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So she followed him and left fate up to chance.

Warning: mature readers only, explicit sex scenes.

Book one of *Cyborg Shifters*, same universe as *Stranded in the Stars*, every book is a standalone that only subtly builds off of the others.

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From Reader Review Wild Blood for online ebook

Lyn says

I hate spiders. Just a picture of one will make me scream. So, the fact that the hero of this book was a shapeshifting spider cyborg should have had me all kinds of creeped out. It didn't. Not in the least. The story and characters were flat and the performance of the narrators..unimpressive.

Sammy Loves Books says

I love myself some Cyborgs!!

Too bad this cyborg was a spider shifter...Yikes!! Kinda creepy and taboo...especially when he hooks up with his woman in his shifted form!

Jacqueline says

Decent sci fi romance. World building was okay. Nothing 100% stupid. We did have the humans called Earthians just WTF? so stupid. Terra and terran please. And the galaxy as a whole being small enough to be flown around in. Eh. I did like the idea of cyborg shifters though. That is easily the best shifter set up because science and not magic. The story was well enough plotted although I did wonder a bit at his occupation but okay. He hunts up stuff to be studied back on Earth. I guess I can buy that. Relationship was fine. I might read more in the series.

Alaina says

Weird but had good smut.

Not gonna lie guys.. this is my first cyborg romance kind of book. I will obviously carry on with this series because the smut was really good.. but it was also kind of weird at the same time? I hope that makes sense because I just finished this book and I have no idea.

Wild Blood follows Katalina, aka Kat, and Dommik. Kat is a human who just wants to escape her family and earth. Then there's Dommik who is a cyborg but can shift into a spider thing? Again, it was weird but likable.

When I first met these characters, well.. I liked them. Of course you see Kat driving away from her family because they were basically sucking the life out of her. She wanted out. Unsurprisingly, Dommik had secrets and was the mysterious bad boy - kind of? Okay, in a way.. they both have secrets which eventually come out throughout the book.

Kat becomes Dommik's new assistant without his knowledge and of course, the romance unleashes. I don't think it was super instant between the two but of course they had sparks. It definitely gets hot and heavy between the two - which made me love the smut. It was so good! Weird.. but good.

These two travel throughout space for missions and they end up travelling to a planet filled with aliens. Things got super intense and secrets definitely came out around that time too. It was a good and interesting book that kept me tapping the page on my kindle app. I will definitely be diving into the next book ASAP.

Aisling Zena says

3.5 stars

Ideal for any looking for their next Cyborg hit. With an original(for me) twist and quite interesting world building, this set itself apart from others in it's genre. Some of the Cyborgs here are shifters. As is the leading man. No ow/om drama, a blend between the intrigues of space travel and all that it entails and the coming together of a Cyborg Shifter with a human female.

ZARIA (Sheldon Cooper lover) says

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Wow - an unexpected find! It was a compelling read - while the plot wasn't something unique - its a format I enjoy. The characters acted in a way that made sense to me as did the development of their relationship. As you'd expect the cyborg "monster" is animalistic: driven by smell and animal urges. Not a bad read. I would definitely recommend this book. There is lots of adventure with the same bit of romance.

Amy says

Kat called after him, "What's your name?"

The Cyborg paused, his back once again turned toward her. "Monster," he said eventually. "Since that's what I am."

biggest eye roll in the history of the world

facepalm

"Everyone I care about leaves me..."

new world record holder for biggest eye roll

playing world's tiniest, most sarcastic violin

In addition to the joys I've shared above, you've also got:

1. Giggling
2. Mewling
3. An abundance of clichés
4. The absence of logic

Look, I get that alien or cyborg romance/erotica is a niche category on Kindle. I feel like anyone who wanders in knows not to expect great writing, but is willing to compromise in order to fulfill their wants. You want sex in space? There's a cost for that. As much as I wish seasoned or just plain decent writers would wander into sci-fi romance, it's just not happening. All of this leads me with no choice but to subscribe to Kindle Unlimited and wade through some shitty shit with a hopeful heart. Surely *somewhere* what I'm looking for exists. But wherever my dream novel lies, it is far, far away from here.

