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Hailey Archer is on the run. Fleeing from a dangerous stalker, she's throwing away the life she's built over the past three years. She could go anywhere, but she's drawn to the one place she's always felt safe, her rural hometown of Sawtooth Peaks. She finds refuge with her sister, but Hailey can't resist visiting her highschool sweetheart. No amount of time away could prepare her for seeing the love of her life again, and for the storm of emotions that come with one look at the strapping, dominant man that he's become. Finding her strength again proves difficult when the man of her dreams has something to hide.

Burly wolf shifter, Cole Tenbrook, is next in line for alpha. With the impending threat of a rival pack leader, the Sawtooth Peak wolves look to Cole to take a she-wolf mate and claim his rightful position. When the girl he pushed away returns, he struggles to find the strength to keep the stunning woman she's become at arms length again. His inner wolf growls to mark her as his mate, but to claim a human he would need to forfeit his right to become alpha. How can he protect her when his secret could kill her?

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poppy says

A super start to a new series I enjoyed it, Cole and Hailey had been high school sweethearts until Cole pushed her away because he was frightened he could not control his wolf she left town but now she is back running from a stalker. Once these two opened up and talked to each other they were great together. A super read I cannot wait to see what happens next.

Lory says

I'm a totally sucker for second chances at love story and this one didn't disappoint. This fast paced read is filled with action, love, and suspense that will keep you intriguing from beginning to the end. Very interesting and entertaining read looking forward to reading the next book in the series. I voluntarily read and review this ARC I haven't been compensated in any way.

Kim says

I loved reading this book and so will you. You will love reading about Cole and Hailey. Hailey has come back to town to get away from her ex. She just doesn't expect to still have feeling for Cole. Cole can't believe his eyes as he sees Hailey across from him. Do they both still feel the same for one another or will the past get in the way for them? Will Hailey's ex find her? What is going on with the surrounding packs that is starting to cause trouble for their little town with not Alpha?

Nicole Studioso says

Very involved story. I like Cole!

I gave this book 4 stars because the writing was very in depth when it came to the pack and shifter dynamics. Miss Blackwood was very descriptive when dealing with Cole and Hailey. These two had been high school sweethearts until Cole pushed Hailey away after his first shift. Now it's a few years later, she's been through an abusive relationship, and he's about to become alpha and needs to take a mate. They have a lot of emotional baggage to deal with, yet you know that there will never be anyone else for either of them. The connection between Cole and Hailey really come through because of Keira's awesome writing.

Dana Busenbark says

WOW! This first book of the series blew me away. I could not put it down once I started. I really liked Hailey and was able to relate to her on a level that I didn't think I would have seen in a book. I loved her sister Olivia and I love love love love loved Cole. I liked Pierce, he seemed nice for the short time I got to meet him in the book. Not sure what to make of Cole's mother or Amy. Liked Lance. Did not care for Axel. How all these people know one another and the things that happened blew me away. Oh, did I say yet I really

hate Frank and wanted to kill him? How Hailey finds out about certain things and the things that happen to her when she runs to her sister's house are quite interesting. Enjoy the read. If I try to say more about the book, I will post spoilers.

RECEIVED THIS BOOK AS A GIFT FOR A FAIR/HONEST REVIEW and REVIEWER FOR Bloggin' With M. Brennan.

Janet Denise Ross says

SOMETIMES MORE THAN JUST LOVE IS NEEDED!

2 STARS for Book 1 of this paranormal romance love & mating opera, which is interesting but I expected more from the storyline than I actually read in Book 1; maybe Book 2, will back up all the expectation from the Blurb, back jacket of book, oh as it was teased and advertised. I had expected the soon to be Alpha, to be much stronger in his sense of self especially at this time in his place to be, as an Alpha's Son. Then with Hailey it was fine sort of until she got to town

and had to see Cole as her first thing; then started crying after hugging and ran home with her beat up face! However that could have been overlooked, but I don't overlook where she thought she saw Frank, especially after she received the actual physical contact gifts and threatening notes from him, that out her in danger but if she didn't care fine but she put Liv, Cole & his family in danger but just seemed petty. Yes, I will read Book 2, because hey I still love the storyline for this pack, have high hopes, crossed my page turning fingers while downloading it, and heck I'm in for a penny, anyway. (I have already spent the time to read Book 1, leave this long review, So I am in for a dime reading Book 2.

WARNING: 17 & Up SEXUAL CONTENT: Yes

Sandra Casile says

Really a great read.

Loved the whole storyline. Not knowing the love her life her life was a wolf shifter and how she handled it was a real heart throb.

Josie says

Short with potential

The book seems more like a prequel to me. Lots of background information and introduction to characters. It has great potential which may be fulfilled with the rest of the series.

Cheri says

A new author to me, I thoroughly enjoyed this first book in Keira Blackwood's series and intend to read the

rest. Hailey is bruised, beaten, and running from an ex who ignores an Order of Protection and Hailey's refusal to see him again.

