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A hundred years ago evil scientists spliced human genes with those of animals, creating a genetic mutation passed on through the generations. Hated because of their differences, these Ge-Mis live on the fringes of society where they scrounge and scrape to get by.

Nevada is half Ge-Mi, and hides that fact behind baggy clothes and by keeping distance between himself and everyone around him. One day his peaceful life is shattered by an explosion and the arrival of a pack of wolves to sniff out the culprit. Wolves have excellent noses and as Alpha, Taylor can sniff out every one of Nevada's secrets- and the harder Nevada tries to resist, the more difficult staying away from Taylor becomes.

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## From Reader Review Ge-Mi (Part One) for online ebook

### Rin says

5 stars!

I may be a bit biased but I love cats so this book was just perfect to me. I love the cat details given to Nevada and his interactions with all his cats. His interactions with Taylor were cute and the book just wasn't long enough for all the fluff I wanted. There were some serious business going on in the background regarding the views people had on Ge-Mi but I'm glad it didn't stifle the atmosphere of the book into a very serious, heavy book but rather, was surprisingly light.

(view spoiler)

And of course, my favourite kitty had to be Hex. Just too adorable with a bigger than life character.

Overall, I'm looking forward to the next book in the series!

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### Joyfully Jay says

This book is, in a word, adorable. Nevada and Taylor might not be a perfect couple, but they come close! When interacting with one another, the canine and feline inspirations are evident. Nevada prefers to watch from a height while Taylor wants an immediate confrontation. Nevada is more reserved, more cautious, and the few times he's forced to fight, he does so in a very feline manner.

At first glance — and at first read — this book may seem light and shallow, but the world building involved is actually quite subtle. Nevada is half snow leopard on his father's side, which gives him some rather inhuman abilities. Snow leopards have an amazing jumping skill, and so does Nevada. And, like cats, he spends a good portion of his free time worried about and taking care of grooming. Taylor, as a wolf Ge-Mi, may have speed and strength and finer senses, but he can't quite make the same jumps Nevada can, even with a running start. Because wolves can't make the same jumps a cat could. And while Nevada may have a feline's taste for fish, it doesn't mean he can't and won't eat normal foods.

While other Ge-Mi were introduced, they were in brief scenes where their talents and animal behaviors weren't able to be showcased. But as this is the first book in a series, I'm confident we'll see more owls, hyenas, and who knows what else! It's refreshing to see the research and thought that has gone into creating the Ge-Mi, to making them their own creatures and not simply watered down werewolves or superhuman half-breeds.

**Read Elizabeth's review in its entirety here.**

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### Mj says

enjoyable, interested to see where this goes next.

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## **Nikyta \*Miss Forgetful\* says**

Reviewed on The Blogger Girls

### **4.5 stars**

It's hard for me to describe my feelings for this book. When I first started it, I expected a traditional little shifter story, a nice easy read. While this was an easy read, it wasn't any kind of traditional shifter story. For one, it's about a world where Ge-Mi – genetically mutated – people are pretty much abhorred. If you are one, you're not treated as an equal so your options are either trying to hide what you are or living with people thinking you're lower than dirt. For Nevada, he's managed to hide his cat side until an explosion rocks the place he works at and his secret is threatened by a pack of wolves determined to sniff out who set the bomb. Unfortunately, cats and dogs don't mix and when Taylor sets his nose on Nevada, Nevada's life is about to go from bad to worse.

Oh my god! When I started this story, I didn't really expect much to the story. Sure, I read the blurb but once I started, I got so sucked into the story, I couldn't put it down. I loved Nevada as a character and I loved that he was so sassy. I also loved Taylor as a character. It was interesting to see the differences between them and the connection they couldn't help but developing. It was such fun to see inconspicuous Nevada try to stay away from Taylor while Taylor couldn't help sticking his nose where it didn't belong. I couldn't help loving the bickering and bantering between Taylor and Nevada and the slow progress they took on getting to know each other. By the end, I was all 'awwwwww they're so cute together!' which made me have such a sappy smile, I almost couldn't take it.

I absolutely adored this story and these characters but I wished Taylor had been more fleshed out. I would have loved to see part of this story from his POV so we could have really gotten a different side than what Nevada saw and heard especially since Taylor is so vastly different.

All in all, this was an amazing story. I loved that this author put a spin on shifters while mixing a bit of sci-fi into it. I loved that Nevada was so reluctant to get involved in certain areas but couldn't really help himself and I also adored the connection between Nevada and Taylor. I can't wait to see what happens next because I just couldn't get enough of these two!!

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## **Elaine White says**

Book – Ge-Mi (Ge-Mi #1)

Author – Mell Eight

Star rating - ★★★★★

No. of Pages – 97

Cover – Great!

POV – 3rd person, one character

Would I read it again – Yes

Genre – LGBT, Fantasy, Shifter/Creature

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At first, I wasn't sure what to make of the story. I found Nevada interesting, but the Prologue was a little confusing, introducing all of these strange terms and ideas that weren't fully explained. Then it skipped to Chapter 1 and took four pages to tell us what time difference sat between the two chapters, which really didn't help with orientating my mind in the story. However, once I reached Chapter 2 everything fell into place.

