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Three years after Jacob Carpenter landed on Caleb Fletcher's doorstep, the Alpha mates return to the city they grew up in to be married.

Aside from the sheer exhaustion of traveling across the country with three children in tow, both men step foot back in New York filled with apprehension about what kind of reception they will receive from their families after abandoning their respective packs.

At first it seems they are welcomed home with open arms and much excitement about their wedding but it soon becomes clear that not everyone is so happy to see the prodigal sons return.

Indeed, Caleb finds himself wondering if Jacob will go through with the ceremony at all, or whether it would be better to pack up his mate and their children, and head back to Nebraska before the situation does irreparable damage to them both.

Sometimes you have to leave a place to realize it's exactly where you ought to be.

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Elsbeth says

Nice sequel to *Home is where you are*

Not as captivating as the first one. But it was great reading more about Caleb, Jacob and their *pups*

Caleb and Jacob are leaving to New York for a special visit to Caleb's pack. Caleb hasn't seen his family for 12 years and also Jacob hasn't seen his own for a quite some time. It's time to make amends. But not everythings runs as like it should..

Caleb and Jacob's connection is awesome.

"I meant what I said. Being mated to you is enough. Standing up with you in front of our - in front of everyone would make me so proud, but all I ever wanted was you. To live with you. To be bonded to you.

I'd love to read more of the family when they return to their homestead again.

Bev says

A great little sequel to Home Is Where You Are. Our two alphas Caleb and Jacob, and their kids Ephraim, Martha and little Thaddeus [all orphans, both boys are themselves alphas and Martha is human] are travelling from Nebraska to New York for their wedding. 5 stars.

Caleb hasn't seen his parents for 12 years after leaving home thanks to a disagreement with his older brother, and going off to fight in the American Civil War. Jacob announced at the age of 13 that Caleb was his future mate, and followed Caleb to Nebraska, although he nearly lost his life to a couple of psychos on the outskirts of the town where Caleb had made his home after surviving the war. The local sheriff took Jacob to Caleb in the hope that Caleb could save him, which he did and eventually both men realised that they were mates.

Unfortunately, there are problems with the return to NYC that our two alphas know nothing about, and you know that old saying 'you can't choose your relatives but you can choose your friends'?? Well, it certainly rings true in this particular story. Yet again, I had this watery stuff sporadically coming out of my eyes, and there were plenty of sniffles too. A lovely series, and highly recommended.

Martin says

Caleb's proposal to marry Jacob officially in front of his pack brings both guys and their three children back to New York where Caleb's family is welcoming the two Alphas with open arms.

Their happy coming home is tainted, though, when Jacob learns that his father disinherited him for mating with another Alpha and therefore none of Jacob's family will attend the wedding.

Feeling unworthy of Caleb's love and the warm reception of the Fletcher pack, Jacob questions their decision to marry, which is threatening to crush Caleb's and their beautiful family's world to pieces.

I absolutely love Caleb and Jacob. Their relationship is so beautiful and strong. They work through their conflicts so effortlessly and realistic, I often forget I'm basically reading a fantasy novel about werewolves here. Their parenting skills are simply the best. I love how they raise their children, unsure if they're doing things right, while being better parents than most kids could hope for.

I can hardly wait for their next book.

A 5 star favorite!

R * A Reader Obsessed * says

4 Sequel Stars

Rest assured this sequel does not disappoint, especially if you're all for following an established couple.

It's been a few years, and Caleb and Jacob are finally settled enough with their three adopted children to make the trek back east to seal their mate bond with a public wedding. Understandably, Caleb is terrified and nervous to return home after being gone for 12 long years. Luckily his worries were for naught. However, Jacob's return is a whole different story regarding his family's acceptance.

Not so much a serious shifter book, this delves more into the interpersonal relationship between Caleb and Jacob. Again, not as smexy as I would like, this was still quite satisfying. What stands out the most for me is how strong their love and devotion to each other is, and it just warmed my heart over and over. The hurt comfort continues and they support each other without fail, making this quite the romantic read. Add in some great family dynamics that made me shed a tear or ten, and when kids are done right as they are here, that enriched the story ten fold.

Overall, I obviously liked this a lot, and I look forward to reading the next in series, despite the fact that it will focus on a new couple.

Chris says

Another beautiful installment in this series. Jacob and Caleb travel with their three children back to Caleb's home in celebration of getting married. Of course nothing is as it seems and drama unravels as Jacobs parents disown him. Faced with a sense of shame, Jacob thinks he's not good enough for Caleb and emotions

run high. Thankfully sense prevails and family stick close together.
This is a lovely historical romance and I look forward to more.

Amber says

3.5 Hearts

Well, this one was just ok for me. I didn't love it like I did book 1. Although, it's was nice to see Jacob and Caleb more settled in their relationship and fatherhood.

In Returning Home we flash forward a few years from book 1. Jacob and Caleb plus their 3 kids return to Caleb's home and pack to get married. This was a pretty emotional reunion because Caleb always believed his family wouldn't accept him. That is definitely not the case because they welcome him and his family with open arms.

The same cannot be said, however, for Jacob and his family. There's quite a bit of drama surrounding Jacob and his family in this story.

Like I mentioned earlier my favorite part of this book was seeing Jacob and Caleb as fathers. I adored those interactions. And it further shows what great men these two really are.

