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Michaela says

Yes, please and thank you Jessica Lane for this unexpectedly wonderful little short story! I loved it, and the little girl in me will always be obsessed with mermaids. This story was giving me vibes of the movie Waterworld (which I shamelessly love). I only wish it was longer in order to flesh out more detail and the relationship between Calitta and Desius in this fascinating world. I won't spoil it with details, but it was a short delight that satisfied my sense of adventure today.

Twin Opinions says

Holy Crap, I cannot wait for the next part of this series. I am so pulled into this. It ended way too fast! Be warned this is a short story that will leave you begging for more. I love Jayla's character and Carter is something else. This is such a great start. I hope this just gets better and better. I don't know what to say without telling you everything. I feel like I could go on and on here. But, if I did then you would know it all! Jayla has it hard being a single mom and I really felt for her character and the life she was being forced to lead. I think Carter is going to be a very interesting character and I want so much more of him. Wow is about all I can say! Great start Jessica Lane, I can't wait for more!

Romance Novels in Color says

Route Refuge, by Jessica Lane, is only the second work published by this new author. This first installment in her Callaway Wolves Series was enjoyable and easy to read. When I started the novella I was concerned that it was mislabeled because there is no mention or hint of wolves until almost halfway (chapter 8 of 13) through the book.

Fawn and Tate are very likeable characters, as are Tate's mother, sister and brother, who are also introduced in this story. The basic story plot is a familiar one: an abused wife runs away from her abuser, she finds refuge with a stranger and they proceed to fall in love. What was unique about this story was how Ms. Lane explained the "matat" and how she handled introducing the wolves. This part of the story was a bit unrealistic in that you take an obviously skittish, terrified woman, present her with werewolves and she has a minimal, if any at all, reaction. As a reader I expected her to have a more pronounced startle, at least.

As the story progresses, the realism (or as real as a world of werewolves can be) becomes more pronounced by the way the author has Tate react to other males and his extreme protectiveness of Fawn. When Fawn's abuser shows up to exact his revenge, it was sweet to see how her savior handled the threat. Since this is the first book in a series, I am guessing the next installment will be about either the brother Carson or the sister Freddie. I cannot wait to see how this author's writing progresses over time.

-Reviewed by Selina

Nene says

It was a okay read, I felt the book moved along to fast without a good story. I don't know if story is the right word. Case in point Gio, no one knew where he was or what his life was like for the three years he was gone,we never found out. Don't seem real in the Mafia world and the way it ended I just can't see that happening. I felt as if the story was short and incomplete just my opinion.

Dee's Books says

Great start with a rather different twist to a Mafia tale.

Carter Rossi falls madly in love with Jayla, a stripper in his club, Vice.

After two years of admiring Jayla from afar,ah Rossi drugs and kidnaps her! The story takes of from there with Jorden, Jayla's impressionable yet blunt "little miss" four year old daughter who longs for a daddy, two burly 'cousins,' Francesco and and Leonardo, Rossi's mother, Laura and lot's sister, Leslie.

Oh I can't forget that Carter Rossi's father is none other than Don Antonio Rossi from Italy of the Cosa Nostra... bka Sicilian Mafia!!!

Selinda says

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I picked up this book solely based on the blurb. It sounded like an interesting premise for a love story. I enjoy a bit of edge and grit, so I was all in. I'm not going to complain too much. I hadn't realized that this was a short story. It's actually more of a portion of a serial, so I'm annoyed by the price. But that's besides the point.

I still am excited by the premise. I really like the characters and look forward to getting to know them better. I'm hoping the story will expand and become clearer. Carter is sex on legs and can kidnap me anytime. I'm begging for the next installment ASAP.

Patty Thomas says

I think this book was okay... it was so promising but fell FLAT. Not enough oomph or content.. she just fell in love with him, POOF! Like that. If this was a normal book with normal love at first sight encounter, okay I get it. But HE KIDNAPPED YOU for goodness sake. There should have been more resistance and resilience in my opinion.