Cole, son of the dead alpha, resists his duty as the eldest. Is his resistance more because to become alpha he has to choose a mate or because he doesn't want the position. Regardless of his own wants, he is assuming the responsibilities if not the title. When he sees Hailey in her condition he demands to know who hurt her. She runs again. This time just not so far.

When she faces him again, all the feelings of want, need, desire come surging out. Hailey breaks down and tells him, however, he has his own secrets he refuses to tell. Humans don't know about wolf shifters, and he doesn't think she can accept him.

Will they be able to get past the barriers between them? Can Hailey ever believe she is worthy? Will Cole take the chance to confess his secrets? There is another problem going on around them. A situation between packs. How will that affect the two of them?

The story captured me from the first page. While Hailey has been victimized, she refuses to be a victim. She is frightened but not a victim. The story ended before all the questions are answered, however it does stand alone as the story of a couple and their love. I am on to get the next book. I recommend this one, there is steam, tenderness, hunky guys, strong gals, and a compelling story. I voluntarily reviewed this advanced reader copy and I have not been compensated in any way.

Cheshire Cat says

This book ends around 75% with a few questions remaining, but is a complete story. It is part of a series, but can be read alone. The story itself is mostly predictable with a few twists and turns.

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Shifter Haven

Welcome to Sawtooth Peaks, Small Town, USA. A town with secrets, and unseen dangers

Hailey had left her hometown about three years ago. She was so certain that the young man she loved would want her in his life forever. They loved each other, or at least she had loved Cole. But he pushed her away and crushed the dreams she had for them. Hailey couldn't stand to be in the same town with Cole, knowing he'd never be hers so she left. That was a mistake.

Today Hailey has returned to Sawtooth Peak with a black eye, a split lip and terror in her heart. She grabbed the most important things in her small apartment, slipped out of her home and boarded a bus back home to her sister and to the only man she'd ever felt safe with. Maybe she was crazy but she'd only feel safe again once she saw Cole, even if he didn't want her anymore.

Cole's life is stifling him. Taking over his father's bar meant hours inside, going over paperwork to learn the business. He'd much rather be out running through the trees in his wolf. His mother was also becoming a royal pain in the behind as she pushed him to take over the Alpha position that was left open at his father's death... and to take a wolf shifter as a mate. He knew who his mate was and she definitely wasn't a wolf

shifter. He had sent her away, pushed her hard to leave him behind – it was the most painful thing he'd ever had to do, but she deserved a life better than as his mate. And he could not take the Alpha position without a shifter mate. Basically he was backed into a corner and no matter which way he turned – his own happiness was never going to happen.

There are several wolf packs in the area. And one Alpha is beyond crazy in his need to take over other pack's territories – no matter who he had to kill to accomplish that. One of the reasons Cole's mother pushes him so hard to take a mate is fear of this Alpha, because he could and most likely will try to take over their pack since they have only a temporary leader right now. So much was on the line waiting for Cole to make a decision, was it any wonder that he escaped from the business as often as he could.

Today, in the bar's parking lot he caught a scent, a unique smell that he'd not tasted for a very long time. Hailey. There she was again, across the street and someone had harmed her. As he held Hailey in his arms and let her cry out her fears in his strong arms Cole made a decision. One that would change so much for so many people and shifters.

Running To The Pack is a story full of emotions of all sorts -love, lust, anger, fear, jealousy, envy and pure madness. Cole and Hailey rediscover or maybe reignite their love for each other might be a better description. It's not easy, it's not smooth – there are dangers along the way, especially Hailey's stalker. Their romance is of course sexy, but there is also that second chance to make everything right, no matter the consequences.

Hailey and Cole do get their happy ending. But the threads of this story will continue throughout the series. No there are no cliffhangers, but Hailey and Cole's story is not done and we will meet up with them again in the next story in the series. I'm making this very plain because sometimes readers (and reviewers) see cliffhangers where there are none, truly. But there is an underlying story line, and of course it is open to develop and grow in the following books. That is a series, not a cliffhanger.

If you love Shifter Romance then I believe you'd enjoy Running To The Pack and the Sawtooth Peak series. I would definitely recommend this story, and I'll be downloading the next one shortly.

A. Cook says

Lukewarm Shifters

This first entry of the Sawtooth Peaks series was okay but predictable. Was looking forward to more action but the hero and heroine are kind of bland. I guess the real issue is that there in very little angst and when the possibility arrives it is just skipped over.

Donna Hokanson says

Action packed

In this story you have a high school sweethearts that find each other again. The real reason for the split in the first place. Lots of action and adventure. Well written and very entertaining story to read.

Erin says

Hailey is running from a creep who thinks she is his one and stalks her and abuses her. She runs back to her home town and stay at her sisters.

But she also runs into Cole, her youth friend and crush. Her first lover. She still has feelings for him and he for her. But he has a secret, he is a wolf shifter. He thinks she doesn't want him anymore when she finds that out. But of course she doesn't care.

When her stalker even follows her home, Cole has to safe her.

Myra Wray says

Once again I have found a good book in this story. I found it hard to put it down until the end.
