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For six years Anya Korbin worked with Del-Rey Delgato--the genetically altered rebel known as the Coyote Ghost--to free a group of coyote women kept in her father's lab. As Anya matured into a woman, she and Del-Rey grew close..., but then he broke his promise and killed her father. Now she must deal with her animalistic desire for the one who betrayed her.

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Samantha says

Why do I keep picking up Lora Leigh books? I've never given one of her stories a rating over a 2 and yet, at least once a year, I'll breakdown and buy one of her novels. This is mostly because her futuristic world featuring genetically altered humans (aka Breeds) is fascinating. I always go into her books hoping that *this* will be the one that I absolutely love, but that never happens. Mostly because the relationships featured in the series are pretty disturbing. I hate how little control the heroine has over her life and body the minute she comes into contact with the hero. But my biggest problem is how the line between consensual and forced sex are extremely blurred due to the "enzyme" the Breeds release that sends both parties into a sexual frenzy. Typically, neither the heroine nor hero want to have sex, but are compelled to due to the "enzyme", which leads to some pretty disturbing sex scenes. My other problem is that every single one of these books, that I've read, relies on the captive heroine trope. So, the stories come off as extremely formulaic.

In this one, Anya has been working with Del-Ray for years planning to bring down a company that's been experimenting on coyote breeds. When Anya first approached Del-Ray she only requested one thing from him, that her family (who works at the lab) not be harmed during the take-down. Del-Ray not only breaks this promise to her, but also kidnaps her and unintentionally claims her as his mate. What proceeds is a really disturbing first sex scene, followed by Del-Ray being a rather spectacular ass for the rest of the story.

I have to give Anya credit for showing some backbone. Once she's within the Breeds compound she takes Del-Ray to court for his actions and verbally wipes the floor with him. The court eventually rules in her favor, which wins Anya a reprieve from Del-Rey for half a year. However, the points Anya earned for that stunt quickly deteriorated once Del-Ray reappears in the story after his half-year mission/exile.

Del-Ray returns from his exile to find Anya has been running his compound extremely well and has gained the respect of almost everyone who works for her. After seeing everything Anya's done, Del-Ray is committed to undermining all her work. He demeans Anya, keeps her in the dark, and essentially just shits all over her. But its supposed to be okay because he's doing it for "her protection" which was such a flimsy and ridiculous excuse for him being a bastard that I got tired of reading about their shenanigans pretty quick. It didn't help that Anya constantly forgave Del-Ray at the drop of a dime and turned into a big ole martyr half-way through the story. All this led to Del-Ray never having to atone for his actions and my wishing that Anya would just take her friends' advice to hightail it on out of that toxic relationship.

Hopefully, I will not find myself being lured into picking up another book in this series.

Asounani says

Re-Leido /*EDITADO*

*Realmente una pareja curiosa, creo que cuando lo has leido solo despues de un tiempo le agarras más el gusto (seamos sinceros es el número 18 de 33 si fuiste como yo y los leiste corridos para este momento o estabas cansado o todos te parecen igual ooooo ya abandonaste y lees esto porque te aparecio en el muro), se distrae y es mayormente interesante, es eso o la versión mia de Marzo fue más sinica con el libro porque mi sinopsis anterior fue bastannnte ambigua, asumire que era porque en ese momento embotada.

Tenemos intriga, traición, drama y malentendidos lo que no es nada nuevo en estos libros, pero tambien tenemos profunda lealtad por parte de 'La Coya' sin importar cuantos golpes bajos reciba de su Alfa (compañero, el único como quieran llamarle), confusion y tambien camaderia como no ha habido en otros libros la coya, sus guardaespaldas y sus coyotes rusos demuestan ese lado de hermandad y lealtad, nada común en esta saga, lo cual es refrescante.*

Quien diría los últimos capítulos fuerón bastante interesantes.

Alex is The Romance Fox says

I absolutely love the Coyote Breeds and I am so happy to see the development of their community.

Great plot development. Kick butt action and oh so very hot, smoldering explicit sex. But it's more than that....it's the two mc's in this story that worked for me and not forgetting the three female coyotes...I adored Ashley.....