Covers can be deceiving, especially on Unlimited. These authors have other jobs; they have no money for professionalism or marketing. Even if a book looks like this one, like this dude dropped a bag of Skittles and can't quite make the connection between gravity and holes in candy bags, I never try to judge. I've found some gems that look atrocious. Unfortunately, in this case, what you see is what you're going to get.

As I understood it, the basic world-building here is kind of cool. In the future, science has advanced enough to grace us with cyborgs that possess animal DNA. If you can do that thing with your brain that allows you to board the Sure, Why Not train, you can accept that they've figured out a way to fuse man, technology, and spider to the point where someone can split his metal arms and legs in two and drip venom from his teeth. Whatever, it's cool, I can jive.

Now, say these "shifter cyborgs" have various odd jobs throughout the universe that capitalize on their strengths. The main dude in this book is a spider mix, and he's in (kinda) charge of finding and tagging

dangerous creatures. Scientists on Earth want to study an ice dragon? He'll find it, bring it back, and set off again, going where he's told. I don't see what's so awful about that. Sounds like an interesting, inventive premise. Crazy new alien animals? Talk to me about this enhances scientific research. Talk to me about the black market that's popped up around trading them, the wild new circuses, the new animal rights protests for said circuses. I want it alllll.

The part about this book that makes me want to send it to bed without dinner is the girl. She ain't a woman. I won't waste much breath, but she's too stupid to live. I can buy the whole "I am instantly attracted to this stranger" business (because who hasn't fallen in immediate, nonsensical lust with a rando?) but I won't throw away my brain and abide a woman who doesn't bust a gut laughing when said attractive stranger says he wants to be called Monster. Get out of here with your Hot Topic, vintage band shirt, over-the-top man pain. No one wants you.

Everything is just turned to 11 in this book in an awful way. The man pain, of course, and it's subsequent "I must never form attachments because who could love me" trope. Instalust. The clichés. The plot holes. The drama. The stereotypical sex.

You know, I get that this is erotica. I hate erotica. I really hate sex just for sex's sake--not because I think sex is some dirty, shameful thing that should be hidden, but because I don't know an author who can do it without making me roll my eyes. If I don't care about the characters, I don't care what they get up to, period--sex or otherwise. I can make do with a bare bones plot, but it'd better be a compelling one, and it'd better be written with a modicum of skill. If the writing is bad, nothing can save it for me, and this book has bad, hasty writing.

Anyway, I lost count of my eye rolls. I'm so happy I don't actually own this book.

Samantha K says

I quite liked this. It's shocking because I love my OTT alpha's and tend to bore more easily with other H types. This book was not boring and the story was unique and interesting. The H is a shape shifting cyborg who shifts into a weird spider-cyborg. Yes, you read that correctly. It totally creeped me out. Spiders aren't sexy imo. I freaking hate them so for the author to write a story with a spider type H that interested me was unexpected. I figured I'd read a bit of it out of curiosity but certainly not the whole thing. Well, the author lured me in. (Haha!)

I consider this H more of a beta H because in the beginning, he tried to get the h to leave his ship a few times. When she didn't leave, he avoided her. The reason he does this is because he didn't want the h to hate him once she saw his "other" form. He feels he is a monster. (That seems beta-ish to me.) So initially, he resists the "pull" he feels towards the h. It was past the 50% mark before they had sex. Once they did, she was his. There are a few instances of him being jealous but unfortunately not a lot.

Giving this one 4 surprised stars.

Sophia Triad says

If you love cyborg stories AND
If you adore shifter stories AND
If you are not disgusted by a few cockroaches AND
If you are not afraid of big spiders,

Then most probably you will love this book, too.

The world building is excellent. I am looking forward learning more about the Ghost City and its part cyborgs/part shifters inhabitants.

Dommik is the perfect tortured hero cyborg/spider-shifter, created not born, who thinks that he is too much of a monster to be loved by anyone.

