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The paranormal world is in chaos. The elders are tired of their younger people playing the field, causing trouble, and fighting with each other. Everyone who attends the UPAC Conference now has twenty-four hours to claim a mate of a different species. If they don't, they will never have a mate. The spell is cast. There is no escaping the Midnight Matings.

Ten minutes after setting eyes on the sexy little phoenix shifter, Zaiden finds himself accidentally mated to the man. He doesn't know how it happened. The last thing he remembers, they'd been trying to escape.

Asher isn't exactly thrilled about their mating either, but he doesn't have a choice. Giving up his life and everything he owns in Mexico, he commits himself to Zaiden and their new relationship. Luckily, he actually kind of likes the guy. Unfortunately, someone else does, too. Someone who's willing to do anything to remove Asher from the picture.

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Serena Yates says

The concept of the 'forced matings', including all the consequences if people don't obey these totally arbitrary (as far as I can see) rules will remain ridiculous. I am only repeating it for the sake of those who may stumble upon this review without having looked at the other books.

The two characters being forced together in this volume were just as fascinating in their own way as the others. I mean a phoenix shifter? Never heard of one before. Add a sprite who knows what he wants, a jealous rival and the sparks will fly. The relationship grew nicely, from utter distrust and distance to one of mutual trust and support.

A light, entertaining read, once you manage to suspend your disbelief around the forced mating idea.

Meggie says

Good third part. I liked this mated pair the best, both were so great together. Really enjoyable series!

A??ela W. says

This was book 3 in *The Midnight Matings Series*. After drinking the spiked champagne Asher who is a Phoenix Shifter tries to leave when the chaos breaks out when spots Zaiden who is a witch and part fae fighting off someone else. When they try to get out of the castle they are stopped by the guards because they haven't found mates. When the mating heat becomes to unbearable they have sex in the hall and Zaiden Kisses Ash and accidentally claims him. After getting the mating seal they leave going their separate ways before reading the info that they were given. Once back home in Mexico Ash goes into heat and he doesn't know what to do he sets in clothes on fire when he remembers the info he reads it and realizes that they have to have sex every 24 hours so he calls Zaid to find out that he is going through the same thing so Ash fly's to Tennessee to be with him. This was a good book I liked both of these character's. Turns out Zaid is a doctor a sex therapist. One of his patience Andrew who is in counseling with his wife turns out he is gay and wants to tell his wife Denise. Turns out Andrew is stalking Zaid and Ash they think that he wants Zaid. The sex between these two is hot. I loved reading about this couple they go through ups and downs when Zaid doesn't know how to handle things he start pulling away. He has an ex who used him to get his magic and when he got it he dumped him so he left his family because he let his magic get taken. This was a well written book with no errors in grammar or spelling. I love reading this series each book and be read as a stand alone and I am looking forward to reading more books in this series.

Lila Hunter says

Rating: 3.75 stars

Another great addition to the series. Quick and easy read set at the UPAC Conference. Nice twists & turns with a crazy ex and a jealous rival. More sex scenes and toys than others, and no mpreg even when possible.

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

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If you sort of ignore that they are both magical beings that have lived in Ashers's case over 1000years and you have no one to call when you are being stalked and threatened, except your local police? really? huh? Zaiden just drops off the face of the earth after 200 years cause he's ashamed a

Christy says

Not my favorite of all of these books that I've read. This was the first Midnight Matings book by this author that I had read, though.

I couldn't connect with the story, the writing or the characters. Something just felt off to me. Asher was cute and so was Zaiden but their relationship seemed rather bland. Maybe it was just me.

Update 3/24/17 - after rereading this book I decided my original 2 star wasn't fair and I settled on a 3 star. I actually liked this book, the characters, and the story a lot more this second time around.

Bubbles Hunty Honest & Direct Opinions says

These guys were complete idiots. Also I am not sure why they would buy warming lube??? The guy has been complaining the whole book the other guys core body temperature is too hot but they buy warming lube? I think the point of lube is to reduce the burn sensation but whatever, these guys were idiots.

when they weren't being idiots they were beyond boring, the shopping and the cooking jokes were repetitively boring.

My biggest issue was the one MC is continuously driving while he is falling down smashed, he is supposed to be a therapist and compassionate and all this shit but he never once thinks he might hurt someone else? when he finally stops it is because his mate mentions if he dies so does his mate. Neither of them seem to care about the random innocent person he could have killed driving drunk all the time...Yeah there was just nothing likeable about these guys to me

Ana says

The main arc was kind of ridiculous but the romance was sweet and funny and, while it wasn't great, it was enjoyable enough I guess. I did have a little problem with Zaiden always ordering Ash to stay back every

time there was some kind of danger. It was particularly bothersome and stupid when you take into account that Zaiden had zero magical power while Ash was a freaking phoenix and couldn't be killed. I know people get off the whole "alpha" act but I'm more into the "we're equals" thing. Thankfully those little gems only showed up once or twice and Zaiden and Ash really did try to have a balanced relationship. If what was presented could really be called a relationship. The jury is still out on that.

2.5 ★

Tina says

Elder Bruke has called a meeting for the 25th Anniversary of ending of the Great War between paranormals. The Elders want the paranormals to form alliances, since they won't do it on their own; the Elders have spiked their drinks. Adding a little something to make everyone go into a mating heat, if you try to escape you get a cursed which prevents you from using your paranormal abilities again. They must mate and it must be someone outside their own race. If they don't mate within 24 hours, they will never have a mate.

Asher Deacon is a phoenix shifter; he tries to run to get out of mating. He runs into a sprite named Zaiden Reed. They think they can be mated and lead separate lives. But all is not what it seems, and things are never that easy. Someone wants to kill Asher and have Zaiden all to themselves. Can the two mates save each other and really bond as one?