Del-Ray & Anya are a formidable couple. This is no helpless female. She's strong, independent, loyal, loving....I mean, she's the Coya and she can run Haven, the Coyote community, very well on her own!!!!!!! The author just brings these characters to life and they seem to weave their way into my heart.

Loved the dialogue and the connection between the Breeds. Discovering more secrets and meeting known characters and new ones as well is such a bonus for me.

Erotic, funny, powerful, intriguing.

Can't wait for the next book.

Sammy Loves Books says

**** 3.5 Growling Howling Stars****

Del-Rey Delgato, Cougar Breed Alpha

Full Review To Come!!

GuisBell says

Del Rey Delgado me hiciste sufrir un montón con tu terquedad, y me hiciste pensar en mucha, mucha, mucha violencia contra ti, muchas veces.

Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says

5/13/16: I have been in the WEIRDEST book mood the last week or so...I blame escrow lol Need a re-read favorite to jump start myself...

10/9/15: When in a book funk...re-read a favorite...

One of my TOP READS OF ALL TIME

I LOVE this thing.

Anya

Del-Rey

MAGIC

Megan Fall says

Really enjoyed this book. I love the breeds!!!

Catherine says**4.5 Stars**

This is one of my favorite stories in the Breed series. I think one of the big things that fixes my attention on it is the fact that it is so unlike the other books in the series so far. Anya and Del-Rey mated, but due to his manipulations, and her rage about said manipulations, ended up granted an official order of separation from the breed council. This was the first order of its kind and although it didn't please Del-Rey, it gave

Anya some much needed breathing room.

I didn't always agree with Anya and thought she could be occasionally petty, but I totally got where she was coming from and why she wanted the separation. Fated mates have always rested uneasily with me because the issue of consent seems so murky to me. When you're compelled by a hormone to be in each other's company and have sex, it makes me kind of uncomfortable and always leaves me with a little niggling doubt about whether it was love or the character just giving up the fight that made them so accepting of the relationship. It's especially pronounced in this series because the heroine is the one that feels the actual pain and agony of denying the relationship. The guys are affected, but nowhere near as bad, and it doesn't pain them to touch other people, so they do have other options. Because of this setup, I found it refreshing to see an installment in the series where the heroine refused to submit and took her power back. She may not have been able to undo the mating, but it was completely in her hands to dissolve the separation.

Del-Rey screwed up a lot and Anya was left to suffer for it, but I was fine with it because he was genuinely in the dark about how his actions would turn out. They both grew to honestly care about each other and I admit that I got a dark satisfaction out of seeing Del-Rey completely upset over Anya refusing to fight and giving him exactly what he wanted. I have to be honest and admit that I get complete satisfaction out of watching characters crumble once they're given exactly what they've been demanding--no matter how stupid it is.

We are introduced to a ton of great side characters in this one and I really enjoyed getting to walk on the dark side of this series and actually get to see a coyote romance. There seems to be fewer sex scenes in this one than a lot of the earlier ones, but that provides a nice opportunity for the tension to ramp up for a change. Plus, as I said before, it gives us a chance to actually see these characters work through some issues and grow to know each other.

The only reason I dropped the grade from a straight 5 stars is because for some reason the author felt the need to throw in a completely unnecessary (and intrusive) section at the very end of the book to show Anya and Del-Rey having sex one more time, but this time with butt play and spanking. It felt completely jarring when you consider the rest of the story. I really wish that had been cut because it served no purpose and didn't fit with any of their earlier intimacy.

willful says

3 1/2 stars. I don't really think it's very *good*, but I love the suffering!

Ashley says

Lora Leigh continues to reign supreme! I fall more and more in love with this author and her amazing writing with each novel she releases. 'Coyote's Mate' brought forth within me a surge of emotions while satisfying my insatiable need for great erotica. While humor is easy to open within me, bringing tears to my eyes is a much more difficult endeavor. At first I feared that I was going to have to grade 'Coyote's Mate' really low because the hero, Del-Rey, really pissed me off on several occasions and in all honesty I don't believe that he groveled enough for his heroine. Maybe I should revoke my assigned A grade status...? Nah, this book made me cry! It deserves an A. Besides, emotion in the reader is what authors hope to inspire and

Lora Leigh did her job splendidly.