Katalina is the perfect heroine who is too afraid to get attached to anybody because everyone that she had loved died and left her alone.

Overall the book was a very enjoyable experience for me!

Jacqueline's Reads says

4 Not so steamy stars

To my surprise I liked Wild Blood. I do think it's slightly misleading, the cover that is. The book is not steamy. Sure there's some steamy parts, but it's not an erotica novel, more like a NA. But maybe that is what it's suppose to be. I always think with half naked guys on the cover there should be like tons of steam. THAT's just me.

Anyhow that didn't bother me at all because I wasn't in that mood and I actually enjoyed the story.

I can see where the slightly not so high ratings come from. There's a lot of character development and world building, but I really liked that.

Dommik is one of the oddest creatures I have read. I won't give away what he is, but he's at lest half human / half robot, well more robot that ... wait for it... can shift. But what does he shift into?!!! (view spoiler) no joke. I loved it. So random and so different.

Katalina wants an adventure and so she randomly gets on Dommik's ship and wants to be his assistant.

The interaction between Dommik and Katalina is really mild for the first half of the book, like I said, I didn't mind. There's a little chemistry and relationship building. I think I was mostly interested in the world building and seeing what kind of world the author created.

I really liked the read, I felt like it wasn't so out there I couldn't understand. I liked the characters. I liked the glimpse of the side characters which will lead to future books. I liked the pace, flow and the length of the book.

Overall, I like Naomi Lucas and I like this series. I will probably finish out the rest of the books.

Lorraine Lesar says

The web we weave suddenly takes on a whole new meaning....

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Itsy bitsy spider

Climbed up Katalina's (call me Kat) spout.

Down came the reality

But didn't wash this spider out.

Why have 'so yesterday' Cyborgs, when you can have today's Mutant Ninja Cyborgs! (I may have over exaggerated the Ninja bit, but you get what I mean, right? ?).

You gotta hand it to the mad scientist that thought about stirring up the Cyborg cocktail market, by adding the mixology bottle of 'ick' to give it that extra bit of lick and kick. And oh boy, could you taste that ick!

So, this particular mixed cocktail of a Series, is not going to be everyone's taste - with these Cyborgs being genetically enhanced with inhuman DNA and mutating with the bug/animal characteristics (and I'm talking spider, shark, snake, to name but a few) but amazingly, I have developed the taste and I want more (even though I go running at the sight of a money spider ?).

So forget reality and web (sorry, couldn't resist) into Dommik's unique strand of ickiness and see how he catches his prey, namely Katalina.

Off to now read Book 2 .

Felicia says

BE WARNED: This book is all types of fucking WEIRD! And there is lots of spoilers in this review.

I don't even know where to start. How about the fact that Kat DIDN'T EVEN FLINCH knowing his mother fucking ass turned into a spider! A FUCKING SPIDER! Who tf wouldn't think that is creepy as all fucking hell!

And then let's talk about the fact that he impregnated her WITHOUT HER KNOWLEDGE! And then she

just gets over it! WHAT! FUCKING WHAT!

But let's talk about the good. Which was the smut. That shit was on point. It was a little light for me. And it always ended waaay too soon for my liking. But it was still great! :D

All in all, this book is ridiculously fucking weird but the smut made up for it. So three stars it is. But probably not going to finish the series. Too fucking strange for my tastes.

Jennifer says

Kat needs to get off Earth. Her grandmother just died and the rest of her family wants to control her. She's also got a horrible disease that is in remission inside her - she needs off the rock. She heads to the spaceport and an opportunity presents itself. She lies to get onboard the ship of the monster hunter. Once underway, she discovers that he doesn't only hunt monsters, he is one himself.

Alright, so I picked this one up to participate in a buddy read in one of my GR groups. It seems the consensus is - the smut is good but the book is just plain weird. I concur. There are so many things that happened that just had me wondering "what?". I'm not saying the book was bad, it was fine. I'm hoping that more explanation of what is going on occurs in later books in the series??

