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Note: Each book in Lynn Hagen's Brac Pack collection features a different romantic couple. Each title stands alone and can be read in any order. However, we recommend reading the series in sequential order.

Stormy Eyes Details

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Morgan Skye says

In this series, a “warrior” – a wolf shifter who is almost always super alpha and super huge- finds a “mate” – usually much smaller and quirky – and then proceeds to have some kind of adventure.

In this case, Storm finds and mates the feisty Kyoshi. Storm is all wolf but has mage blood in his lineage so his eyes change colors. Kyoshi is a rescue from a sex slave ship, tiny, spunky and full of protectiveness for his cousin Keata.

Kyoshi and Keata have some pretty exciting reveals coming up which help explain their easy acceptance of wolf shifters in existence and there continues to be a threat from their first captors.

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These Brac Pack stories are so much fun! Sure, each of them is VERY SIMILAR to the other, but they are also each unique and full of humor.

There is always a fairly quick insta-love portion, a “rescue me” portion and a “HEA” portion. But in between we get laughs, fun and hot smexy times. Since they are meant to be read in order, we also get to see the previous mated couples frequently and by the end we not only have over 30 books in this series but at least three other off shoots that also intertwine with this series making nearly 100 books that are all somewhat related and now we get the new generation which includes the kids!

I’ve loved this series and it’s companion series and I recommend reading them in order of release for the most benefit.

Audio

So far Johnny East has narrated all the books in this series and that’s wonderful. He does a great job with the deep Alpha growly voices and he tries at the various accents (in this case a vague Asian) and tries to modulate between all the different characters as best he can given the vast number of men involved in these stories!

I was a bit ... confused... when he chose to give both Keata and Kyoshi rather deep, masculine voices when they are clearly shown as being small and rather effeminate... but... I loved his “accent” and attitude for them so I quickly got over it!

If you put your mind on pause and just enjoy the fun that is crazy shifter romance – you’ll enjoy this series very much!

Highly recommended in both book and audio format.

4 of 5 stars

Jenny says

The review for this series will be identical for each book.

Fated mates, hurt/comfort, shifters, sexy men and scorching hot heat.

Andre says

Alternative title: **Journey into the dark realm of stereotypes**

You really have to ask yourself what the author was thinking when she wrote this. Her stories always had a creepy factor with her werewolves being so much older than their human mates, even if they would not be living much longer than humans, but with this we have entered the realm of ethnic stereotyping. In both directions I might add. In the first four books you could have said it has nothing to do with ethnic stereotyping since all of them are white, and to a degree it was true, there it was rather gender and age stereotyping with the older and more muscular ones clearly dominating the younger, smaller and often more effeminate men. Sure the books try to portray this as love but it seems rather like obsession and the urge for dominance and control, in one case even with pedophilic undertones. And this is what we get here as well, and more.

The plot is pretty linear, not very complicated, and pretty cliché. The dialogues are often pretty stupid and normal behavior is pretty much thrown out of the window in the first few pages already and it sure as hell did not manage to ever climb back in throughout the entire book. But I noticed that even the first time I skimmed this over and I knew this wasn't really good. But boy did I miss a lot back then in terms of stereotyping and creepiness.

And there are several things regarding plot and world-building that make you scratch your head, e.g. why the Alpha werewolf is so cryptic about his prophetic dreams even with the reason we are given and if shifters live for centuries here and only a few centuries back alphas killed you for being gay, why did they stop now? Or Storm's eyes having constantly swirling colors and apparently normal humans don't find that weird at all. And most of the shit in this can only be defended with "its destiny", without it you notice how creepy most of it is. And it's incredibly blatant how it tries to defend it. Take the whole "mated to a werewolf" thing: The book literally tells you that their mates *couldn't come and go as other humans could but such was the life of being mated to a were-creature. The luxury of total freedom would no longer be theirs.* Or in other words: They are prisoners now and this text is there to play this fact down. And as usually they try to justify it by coming along with their mates troubled pasts and out of nowhere dangers. Which these werewolves see practically everywhere. As much as the book tries to portray these wolves as sympathetic with things ala "some of their mates had been kidnapped" in truth they come along as paranoid control freaks. And their mates seem more and more like children, despite being off age, except for one and even he is 17.

And everything that is wrong with this book in terms of characters and stereotypes can be summed up in the form of its three main characters: Kyoshi, Keata and Storm

At least the names of the first two seem to be genuine, with Kyoshi apparently meaning "pure" and Keata meaning "blessed." And considered how they are portrayed I am not surprised at all about these names. Kyoshi is pure in the way that he is a total virgin and Keata blessed in that his childish behavior is considered something good and to be cherished.