Fire and Ashe by Gabrielle Evans is third book in the Midnight Matings series. Though part of a series, this book could stand alone. I highly recommend this series. Each book has a different author, who brings a new and fresh perspective to the paranormals involved. In Fire and Ash we meet two very unlikely paranormal characters.

Asher is a smart and cunning Phoenix shifter while Zaiden is an equally quick witted sprite. I thought both men were smart, cunning and completely loveable. As a reader, I like characters that make me fall for them and Asher and Zaiden made me want to know more and more about them. I cheered and smiled for them as I read this book. The sex is hotter than sin and there are also a lot of funny scenes in the story. I for one can't wait to read the next story in the Midnight Matings series and see who gets paired up and what adventure they get to go on.

Leaundra says

Perfect mates. Asher and Zaiden were so hot together, literally and figuratively. Another great book in the series. I also have to say I love Gabrielle Evans writing style. Even though there were some serious things going on in the book it also had some have fun parts in the book that had me laughing out loud.

Taintedskyee (Books Books&More Books) says

Good one:) at least better than the previous one.

CB says

Such a fun series! There are currently 20 books in the series, each book is written by either Joyee Flynn, Gabrielle Evans or Stormy Glenn. They could keep writing more as long as they continue creating interesting characters who shift into all kinds of wonderful and different animals/mythical beings and coming up with unique stories full of romance, crazy drama, angst and let's not forget the very hot sex!

You don't have to read them in order, very rarely are other characters mentioned, but each story is very different and engaging and together they make for a fun few weeks of entertainment.

There is a spin-off series by Joyee Flynn with 8 books out so far called "Unmated by Midnight." I have not read those yet but they are on my to-be-read list next.

Kaseka says

A fun story with a fun premise. I like how well Evans integrates each character's paranormal identity with his personality, and with the mysterious stalker plaguing their relationship. I also like that Evans's characters *didn't* read the Elders' handout regarding their forced mating--I'd wondered what would happen physically/emotionally if a couple forgot to read said pamphlet and separated after the conference.

While the magic, main characters, mystery, and sex scenes were well done, they were somewhat undermined by the issue that time (and story length) poses in this story.

First, Zaiden and Asher are 200 and 2000 years old, respectively--yet aside from being secretly rich, each man acts like an average, modern-day twenty-something. History seems to have had no effect on their personalities or beliefs, nor on their ties to others. Based on what we see, neither has close ties with a family or their fellow paranormals. For Zaiden this is explained and understandable. For Asher, I wish there had been an explanation; he seems far too outgoing to have only his roommate in Mexico for a friend.

Second, there were some time-skips in the narrative that I, as a reader, wanted to see rather than hear about after the fact. Given the short story length, however, paired with a mystery *and* the necessity of showing Asher and Zaiden evolving from forcibly-married to married-by-choice, I'm not surprised some things were curtailed. There is one place in particular, though, that took me aback, because a problem between the couple--Zaiden's sudden drunkenness and their distant relationship--seemed entirely out of character given all I'd read thus far, and their closeness at the previous chapter's end. It also seemed too convenient that the night I re-joined them, Asher and Zaiden resolve their month-long (yet sudden to me-as-reader) issue.

All time issues aside, I did enjoy *Fire and Ash*. I also like the premise of the *Midnight Matings* series--it's a fun arranged-Vegas-wedding sort of idea--and I'll definitely continue reading them.

Mónika Szabó says

<https://varazsskatulya.wordpress.com/...>

Valamikor jó pár évvel korábban már egyszer olvastam ezt a történetet és már akkor is nagyon tetszett.

Akkor döntöttem el, hogy el?bb-utóbb az egész sorozatra sort kerítek.

Ash már négyezer éve él a földön, de még eddig soha nem találkozott olyan férfival, mint Zaiden. Amikor a b?báj rákényszeríti, hogy ott hagyja mexikói otthonát és az elfhez költözzön, rájön, hogy talán élete legjobb döntése volt, összekötni az életét a férfival.

Zaiden, miután egy varázsló ármánykodásának köszönhet?en elveszítette minden mágikus erejét, az emberek között él mint szexuálpszichológus. Szereti a munkáját és egyre inkább megkedveli a tüzes f?nixet is.

Biztos, hogy folytatni fogom a többi könyvvel, de az is biztos, hogy kisebb szüneteket fogok beiktatni, mert egyben azért tömény lenne.

♥ Rainy Day Reader ♥ says

I was tempted to give this one a 4 star rating but decided on 3 because it didn't leave me with any warm fuzzies. While I liked the ending it felt a bit abrupt. The whole secret admirer mystery was quite good. There were a few times when I stopped to think I must be wrong in who I thought it was but couldn't figure out how it could be otherwise. I WAS wrong and right. I'd thought of the alternative option after one incident but it didn't make any sense so I discarded it. It all comes together in a very confusing confession at the end that didn't make much sense until I thought over it again in my head.

As to Asher and Zaiden. I thought it was pretty funny how they mated. I'd wondered in this mating rush what would happen if someone tried to up and leave. I'd assumed they'd go feral or something. It was far more entertaining. I've read a few reviews where people scoff at the whole mate or else thing but I think it's funny and I'm loving seeing how everyone deals with it and the aftermath. I was very happy that this author (as there are different ones in this series) decided to clue us in on what all of the females were doing on this crazy night! I got a good laugh out of that one. But back to the boys. It was nice to have a pairing of two strong characters that could obviously take care of themselves since the last 2 books had the power leaning more in one direction or the other.

I was happy with how the book ended. I liked the characters and found the mystery intriguing although a bit tedious. I think this was a good addition to the series and liked it better than the last book but not as much as the first. I'm looking forward to powering on to number 4!