Christina Bauer says

It's rare that I read a book and think: holy fuck, this author has an unbelievable imagination. But holy fuck, Naomi Lucas has an unbelievable imagination! Superb world building, touching romance, hot cyborgs... this book has it all! Do yourself a favor and read it today.

Rosebud says

Katalina's last family member has just died leaving her with a windfall. Time for Katalina, call me Kat, to get out of her comfort zone and experience all that is out there in the universe. Fate seems to take an interest in her case when, at the space port ticket gate trying to decide on a destination, she watches as a cyborg vessel lands unloading a various shipment of plants, animals, and covered cargo. What must it be like to explore the universe unfettered and in control of your own destiny. Experiencing all that the universe has to offer returning with unique memories of your travels in the form of plants, animals, etc. Katalina can only dream.

Dommik-One is a unique cyborg. One of a few whose DNA was manipulated as an experiment in pushing the realm of possibilities in cyborg technology. Deemed a monster by some, he is tasked with finding high risk flora & fauna in the outermost regions of galaxies bringing them back to be evaluated. The risk involved in this makes it dangerous to include a humanoid crew yet that is what he's being told. That a second is mandatory if he's to continue.

Finding out the very cyborg she's jealous of now needs an assistant, Katalina, call me Kat, sneaks aboard his ship convincing the ship's onboard computers that she's just been hired. By the time Dommik finds out she's aboard it should be too late to do anything about it as even a cyborg wouldn't leave her high and dry on a

random space port when it's obvious she's perfect for his needs.

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New to me author and series that pulls in SciFi, cyborgs, paranormal (shapeshifting), adult content romance, and action adventure combined into one story.

This is a new release and in reviewing what others have said so far about this book (this is one time I looked as there is a hidden surprise that I needed to know if others have commented on) and found that there is a mysterious hidden element to this story that isn't being reveled so I'd like to keep it under wraps myself. For anyone who is seriously thinking about reading this book, it is ... different but how and in what way I won't say (PM me if this is a serious concern).

The author has taken an unusual route in featuring a circle of paranormal cyborgs who loosely band together for a common cause. Each is unique as they have shapeshifting abilities that originate from various animal based Primate, Carnivora, Reptilia, Chondrichthye, Arthropoda, Aves etc. families. In other words scientists manipulated animal based DNA with human DNA to create a new type of cyborg with the end result they are more suited to the end game requirements. Mad scientist 101.....

I can't help but feel that this story has a "*Beauty & The Beast* fairy tale vibe though not completely. At the core is Dommik who is perceived by outsiders as a monster predator so he keeps to himself living with computer, robots, fellow cyborgs who don't judge him. On the other hand is Katalina, call me Kat, who has known heartache and death all her life and now put in a position to change her future if she takes a chance to confront the beast head on. Interesting is that there are other cyborg beasts who are in the wings (of this new series) looking for the same.

The romance between the two are endearing, but, while the scenes themselves do include adult content, not to any overly graphic degree. D/s action that do have more a sensual slant with a side of shape shifting influenced advantages. hehehehe.

The secondary cast of characters for the most part is a roll out of future main characters for the series. Readers will have their own favorite based on personal preference animal base shifter origin. This is a risk for the author if she continues to keep those specifics a "secret" as not all readers will appreciate not knowing these details before the big reveal found within the pages of a story. Just sayin.

My problems with this story are a mix of lack of cohesive flow and editing. I first downloaded the 'sample' of this book off Amazon to make a decision to purchase. Liked what I read and so did the one click. The next 10-20% left me second guessing myself as the story drifted into cheesy content with a side of porn. I kept with it though as there WAS a mystery to discover and I'm a nut to know the rest of the story in any story I read. Glad I did as things got back on track as the action adventure/world building returned. I'm not a fan that the author kept the mystery reveal until later in the story and the manner in which it was received and all fall out related to that. However, I am a fan and will grab the next installment as the potential for the series get better is there.

I'm an eclectic reader who has a personal preference for SciFi. For other SciFi fans this is a book to check out though some may not get all warm and cuddly with the author's take regarding paranormal cyborgs. I did and look forward to the next installment which I don't see listed or with any publish date as of yet....