But the meaning of their names is about as positive as it gets, at least when you actually think about what was chosen to create these "characters." To write my review I checked up on Japanese/East-Asian

stereotypes to see how many the author managed to push into this here.

And these two adhere to so many stereotypes that the only thing missing would them having small penises. And maybe they do, I skipped a lot of the sex scenes. It is nearly as if there was a check list of "less offensive" stereotypes and the author used nearly all.

Actually you could make a list:

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Now some might say that these two are there to challenge male stereotypes or something... and I have no

idea how that would work. These two have so many stereotypes I have no idea how you could seriously defend them. This is not K-Pop here, there you could make the argument that those guys challenge stereotypes regarding masculinity with their cross-dressing, homoerotic female fan-service and hybridism of manicured and often effeminate faces and attire and their hypermasculine bodies.

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But this book here is nothing like that. Would it at least have been less and some actually elements here that challenge them I might have thought this book showed actually characters but the way it is, these are insulting stereotypes and nothing less.

A??ela W. says

This was book 5 in the "*Brac Pack*" series. When Storm Wishfall is sent on an errand for his alpha, he doesn't expect to discover two young Asian men hiding on a boat in fear for their lives and he didn't expect for one of them to be his mate. Kyoshi, and his cousin Keata were kidnapped from his home country of Japan they were put into a boxcar and shipped to the US to be sold as sex slaves. When Storm shows up he is leery of him at first but he trust him. This was a book and Keata is funny and fits right in with Cecil and Johnny and the rest of the mates. Keata has a thing for shiny things and gets lost in the mall. This book a few surprises in it. Turns out Kyoshi is a small tiger and his change came after Storm claimed him and they had sex another funny thing about this book Keata saw the claiming and told everyone it was funny because at first some people didn't know what he was talking about. I liked when Storm talked to Kyoshi because he was so use to protecting Keata that he was letting him have fun like when one of the warriors help him up and brused him off he told Storm that Keata was felt up and he wasn't. This was a good read the sex wasn't as hot as the last book. This book was well written with no errors in grammar or spelling. I am looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

Phaney says

2011 Review:

'Kay, so I read book 4-6 in the series and have come to the conclusion that these are better read all in a row. It's really much more like one continuous story that just highlights different people at times. If you keep in mind my caveat about the lack of continuity it's actually not so bad to read. Well, and you have to lower your expectations and completely throw disbelief out of the window.

Sure, lots of stuff is stupid and the pattern is repetitive but eh. What annoys me most right now is how all the 'mates' (i.e. the non-wolf, smaller, skirting-the-edge-of-legal-age bottoms) revert more and more into children, in the way they are treated and in the way they behave. It's ridiculous, annoying (not cutely

mischievous as obviously intended) and somewhat disconcerting (since I really don't want to read about children in sexual relationships).

Oh well. Apparently it's still enough for me to continue.

2012 Re-read Project:

I went and did it. I re-read all the connected series by Lynn Hagen, this time in order of publication date, as recommended, which sadly does not ensure actual chronology. That's *twenty-nine books* of moderate length, spanning three series (with more to spin off).

I'll put my thoughts in spoiler tags since I plan to paste this into the end of each review covered here. There are no actual spoilers, so feel free to read this for a general idea of the series.

(view spoiler)

Ter says

Ended too quickly :(Yes, I wanted more, have to wait another week!
If you thought the mates could get into trouble before, just wait now their are 2 more to add to the mix.
Kyoshi's and his lovable mischief cousin Keata.

Don't be surprise if you laugh out loud. Definitely one that goes in my re-read folder, for when I want a good laugh. Would definitely recommend it!

Roger That! (Keata's saying.)

Serena Yates says

I liked Kyoshi and Storm's story. Slave trade and human trafficking are touched upon, but aren't the focus of the story as much as Kyoshi's reactions to his kidnapping. How he and Storm deal with the situation makes up the central part of this short book.

Kyoshi is a fighter at heart. Even though he's not very tall, he knows how to stand up for himself and his

cousin, Keata. I liked his spirit and focus; letting go of being overprotective of his younger cousin wasn't easy, and I have a feeling Kyoshi isn't quite there yet. What I found more difficult to believe was his sudden trust in Storm, without a real explanation or some sort of reasoning as to why he changed his mind. Strangely enough, insta-love would have been a more 'logical' solution for me than the absence of any real mention of what made him see things differently.

Storm is the quintessential strong, dominant male, coming to the rescue of a physically weaker man. His motivation is clear, his patience with Kyoshi wonderful and the way he included Keata, someone clearly very important to his mate, was adorable.

If you like shifter-human interaction, with a strong, but not domineering, wolf coming in to rescue the physically weaker human, you will probably like this book.