The world building was nicely done (apart from the brief blip between the prologue/chapter 1) giving us enough detail about the world and how it functioned that I didn't feel confused or have too many questions about it. Mostly, the world was similar to our own, with some Minority Report tech added for the fantasy element (laser guns, hover cars etc) and the obvious addition of some Puss in Boots kind of creature/human hybrids. Yet, it still managed to be original and a great take on the ideas of both.

Nevada is half-snow leopard – part of the half human/animal species of Ge-Mi – and I liked that the story briefly explored his home life in the Prologue, telling us how and why he came to this new place and letting us see him giving his 'bribe' to the Lord in Kensey, Lord Reyes. It gave us an idea of how the world worked, while showing us just enough of Nevada's personality to make me care about him.

When Taylor was introduced to the story, I just knew things were going to get far more interesting, because he was such a gruff, roguish character with a softer side that only Nevada brought out.

Overall, it was a great fantasy story with great characters. The writing style was perfect, for me, giving me just what I wanted and leaving enough clues to the 'mystery' aspect that I could follow along. I liked all the characters, who were evenly explored as background characters, and loved the chemistry between Nevada and Taylor. I'd happily go buy part two right now, if it was available, but I'll be eagerly awaiting the release so that I can find out what happens next.

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### **Fernanda Bomtempo-Marzo says**

Cute

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### **Killian Louis says**

It was a cute, short read, and I was glad to see the (Part One) addition to the title, because it definitely feels like the first part of the story, and not a complete narrative. I liked it, but the fact that it felt like a prologue made me feel it lacked a proper conclusion? Even knowing that there is going to be a sequel, there is something missing to make me love it.

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### **amanda says**

**Awesome**

I can't wait for the next book!! I love cats, and Nevada's relationship with Taylor is so promising! The next book couldn't come sooner!

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## **Martin Steele says**

### **Nice one**

With this book author Mell Eight has created a promising reality.

The plight of the Ge-Mi people adds a fun translation to the civil rights issues of various subsets of humanity... And does so without the ham fisted allegories used by lesser authors

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## **Mark says**

Loved this book. The setting and story were written well. I have a dog but because of this book, now I love cats too. Looking forward as to what will happen to the story of Nevada and Taylor. Thanks Mell for this great book!

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## **Jessica habeck says**

### **Good book**

I love that Nevada has cats and cat himself. I like how he falling in love with wolf. He he

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## **Lilia Ford says**

Wow--what a nice surprise! I've been burned so many times with shifter stories--far too many of them are formulaic and lazily written. But I'm also obsessed with the genre so I keep breaking down and buying new books with juicy blurbs, only to end up yelling obscenities at my kindle when the inevitable disappointment comes.

(Vaguely spoilerish)

Not so here: Ge-Mi was lovely. It's such an odd story, so it's a little hard to describe why it worked for me. Except for the blurb, which warns of the usual military experiments by the dreaded "evil scientists," you might assume the author had never read another shifter story--which is a good thing. The world-building was quirky and surprisingly rich, imagining a futuristic world where feudalism has returned. But just as you think you're going to get a heavy-handed picture of corrupt lords tormenting a shifter underclass, the story veers in a different direction and you're getting an odd little tale about a waiter who rescues stray cats, hiding that he's part cat himself.

The shifter stuff was downright adorable: these aren't shifters per se, but humans whose genes were spliced with animals, and the author did such a wonderful job capturing Nevada's cat-like qualities--hating water, loving fish, needing to groom, along with his conversations with his six pet cats. (Dollars to donuts Mell Eight is a cat person). And of course, he hates dogs, because they're "mean," including a certain part-wolf guy, who keeps following him home. The main romantic relationship could easily double as a YA, but for once that was fine, because the development was so sweet. I am not usually a fan of sweet--at all--but it worked here because both heroes were touchingly naive.

Bottom line: I really liked this and I would definitely recommend it to fans of quirky stories.

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### **Amanda Kern says**

#### **Next book please**

I would like the next book please. This book is really cute. I can not wait to see what happens next.

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### **BR11 says**

This is an entertaining novella. It's set in the future. After some experimentation with animals, now there is a new species, the Ge-mi, who are a mix of human and animals and have characteristics of both.

The concept was somehow original to me, since I don't usually read books about shifters.

The plot was nice and well developed for the length of the story. I liked Nevada a lot and I liked how sweet Taylor could be with him. That said, I felt that Taylor's character needed a little more development and description. Since the story is from Nevada's pov, there is much we don't know about him.

The weak points, in my opinion, were the insta-love thing between the MC and the lack of sex. There is not a single smexy time for these two. Oh well...

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### **Natalie says**

Ignore the cover, this one is amazing. Not quite shifters but a modified species, Nevada has spent his life hiding what he is. I liked this one from the cat given as a bribe. Nevada is sweet, smart and a cat rescuer. His match is good too, Taylor the ge-mi that doesn't respect doors or boundaries. Really hope there's a second part.

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