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From Reader Review Bad Wolf for online ebook

Sheila Melo says

Great Novella with Sexy Shifter and Lots of Cameos

"It was hard to protect a woman who went charging ahead before Broderick could check that the way was safe."

THE STORY: Broderick McNaughton is a wolf shifter who lives in the Austin Shifertown. Readers of the Shifters Unbound series will know that the shifters are treated as second class citizens, forced to live in designated town with few rights. They are magical creatures having been created by their enemies the Fae to be entertainment and weapons of war.

Broderick knows something is wrong when he awakens in a strange place. He realizes that he has been abducted. The people who abducted him want information about the Shifters. Broderick escapes and returns to the Austin Shifertown and his sort of girlfriend Joanne Greene. Joanne is human and her relationship with Broderick is complicated. The two are circling around one another at the same time that they are attracted to one another. Broderick's abduction brings them closer together as they work together, use Joanne's skills as a hacker, to discover who is threatening the Shifters.

The mystery includes a murdered Guardian, appearances by and updates about Austin Shifertown residents and a real partnership between the main characters.

OPINION: I really liked this novella. The story is snappy and I was surprised at the resolution. It was a definite suspense/mystery story. With unexpected appearances and surprise resolutions, this book is a treat for fans of the series.

Ashley does a great job of keeping the overarching storyline of the series moving forward without allowing the plot to become too complicated.

Broderick is a fun hero. Sexy and brave, he doesn't think much of himself at times because he is not part of the leadership of the Shifertown. This story, however, shows that he has an important role and that he is important to those around him. He is a shifter who does his job. I especially liked that he is interested in what Joanne does because it is important to her and wants to know more about it only because of the importance in her life.

Joanne is a character that has grown. I liked that Ashley has redeemed this character who was a negative character when first introduced. There is much here about characters not being simply good or evil. Throughout the series, many characters who had negative appearances have their motivations explained, their opinions changed and become better people because of their life experiences. Joanne is smart and able to take care of herself but has learned a lot and has a more humble view of the world.

This is a bridge book which finishes up some loose storylines and allows the story to continue in future books. It is a good one.

WORTH MENTIONING: Readers of Lion Eyes will be happy to have some additional resolution regarding that story here. Also, I was especially pleased to see Tiger again. He happens to be one of my favorite characters and plays an important role in this story.

FINAL DECISION: I loved this novella. Broderick was a compelling hero who seemed kind and compassionate but with a hell raising side. The romance is not as strong here as with other of the books in the series, but the appearances by other characters makes up for it.

CONNECTED BOOKS: BAD WOLF is book number 7.5 in the Shifters Unbound series. A reader doesn't have to follow the whole series to enjoy this book. This book is most closely connected with BEAR ATTRACTION and the novella LION EYES so readers might enjoy BAD WOLF more if those are read first.

STAR RATING: I give this novella 4.5 stars.

Stephanie G says

2.5 Stars

After a mistaken kidnapping, wolf shifter Broderick learns someone is after a Guardian. Despite his loud protests, his human computer whiz girlfriend Joanne gets involved and uncovers a murder and a plan to hack into the Guardian Network. Broderick will have to resist the instinct to hide Joanne away and work with her to stop the breach that could have consequences that will reach beyond the human realm.

Everything about this novella is just okay. Broderick surprised many when he took Joanne under his protection after she admitted to working against the Austin Shifertown after thinking they were behind her sister's disappearance. Broderick is rough, grumpy, and underestimates his worth. Not an original character yet enough to satisfy my alpha shifter craving. After learning more about Joanne, I can take her or leave her. I like that she sees the real potential in Broderick when he believes he's only muscle but there's nothing spectacular about her. Their pasts are sad and I was pulling for their mate bond but again, I'm left feeling just...okay about them.

The plot doesn't leave a better impression on me. A hacker is trying to get into the Guardian Network, a shifter program that holds all kinds of shifter secrets accessible only by Guardians, at the command of someone far more lethal and they prove early on they're not afraid to spill blood. Where the story leads is farfetched, even for this series. It just doesn't flow with what's taken place before and where the series is currently heading.

I don't hate *Bad Wolf*, it just doesn't stack up against previous heroes, heroines, romance, or plot. It's entertaining enough that I finished it with no problems but it's not a reread and if you don't get a chance to pick it up, I don't believe you'll miss anything.