Corandra says

2.5 stars

Maya says

This has been my least favorite in this series.

I have really enjoyed the series so far but this one? Something really bothered me. I am seeing a weird trend with the 5 mates. They are all really young (18-19 mostly) and they are all immature as hell with two of them being almost child-like. They are all also very tiny and they giggle and act like, God I don't want to say this, girls. I guess I just feel like I am reading a m/f book with a heroine that I don't really like. And in this book two of the mates were caught slapping each other after getting drunk and were put in time out and made to stand in the corner. If they are so immature that they need to be disciplined with time outs as a 5 year old would be then they are really to young to fuck. It just feels wrong.

Arzu says

I just finished this one in the Brac Pack series and I'll be honest, Kyoshi is not my favourite of the mates. He is quite proud, cynical, suspjective, trusting nobody, always thinking the worst. And maybe he has all the right to be like that. Being kidnapped and brought to a country you don't know, will not give you a safe feeling. I really felt sorry, but I couldn't really warm up. Keata, Kyoshi's cousin, however, was just a doll ... so sweet and innocent ... loved him ... made me laugh aloud.

Nevertheless Kyoshi is a surprise at the end!! :)

What I especially like in this series is that all the mates have their troubles and at the end of their own books, the troubles are not solved like a miracle. But they are still fighting their nightmares in the following books in which they are not the main character.

I also like the fact that all the characters are present in all the books, the mated and non-mated ones. Every time a new person is introduced, I already start plotting and matching the next mate. LOL!

Kerry sullivan says

This is the summary off the back of the book.

When Storm Wishfall is sent on an errand for his alpha, he doesn't expect to discover two young Asian men hiding on a boat in fear for their lives. He definitely isn't expecting one of them to be his mate. After encountering the young men's captors, the alpha devises a plan to rescue the three other men who were kidnapped along with his mate, Kyoshi, and Kyoshi's cousin, Keata, and the pack must band together to curtail a human trafficking ring before any more innocent lives are ruined. In the meantime, Kyoshi must come to terms with his new life. Storm searches for a way to convince the cynical human they're destined to love each other, but something lurking deep inside Kyoshi is forcing its way out. Are these two as different as they believe, or can they find a way to share their lives?

This is what I think of the book.

this book was saved by 2 things Keata, who was so sweet my cheeks hurts from smiling at his antics, and the ending because it was so unexpected. had it not been for this I would have given up on this book as it was a little boring in comparison to the others. I don't think it helped that I don't like Kyoshi. I warmed up to him by the end but I seriously wanted to hit him most of the time for being a kill joy!!

Randelina says

Brac Universe #5

If you like shifters and sassy characters this is a great series so far.

I was happy to see Kyoshi wind up with Storm. Storm is protective but allows his mate to be himself. Then there is Keata, Kyoshi's cousin, who is too adorable for words. Little mates gain two in this book! Of course they have a presence in this tale. I find myself laughing at their exploits.

I'm most looking forward to finding out who Keata's mate is but that will have to wait. First we will finish another couple that we were introduced to a book or two ago.

Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

Ms. Hagen has written another extraordinary edition to her Brac Pack series with Stormy Eyes. She dives right into human trafficking and what it has done to two young Japanese men. In the process of telling this story she also plants seeds for future stories for other members of this pack and the neighboring pack as well.

Kyoshi has been taken from the only home he has ever known with his younger cousin in tow and shipped to America. They were kidnapped to be sold into prostitution. From there these two young men's lives take a turn for the better. They escape from the clutches of their abductors and windup in the safety of the Brac Pack, where Kyoshi discovers he is the mate to Storm.

Kyoshi is an extremely cautious character. He takes his responsibilities of caring for his younger cousin to

heart and doesn't want to see any harm come his way. Kyoshi reminded me of an overprotective mom but as you read you learn Keata is all the family he has and he has always looked out for his cousin. It was sweet and touching to read as Kyoshi cut the apron strings to give his cousin the space he needed.

Storm, or Stormy Eyes as the mates like to call him, wasn't expecting to find his mate and reading about these two sparring back in fourth was hilarious. Storm is six foot seven with a five foot two mate. Kyoshi may be small but has the temper of a giant. The dialogue between them was well written and very funny; almost like a couple that has been married for years. Kyoshi has no fear when it comes to Storm, only love.

As in all the stories so far, the alpha's mate Cecil seems to find time to get them all into trouble. I have to admit that is always very humorous to read. When all the mates get together, trouble is bound to follow.