Anya Korbin is a familiar character in Leigh's large collection of heroines. Young, beautiful, and of course - terrified of the strong and abundant sensations brought upon her by the hero. But Anya was the first heroine, to my knowledge, to truly show the hero what he was losing by way of his ignorance.

Raised in the Council Labs by her father, head of security and Breed training, Anya befriended five Coyote females. In hopes of their rescue, Anya contacts the Coyote Ghost, a.k.a. Del-Rey Delgado and Coyote Alpha. At sixteen, first contact is made. It's not until six years later that Anya's hopes finally come to fruition but at a price. Del-Rey's previous promises that he would not kill or harm Anya's father and three cousins unless the outcome of the extraction necessitated it, is tested. Yet when all hell breaks lose, Del-Rey breaks the trust and faith that his previous pledges instilled. Instead, Del-Rey not only unnecessarily shoots Anya's family, not to kill but to wound, but he also kidnaps her and forces her to accept his hormone laced kiss. Plunged ruthlessly into foreign sensations, Anya can't refuse when Del-Rey acts upon the lust riding them both so hard, leaving Anya cold afterward.

Now, in the U.S. and at the Wolf compound of Haven, Anya petitions the Breed tribunal for separation from her mate, Del-Rey, a petition that has never before occurred. Claiming that not only can Anya not trust her mate, but that her emotions and willpower have been raped by the mating heat and thereby taking away her rational. Granted: Anya will receive one year to acclimate to her new role as Coya to the Coyote Breed and mate to Alpha Del-Rey Delgado.

Now eight months later, Del-Rey misses his mate and is ready to fully claim her. The agreement never stated in writing the full amount of time for acclimation. Back at Base, Del-Rey has arrived to claim what's his whether Anya is ready or not.

The hurt of Del-Rey's betrayal has receded for the most part over the last eight months and Anya's heart no longer feels like it's breaking in two. Except the ever present cold that had seeped into her bones since Del-Rey's enforcer position had taken him away from her has become more than she can bear. Reconciled to the fact that they needed to work things out, Anya stays on Base for Del-Rey's arrival as opposed to transferring to Haven each time before.

And of course when these two get heated up they scorch the sheets in bed. Del-Rey is quite the lover and he certainly makes up for the pain of their first time. But his arrogance soon seeps into their burgeoning courtship. Bound and determined to protect Anya at all costs, Del-Rey feels that by publicly rejecting Anya as his Coya he will keep assassins at bay. It's a known fact that the high ranking wives and lovers of the Breeds are the most targeted. Of course he'll be sure that in private Anya knows her true place and that she will slowly come to understand his decision and agree that her protection is what's most important. Boy does his plan backfire and it's very outcome brought this reader to tears.

Publicly rejected, Anya becomes known amongst the Breed as Del-Rey's whore. His systematic rescission of all rights and duties once held as the Coya allows suspicion and separation to brew within the Coyotes at Base. Left only to be a glorified housekeeper, Anya's bright light within her soul has begun to grow dark with pain. And as disrespect is thrown her way and tempers snap, Anya soon finds herself in a very dangerous situation and a physical altercation takes place with one of Del-Rey's Coyote soldiers. Del-Rey's ignorance had created a conspiracy of betrayal within his ranks against Anya for surely no Coyote Alpha would reject his mate unless she had done something truly wrong to deserve it.

Broken hearted once again and physically hurt, Anya flees with her bodyguards to finish one last task that

will probably leave her locked in cell forever. Going against her Alpha's express orders, Anya has gone behind his back to contact two Council scientists that she worked with in the Russian labs. The genetics of the Coyote Breed are just different enough from Wolf to make treatment of them difficult and sometimes life threatening. Thinking ahead and the possibility of a child, Anya wants to make sure that Base and the Coyotes have their own qualified medical staff. But this is something that Del-Rey can't allow because the only thing that he hates more than humans is human Council scientists. Having put a bullet in every previously known Coyote scientist, Anya, fearing their lives, asks Alpha Wolf Gunnar to grant them asylum and housing at Haven. Asylum granted. But when personal contact is made by Anya, a traitor shows himself and his plans aren't pleasant.