- Stephanie

Paraphrodite says

3.5 stars.

Broderick and Joanne have been circling each other for a while but it takes an extraordinary trip before they acknowledge they're mates. Broderick sees himself as being expendable. His tendency to save everyone before himself is just so *hot*.

D.B. Reynolds says

We've waited awhile for Broderick's story, and it was well worth the wait. This is still one of the best Shifter series out there.

RachelW (BamaGal) says

3.5 Stars. A little different story for this series. The first part was a draggy and kind of Shifter 101; but newer readers needed the basic shifter info, I guess. The fae background and the lore of the Guardians hasn't been too deeply mined in this series, so this kind of story was a welcome change of pace. Oh, and Ashley avoided the insta-mate here. That was a nice touch. It's good to know that this far into the series she can switch gears and produce a fresh look into the world.

Keri says

I had to think about what I wanted to say about Broderick. I didn't have a very good grasp of him as a character and didn't feel the romance between him and Jo-jo, because he wasn't saying my mate from the very first. Because usually our shifters males are right up front with that. But until Tiger said that Jo-jo was his mate, he was saying just friends in his head and so was Jo. Then boom the frenzy was on. I had a warm and fuzzy with them as a couple in the end, but it took me a while to get there. I was glad to read about that twist in the book, but can't say what it is because it is too spoilery, but yea!! Now I am excited about Kendrick's book, White Tiger and can't wait for him and Tiger to have a look at one another. Won't that be a fun time for all?

Jennifer Ashley says

Broderick's story--in print, e- and audio!

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Sonia189 says

The romance could be better but the plot was engaging and offered different enough settings to make it more interesting to read about.

Ally says

Read the first books in the series before attempting this one

- a) I'm trying something new
- b) I may never do this again, or I may be inconsistent, but there you have it. Confession over.

So I love it when someone gives me a checklist before they get to the meat of their review. So, I thought, what the hell, I can do that, sorta. This is me doing that. See #a.

Setting / Time / Genre: Contemporary with a twist, fae stuff is real, shifters are out. Paranormal

Length: (hehehe, yea, I'm a teenage boy in an adult body) novella

Series: 7.5 in the series and therein lies the rub

Sexy times: couple of times, not terribly hottie hotterson, straight forward stuff despite the "mating frenzy warning", m/f or rather wolf / human but in human form (I can't do that other bestiality stuff...gah!)

Plan on reading more by the author / series?: Yep. In fact, I have moved the first book in the series to my wishlist. If the price drops or I get desperate, hello "one click".

And on with the review.

So, here's the thing, I read this book because it came with a bunch of other books otherwise, I would not have started at book 7.5 in a pretty complicated series. I mean the world building? Wayyyyy out. In fact, I am totally curious about this world where shifters are out, they have been rounded up to live in shiftertowns, and each town has a guardian and there are adventures apaw. In terms of this world, I was confused. I didn't have enough back story.

The h/h? Well, this novella seemed more about the adventure and the fae than it was about Broderick and JoJo. In fact, they kinda got a second billing. I never really understood what was between them and I never felt their pull. No butterflies in my belly. But that was totally ok. This became all about the action and not about the romance, but the action was damn good. The world building off the charts, the character building was awesome.

Why no five stars then, you ask. Well, it's classified romance. Give me a wee bit more between the h/h and I would be all about the additional stars.

Sophia Triad says

This is the story of Broderick and Joanne.

Joanne in previous books, in order to save her sister, acted against shifters.

Broderick is a hard-ass lupine, a loud talker and a tough fighter but seriously lonely. He had stand up for Joanne, when all the other shifters hated her.

In this book someone is after the guardian's network and Broderick is kidnapped mistaken for a guardian. He will manage to escape and Joanne as a programmer with hucker skills will help him to solve the mystery of a dead gurdian and his sword which has disappeared.

My main issue is that the book felt a bit rushed -especially towards the end. Also, the chemistry between Broderick and Joanne was not very strong at the beginning. It took me a while to be convinced for their suitability.

Anyhow, still it was an enjoyable addition to the Shifters Unbound series.