Even though this one wasn't my favorite so far the writing was still very well done. I am indeed a fan of this author and I'm quite looking forward to subsequent books.

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Dani Elle Maas says

As I mentioned before I was blown away by the first book in this series .
this second part was good and i like it , a lot even but it didnt have the impact on me that the first one did.
Though I was very happy to read more about this wonderful couple and their "family".
Looking forward to part 3 :)

JenMcJ says

I'm surprised I didn't write a review for this back when I read it. I really, really liked this book but not quite as much as the first book but more than the 3rd book.

BWT (Belen) says

3.5 Stars

This sequel did not disappoint.

Sweet, family focused, with a little bit of angst thrown in. I'm really enjoying this historical shifter series.

It's definitely been original in the shifter dynamics, and the family stuff is familiar enough, and the writing smooth enough, to make this an easy, entertaining read.

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Ami says

Caleb, Jacob, and the brood -- hah, the toddler is called Thaddeus!! I thought Caleb would keep calling him Piggy *lol* -- are going to New York for their wedding ceremony among the respective packs. Instead Jacob finds out bad news from his own parents.

I am still loving this family SO hard! Love the strong bond between Caleb and Jacob. Love the kids -- and we do have quite amount of scenes with the kids! I love Caleb's parents, most notably his dad (his dad is awesome) and of course, it's fun knowing quite many new names from both Caleb's and Jacob's pack.

On to book #3!

Alisa says

This story picks up about two years down the road and Caleb, Jacob and their little pack are headed back to New York to get married in front of their families. There's a few bumps in the road but there are also some really touching moments. I really like this series and the way it is written. It's this slow, charming style of story telling. I love this couple and their family and I'm super happy with the way things worked out for them all. There was blurbs for books 3 & 4 in the back of this and I can't wait till those books are released.

?♥? Michaelle ♥? says

4.2 Stars

Lovely follow-up to the first book, where the MCs take their children back East to reunite with estranged family & get married. The way Jacob reacts when he's repudiated seemed a bit overly dramatic, but I liked the rest of it too much to complain. Absolutely adored how they allowed Thaddeus to be himself, to wear dresses and be proud of how pretty he looked, without any drama whatsoever.

Definitely looking forward to the next one. (And I might even read the 4th book even though that's Martha's story and MF.)

Chris Kottner-Kirschner says

Die Alphas Caleb und Jacob unternehmen die beschwerliche Reise von Nebraska nach New York um dort mit ihren Kindern und der Familie ihre Hochzeit zu feiern. Wirklich wohl fühlen sie sich beide nicht. Caleb hat keine Ahnung wie ihm die Familie nach 12jähriger Abwesenheit begegnen wird und Jacob hat überhaupt nichts von der eigenen Familie gehört.

Calebs Sorgen sind jedoch unbegründet. Die Familie, vor allem der Vater, nimmt ihn mit offenen Armen auf und schließt damit auch Jacob und die drei Kinder mit ein. Doch die Tage in der Großstadt sind nicht einfach. Und die Kinder freunden sich zwar mit der Familie Calebs an, doch es bleibt eine gewisse Distanz bestehen. Auch prallen durchaus Welten, Lebensweisen und unterschiedliche Vorstellungen aufeinander.

Als dann Jacob auch noch von der Ablehnung seiner eigenen Familie und eine öffentliche Demütigung durch seine Mutter erfährt, wird auch die bisher harmonische und stabile Beziehung Jacob und Caleb erschüttert.

Das Sequel zu Teil 1 ist wirklich sehr, sehr kurz ausgefallen. Allerdings war die Geschichte sehr schön und berührend zu lesen. Caleb und Jacob scheinen endlich angekommen zu sein; ihre Beziehung hat ihre Höhe und Tiefen, aber jede Geste, jede Berührung und jeder Blick zeugt von der Tiefe ihrer Gefühle.

Die Kinder sind längst zu dem wichtigsten Teil ihres Leben geworden und auch wirtschaftlich können sie nicht klagen. Die Hochzeit in New York und das Wiedersehen mit ihren Familien soll das Glück nun perfekt machen.

Leider ist Jacobs Vater unversöhnlich und auch die Mutter macht ihren Sohn für die wirtschaftlichen Probleme des Pack's verantwortlich. Für Jacob ist es wirklich eine sehr schwere Zeit. Doch nun erweist sich Caleb als hingebungsvoller, starker und loyaler Partner. Und auch Calebs Familie fängt Jacob in dieser schweren Zeit auf.

Leider ist die Geschichte ein wenig arg kurz. Da hätte ich doch auf ein, zwei Kapitel mehr gehofft. Allerdings war auch dieser Teil sehr schön zu lesen und konnte mich gut unterhalten.

Kathleen says

3.5 stars

While it was a decent addition to the series, wall to wall wedding planning, children, and dealing with extended family (good and bad) wasn't my idea of a fun romp. Well written and better editing than #1. The third in the series takes place back on the homestead so off I go...

caroline wilson says

A brilliant 2nd book carry on

I love these characters and story this book was about Caleb and Jacob going back home and confronting their pasts whether they be happy reconciliation or not. Some spelling mistakes in the book but did not detract from the story or the fantastic writing this author does. I'm pleased that this is going to be a carry on family story so that we can see what happens in the future to this little family. Only minor fault was it was not long enough and I just wanted to keep reading about this little family. Another favourite.