Some of my favorite characters in 'Coyote's Mate' were Anya's hilarious but brutally loyal female Coyote bodyguards, Sharone, Emma, and Ashley. While as Breeds, one would assume that one of their kind would hold the rank as leader, but it's the little human Anya that leads this pack of fierce ladies. But it's not only her leadership that the girls need, it's Anya's companionship and sheer light that she's brought to their lives. Horribly abused in the labs, Anya promised the then young girls dressed in rags, that she would make sure that one day they would wear pretty clothes, have nice beds to sleep on, and good food to eat. It's the fact that Anya kept her promises even though those very same promises could have brought upon her death.

On the other hand, Del-Rey is not my favorite Leigh hero, but in the end he did make sure that things were put to rights again for his mate. Oh, and I forgot, he does get down on his knees at one point. But still, he was cruel in his complete ignorance of what Anya needed. Some of this was of course due to his Council lab upbringing but he really did piss me off a number of times.

Ms. Leigh does dangle the bait for this obsessed reader at the end of the novel with a glimpse of our next hero: one very sexy Bengal and his mate Cassa, a journalist. His story, 'Bengal's Heart', is scheduled to release this August.

'Coyote's Mate' was a fabulous addition to Lora Leigh's Breeds and I can't wait for the next installment.

Zeek says

You know the kind of book that so good it wraps you in a thick blanket of warm fuzzies so that even when you put the book down you're so consumed with the story it's difficult to focus? Coyote's Mate is one such book.

If you've read Leigh's Wolf Breed book, Aiden's Charity, you've already been introduced to the hero/heroine in this book.

At that time, Del Rey, Alpha of the Coyotes, needed the wolf breeds' Doctor to check on his woman exhibiting strange symptoms. Since the coyotes have isolated themselves from the other breeds, they have no idea that Del Rey's woman is in fact in heat, until Aiden informs him of the phenomenon known only to a select few of the genetically enhanced creatures known as Breeds. Once Del Rey realizes that Anya is his mate- the one woman to complete him- the pieces start coming together for the stubborn coyote.

Coyote's Mate occurs before and a little after these events and continues Anya & Del Rey's story, following them through some intense personal struggles.

Anya's been intrigued by the silent, deadly coyote breed Del Rey, nicknamed the Coyote Ghost, since the age of sixteen when she approached him for help in rescuing the coyote breeds being held captive in a Russian compound. Though Anya's the daughter of the scientists who work for the big bads who keep the breed imprisoned, she knows what is happening to the coyote's is wrong and she means to do something about it- with or without the enigmatic breed's help.

When Anya makes contact with Del Rey in a seedy bar, he thinks she's a fool and dismisses her immediately. But something about her draws him and he eventually agrees to help her, if her story doesn't prove false.

Years later, Anya is still waiting for their ultimate rescue. Although the Coyote Ghost has pulled some of the breeds from the fire of captivity, he hasn't finished the job. When she questions him for the final time, little does she know that he's planning the mission for that very day- and that he means to take her captive in the process. (Much loved by the people of the compound in Russia, especially by those of her family, Del Rey knows they will not fight if Anya is with him.)

Afterward, she of course cannot believe the man she trusted all those years, betrayed her in such a way. After all, he promised to pull her family out too. When he leaves them behind, wounded but alive, she vows in her heart to never forgive him, even though some mighty strange things are happening in her body that she knows is somehow tied to the hard-nosed breed.

When the Coyotes arrive in America, and Haven, the wolf breed compound, discovers their existence, Anya formerly requests a separation from her mate. A consul is convened to decide what to do and after some deliberation they agree to the separation, even though it is unprecedented. Del Rey, upset and unsure what to do about his mate's reticence, agrees to stay away for one year, but he knows full well after that time he's coming for her- reticence be damned.

He lasts eight months and in that time Anya has grown into the leader she's meant to become. She has learned to administer the bunch of breeds who live at Base, the coyote compound, even though the lot of them tend toward laziness while in down time.

When Del Rey arrives back at Base it doesn't take long for Anya's mating heat to make a reappearance, despite the fact she's been on hormone supplements to keep a lid on the worst of the mating heat symptoms.

Anya loves Del Rey with all her heart and she's working to get over her mate's previous betrayals but when he- the man who shares such intimacy and claims she is the soul of one who everyone thought had no soul- refuses to give her the official ceremony that will make her his Coya, the mated second of his pack, Anya has had enough.

