenders and wylde books but this book just

seemed so unfinished to me. I liked the character Cass very much especially the dieting insecurities (lets face it most of us have had weight issues of some sort at one time or other) but after quite a nice build up of the two protags relationship and the early attack by the rogue shifter the story ended when I thought it was just getting started! I thought a lot more could have been done with the damaged rogue shifter in the plot to make the story far more rounded and interesting. All in all the story was okish but could have been more.

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### **Madeleine says**

This story was so sweet and hot at the same time, I loved it! ^^

Yum yum, Cass!

I look forward to read more from this author. Ah, I've apparently already bought The Viking In My Bed :D

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### **Tena says**

The MCs are likeable and good together, that makes this story enjoyable. The problem for me comes from some inconsistencies, mainly surrounding the strange character threatening everything. That part of the storyline didn't follow through, like the author changed the plans for that character mid- story but didn't correct the first part. It's not credible to me that he just disappears, without more of a fight for what he's been stalking so long, and that everyone else just lets it go, kind of, oh well.

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### **Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says**

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When wolf shifters find their mates there is little they can do to avoid the inevitable. Tom Black is fighting tooth and claw to keep his attraction towards his shy friend at bay. But no man or wolf shifter can avoid destiny forever.

I have to begin with saying that I just loved this pairing. It's a complete role reversal. The wolf shifter is the smaller more submissive man and the human love interest is the large and in charge alpha in the relationship. I liked how this author mixed it up and took these characters in a different direction.

Tom has been working at the same ranch as Cass for a few months and his attraction towards the other man keeps him at a distance. He knows Cass isn't experienced when it comes to relationships and sex. And Tom has his own fears of becoming mated to another person. He likes his easy pick up and go life style but he wasn't counting on finding a suitable mate in Cass.

Poor Cass, the man is larger than life, literally. He's tall and very muscular and his size has kept people at a distance all his life. Cass is lonely and is subtly trying to catch Tom's attention. Cass lacks self confidence and his unsure way of going about things made him very likable.

These two men start to make a connection but it comes to a screeching halt when Tom gets assaulted by another wolf. I loved how Cass came to Tom's rescue without fear for his own well being. In the midst of the conflict a love between Tom and Cass starts to bloom.

This is a short story but it doesn't lack in the entertainment department. The love scenes were a gradual build that definitely steamed up the pages. Then there is the unknown wolf that is trying to kidnap Tom. This is an easy read that doesn't leave the reader hanging on the edge for too long.

I'm a fan of Jan Irving's Uncommon Cowboys series and Shy Cowboy left this reviewer satisfied. I would recommend this to all readers who have a love for shifters, cowboys, and happy ever afters.

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### **Bettina (a.k.a. Betty) says**

2.75

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### **Meggie says**

Cass and Tom were so sweet as a couple and the story was enjoyable till the end. We even got to see Adrian and Cody again. The story was good! I liked it!

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### **Deeze says**

This started out interesting. I loved the idea of big shy Cass and protective Tom. I was enjoying the side story of the mysterious shifter, but then things seemed to start focusing on the sex and the story kinda stopped, then just at the end we pick the story back up in time to lead into the next book.

I've enjoyed Jan Irving's stories in the past, she writes some wonderful characters, but sadly I find her sex scenes extremely lacking in either romance or hotness. (but at least there were no kitties mentioned this time)

I will probably read the next book, more because I feel like I'm missing part of this story rather than being interested in this series.

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### **Tam says**

I quite liked the shy cowboy in question, Cass. He's a big guy crushing on a small guy and very self-conscious of his size. He's always trying to diet and he feels awkward around Tom because of his size. I found it rather endearing. When Tom is attacked by a feral (rogue?) werewolf Cass takes it upon himself to keep Tom safe and is not all that freaked out that Tom is a werewolf. Tom, while smaller, the alpha in their mating which is always a nice change from the big guy always being the top. They were a cute couple though.

The rogue wolf story-line leads up to the next book, although given the reasons they say the guy is rogue makes me leery about reading it because of horrific childhood abuse and I'm not sure I want to read it, if it's in there.

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## Nicole says

Quick read. Enjoyable. Shifter elements. MM read.

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## Charlie Richards says

I don't normally jump into the middle of a series, but I just couldn't help myself with this one. Cass is a sweet, sexy cowboy smitten with his friend, Tom. Tom is a submissive wolf shifter who would love to be dominated by his shy friend. When a rogue wolf tries to steal Tom for his own, Cass's protective instincts come roaring to the forefront.

Although this tale is short, it still managed to get enough character development done to allow me to empathize with Cass and Tom. The tentative relationship advances, passionate encounters, and how the main characters struggle to protect each other created a page-turning, sweet story. I would even love to read Luka's tale, and I hope I haven't seen the last of him.

Very enjoyable, and I'm off to get the first two in the series.

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## Serena Yates says

Shy Cowboy, the third and so far last book in the Uncommon Cowboy series, is loosely connected to the other two, as it is set in the same area and the characters know of each other. Tom is another wolf shifter and Cass is a cowboy with an inferiority complex due to his size. Being tall and strong is no defense against being bullied, and I loved that Jan Irving took this up as a partial theme for this book.

I loved this story about two lonely souls who meet and find they are stronger together than they are on their own. It takes them a while to figure it out, but when Tom is attacked by a rabid wolf shifter, Cass rushes to the rescue – and will not be denied any longer. I loved how they balanced the need to be dominant in turns. Cass had been so afraid of hurting a partner due to his size, it was wonderful to see him understand he wouldn't have to do that with Tom. Tom, on the other hand, can finally hope for happiness because he's found a mate who can deal with his super-human strength.

If you like stories about vulnerable characters, cowboys, wolf shifters and hot men, you will probably like this book. I certainly really enjoyed reading it.

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