Dee's Books says

Loving this series!

Don't be fooled by the lackluster book cover because this is a great series!!!!

Anino says

As a persnickety lover of Interracial Romance fiction, I liked this book, but I also found that it needed a competent editor. The issues that I had with it were basically lag, uneven flow of the story-line, and a H/h couple that were TSTL.

Other than that, IMO, this author has a lot of promise, and I do hope that she will continue to work on her craft, and get connected with a great editor (i.e. JJ Murray, etc).

Giving this one: 2 stars.

Nene says

I love this series of books. Can't wait to find out what happens next. Had a few error in the writing, some of the paragraph was written twice in the same chapter. With that said it still was a good story.

Taz Will says

Fast paced story that needs some work to help it flow better but it had me laugh a bit and also want to know what would happen in the next one.

Nene says

Awesome

Awesome ending to a great story, I've always been a fan of the Callaway Wolves. I will truly miss them.

Romance Novels in Color says

I loved this young adult romance by Jessica Lane! You know the writing is great when you can feel the passion between the hero and heroine even though there are no sex scenes! Bravo!

This is a story about two young adults, Kari an African American teenager and her childhood friend Joshua, a Caucasian. Josh has just finished an Army deployment in Iraq. He returns to their hometown with plans to confess his love and make a life with Kari. However, he is suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and alcoholism. Kari is in her senior year of high school and still has issues with her mother's abandonment when she was only seven years old. Although she is only 17 years old, Kari is everyone's "rock" while dealing issues of abandonment, finding independence and teen bullying. The banter between the teenagers is hilarious and believable. One of the twists in the story is the rumor floating around town that Kari's mother was a witch. This added a paranormal twist. Although there are subtle references to this throughout the story, it does not overpower this love story.

One of the other major obstacles to their love in addition to Josh's issues is Kari's father. He is the Chief of Police in the town and causes problems for the two. The father is trying to protect Kari against racism that she may face in an interracial relationship. However, he is also aware the Kari may have inherited dangerous powers from her absentee witch mother and he doesn't want her to hurt anyone.

The story gets really interesting when Kari's mother shows up out of the blue. Mom is definitely not a loving mother and things get violent! Also, the secondary characters were very well written into the story and added to the community that affected Kari and Josh.

Overall, the story was well written. I thought that Josh was admirable. I was emotionally touched by his PTSD caused by the war. He really wanted to become the man Kari deserves. He fights for her throughout the book. I would recommend this book without hesitation.

- Reviewed by Pamela

Emily says

Jayla Simmons knew her boss had a thing for her, but as much as she was attracted to Carter Rossi she was never going to cross that line. As a single mother she kept her personal and professional life separate. Carter though has waited two years to be with the woman he loves, now he has decided to take matters into his own hand and win her love by kidnapping her.

I actually enjoyed this quite a bit. Jayla thinks Carter is crazy but part of the reason she never acted on her feelings was the hurt she endured with her daughters father. Carter is crazy about her, I can't wait for the next book.

Romance Novels in Color says

Treacherous Ties, by Jessica Lane, is the second installment in her Callaway Wolves series. This novella followed Route Refuge and tells the story of Carson and Mia.

I am not sure what I expected in this story, but the direction this series has taken was far from it. Where the first story was a sweet love story that showed the typical love will conquer all and that everyone deserves a happy ending, this installment is dark and sinister. Instead of this being the story of Carson and Mia and how

they get together, their story is overshadowed by the larger plot line about Freddie.

In this book we learn about Freddie's origins, how she came to the family and about a feud between her biological family and the Callaway family. The story does not allow for the reader to begin to enjoy the mating of Carson and Mia before it delves into this other plot.

While my words might imply that I did not like the book, that is not the case. I did enjoy reading the book. Because it is a very short work, only 50 pages, I was able to read the book in about an hour. While the story line curve was not expected, it did make me want to read the next installment to see how the author wraps this all up.

-Reviewed by Selina