Sandy S says

3.75 stars-

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REVIEW: 3.75 stars--BAD WOLF is the latest installment in Jennifer Ashley's adult Shifters Unbound paranormal romance series. Jennifer Ashley's shifters are persecuted and discriminated against by the humans but the humans have help in their attempts to bring the shifters under control using magic-infused collars and segregated towns. The Shifter history reveals that the Fae created the Shifters but in doing so left a little bit of magic behind. This is wolf shifter/alpha Broderick McNaughton, and human/computer geek Joanne Greene's storyline.

Told from third person point of view BAD WOLF follows the abduction and rescue of Broderick McNaughton, and the discovery that someone is searching for a way into the Guardian Network. The Guardians hold the secrets of the Shifter species and their connection to the Fae. What ensues is the search for the people responsible for Broderick's abduction, and an unexpected trip to Faerie where Joanne and

Broderick find themselves prisoners of the Fae. A couple of surprises greet our couple upon their arrival.

The relationship between Joanne and Broderick is one of friendship but Broderick refuses to believe that Joanne is his mate. The romance is limited; it is almost an afterthought as our couple traverse between worlds and attempt an escape in order to save their lives.

The secondary and supporting characters include several of the previous storyline characters –Seamus, Sean, Tiger and Spike as well as the Broderick’s younger brother Mason. Someone presumed missing and dead makes a surprising appearance.

We are introduced to Commander Kian of the Fae army; and feline shifter Daragh whose life is no longer his own. The requisite evil comes in many forms but a young computer hacker by the name of Cilla will soon realize that tampering with things she knows nothing about has placed her in a very precarious position.

BAD WOLF is a fast paced storyline that continues to move the focus of the series towards the Fae connection to the Shifter species. The premise is interesting and engaging; the characters colorful and energetic; the romance was a little lacking. If you are fan of Jennifer’s SHIFTERS UNBOUND series, BAD WOLF is another welcome and entertaining addition.

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Darcy says

This one was so much fun to read! I liked how Broderick kept fighting his feelings for Joanne, how he didn't want to go to fast with her, how he wanted to protect her. Too bad she was having none of it. As much fun and it was to see Broderick and Joanne argue back and forth, it was better to see Broderick do the same with his band of shifter brothers, especially Tiger. Tiger's frank way of talking and "knowing" really seemed to freak Broderick out.

I liked that Broderick and Joanne did what they could to help a fellow shifter, even if the outcome wasn't a good one, but the best in that situation.

Melindeeloo says

3.5 stars - Review to come, but I liked it... I like the way that the characters that were not exactly bad but antagonistic to the leads in previous books make great leads once you get to see behind all of the attitude. Ashley does a great job with her shorts, and even this many books into the series still leaves me wanting more of her shifters.

Angela (Angel's Guilty Pleasures) says

~ 5 Bad Wolf Stars ~

Bad Wolf is a novella #7.5 in the *Shifters Unbound* series by Jennifer Ashley. I love this series especially the novella's. The novella's give us such a wonderful taste of Ms. Ashley's writing and the world of the Shifters Unbound.

Broderick is a wolf shifter. We learn a little more about him. If you have read some of the earlier novellas and books then you will notice that Broderick comes of as a dick, but here we get to see his vulnerable side as well as getting an understand of how he sees himself.

Joanne is a human. She brought some bad publicity/cops to the Austin shiftertown when she was looking for her sister. Broderick stood up for her and they have been dating for sometime, but she is not sure where she stands with him and shifters.

I enjoyed the plot and learning more about these two. I love the human shifter hook ups the best in this world. Joanne and Broderick's relationship came off as friends with a little something on the side, but as you read on you understand that Jo wants more, but is unsure of where she stands. Broderick keeps her at a distance, but he also wants more. We see sides of both these character we never thought to see. The secondary characters are as wonderful as every, plus we are back in Austin with some pretty fun shifter couples that we get to see where their lives are at.

Bad Wolf is a quick, fast-paced, action packed adventure with some pretty cool characters. I recommend this series. Do you need to read in order? Not really, but you will get the best enjoyment if you do. Some of the books and most of the novellas can be read as standalone.

Linda says

Broderick is trying to resist the tempting human but she's just so interesting, he can't stay away. When he's abducted and needs a pickup, she's his first call.

Joanne never thought that searching for her vanished sister would end her smack in the middle of Shifter business, but the gorgeous Broderick makes it all worth it. When he's abducted and they need help with the computers Joanne steps up.

Quick read, fast paced in-between novel, with suspense, action and smutty fluff in a great combo. Love returning to this world =).