The story definitely had its serious moments too. The Brac Pack take on the smugglers and that has an interesting outcome. Plus we find something out about Kyoshi that will surprise all readers

If you're a fellow fan of Ms. Hagen's Brac series, Stormy Eyes is a must read. She touches on some serious issues and introduces new aspects into this series that is only making it grow and get better with every addition.

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Jaimee Ghost says

Alright, let's see where to start here. Okay. I'll start with my general infuriation with Lynn Hagen and this goddamn series first, then move on from there. This is gonna be long.

Hagen is not one of my favorite authors, I will admit that now. But somehow this damn series has captured my attention and I can't put the damn books down. I've been shooting off one after another and each of them give me a headache but I CANNOT stop reading.

Editing. Seriously. With as many books as you put out, don't you think you should do a few re-reads before publishing? We're paying for this shit. This isn't a WIP online somewhere. There are so many inconsistencies and tense changes and typos that it makes me want to throw my kindle out the window. Not just with this book, but all the others. What makes it even worse is that typos usually don't bother me but I've seen so many of them here that it does.

Characters. Three words. What. The. Fuck. As the series progresses, we learn that the mates are basically children and are treated as such and the "warriors" (which I think is a stupid name to call them since they don't fight anyone but other packs and not in a warlike setting) are their patronizing parents, huge and hovering over the "little guys" and keeping them "safe." We see this same pattern in every book. There's some broken, depressed twink or bottom that needs saving and then here comes their mate, their knight in shining armor to save the day and snatch them out of turmoil, saving their lives. The warriors are always the heroes and the mates never have a problem with some dude snatching them from their life. On some level I can understand why you'd do that if you were living on the streets and have no family, but even then how do you give all of your trust and love to a complete stranger? Little questions are asked. The mates just...leave.

Which brings another problem. Where are their families? I understand some of them are from abusive homes or the parents are dead but for each of them there is NO other family AT ALL? Why can't we have a mate that actually has family, has a decent job and life and stable but finds one of the wolves and decides to give

up some of that for the wolf and the pack? Why can't we have a mate with some BACKBONE? Some DIGNITY? I get tired of the mates running around and getting into "trouble." What the fuck do you mean you're in trouble for going out to eat with your friends? You're a grown ass man. If you get caught by the other pack, deal with it.

This is really long.

Nicknames. Every single warrior has called his mate "love" at some point and considering I hate that endearment it bugs the shit out of me. The endearments given are stupid and overused and patronizing. Why can't we have a mate that is simply called by his name?

Sex. Lacking. Every scene is the same. The mates "scream" at everything. When I see the word scream anywhere in text I think of a horror film chick screaming at the top of her lungs. That word being used as a guy gets his ass rammed? Maybe not.

Now, about this book specifically. It was a filler. That's fine. Kyoshi is a bit irrelevant, as is Drew, in my opinion. I liked his personality but something with him and storm just didn't sit right with me. Their banter is funny though, and I'd like to see more of it with other couples. Less patronizing conversation, more witty, silly banter. Couples do laugh and tease each other.

Crying. Holy Jesus. If one of these mates cries like a little bitty baby one more time I'm gonna scream. All they do is cry and then the big warrior wolf comes to save the day. Jeeez.

So the series has some issues. I really don't know why I read, but when names I've read and seen before in other series pop up I like to see what happened to them before, in the beginning. This series is definitely made of fluff and cheesy weesy-ness, but....Whatever. Sometimes it is interesting.

Hagen enrages me but I will finish the series. Probably. It's lacking in a lot of places but I have hope, for some reason.

Mike says

Japanese men kidnapped and thrown to the wolves

1.5 stars (rounded up because I enjoyed the earlier entries in the series more)

It seems to me the "mates" are more immature than ever in this entry in the series. It deepens the stereotypes and increases the vast chasm between old Alpha male shifters and their (mostly) human, small, young, and often extraordinarily immature mates.

Up until now, one could justify the juvenile behavior by pointing towards some kind of trauma or condition of each mate, but this installment includes two fully grown Japanese men. It seems being small and foreign is cause for men to act like silly 11 year olds in the household.

As one of the Warriors says: "We're being overrun with the little people. I feel like we should open up a KinderCare." The problem is, the mates repeatedly act like they belong in KinderCare, from giggle fits to cat fights, to five-year-old-sounding "Did not! Did too!" conversations.

Some of the Warrior/immature vibe is interesting and sometimes justified, and I understand that is the theme of the series already explored in earlier installments. However, it just went too far in this installment for me to be really enjoyable even as a silly, Siren, escapist read.

On the positive side, it continues the series, and has an interesting development or two that would set up interesting pairings and conflicts. But frankly, if I didn't already own to follow-on books (#6 in this series and Jasper's story in a spin-off series) I would stop here.