Oh, she sticks around for much longer than she should have, imo, and even goes back to his bed- because she cannot deny the other part of her heart. But when the coyotes start dividing and a breed close to Del Rey makes it painfully evident they don't trust her, she decides its time to leave.

Still, Anya has one last thing to take care of despite her mate's refusal to grant her demands for the breeds at Base. She has to get to the people who know the coyote's best, the scientists left behind in Russia, because more than anything the Coyote's need their own doctor- those who knows their physiology which is so different from the other breeds- and little does she know that she will need them most of all.

In the meantime, a group of men are doing their best to break the back of the Breed alliance the three groups of breeds are working toward. (Feline, Wolf & Coyote.) And they mean to do so, by breaking the most

vulnerable- the Coyote Alpha.

Will her sacrifice make the difference or will Del Rey's stubbornness be the end of both of them as well as the breed alliance?

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed this story. Both characters are wonderfully defined and it's very easy to get a grasp on them. At different times I wanted to wring Del Rey's neck, even though he thought he was doing what was best for his mate, and at other times he just melted my heart. Long told that the coyote's had no soul, it made for some uber romantic reading when he finally realized he did- and it was Anya who held it.

He does some stupid things under the guise of protecting her from his enemies and it made me cry and then rail at her as well for giving in to him so often. But, in the end, she does make a stand. Anya's growth throughout the story is seamless and a joy to watch.

Heart wrenching and sensual, this book is a romance lovers dream. 5 out of 5 from me! If you're following Leigh's Breeds, you won't be disappointed with this one.

Celeste says

Loved, loved, loved, Lora Leigh's newest edition to her Breed series! Smoking HOT!

It was an absolute roller-coaster ride. You go through an entire gamut of emotions with this one. From anger, to happiness, to shock, to frustration, to relief, to everything in between! I can't say enough about how much I enjoyed this book, there wasn't one thing I would change, except maybe make it longer! If you're a Lora Leigh fan, you won't be disappointed with this one!

Sophia Triad says

Breeds 18

Coyote Breeds 2

Featured Couple: Del-Rey (Coyote) & Anya (Human)

Any badass and renegade man has a certain sex appeal in romance novels. Imagine a guy like that who also has coyote DNA and an army of coyote Breeds soldiers to command. Del-Rey is the number one ultra-cool, military genius, leader.

Normally, coyotes are considered cowardly and untrustworthy animals and the attitudes towards them are largely negative among Breeds. They are the Council's soldiers and have trained to torture and kill other Breeds. They are the lowest of the low Breeds.

Well, Del-Rey is a rebel. He gathers his most loyal men, builds a base in the caves in the mountain above Wolves on the Haven territory and starts to help the other Breeds. Basically, they live above wolves watching their backs.

Coyotes do not associate with other breeds any more than necessary and keep pretty much to themselves. Their base is totally military orientated and their living arrangements are harsh.

I guess that with this introduction, you can understand why this book is one of the most popular ones among the Breeds' books.

So Del-Ray is some kind of tactical genius, but when he meets Anya he is completely clueless about the Mating Heat (What's that, exactly? Why Anya is keeps throwing things at me? Why does she keep screaming 'what have you done to me?', Why I cannot stop wanted her?).

As a result, he handles the situation with his mate completely wrongly!

Anya thought that Del-Ray was just a friend for many years and he helped her when she needed his help. But shortly after, Anya is kidnapped and later when she cannot handle Del-Ray anymore, she escapes to the wolves for help.

Del-Ray screws up big time. From big badass, he transforms to big bad idiot. We even have the first case of divorce between Breeds. Del-Ray and Anya cannot live together and they cannot live apart.

The only excuse Del-Ray has is that he and his men have been completely isolated and suspicious and they know as a result so little about the rest of the Breeds.

The positive thing that comes from the whole situation between Del-Ray and Anya is that coyotes are forced to truly start communicating with the wolves and get on better with the feline breeds.

What I did not like in the book: Coyote Kiowa and his mate Amanda from *Soul Deep* are not mentioned here, like no Coyote mating has been occurred before. This will be solved in the following books that are featuring coyotes.

Megan says

Even though I am a big fan of Lora Leigh's *Breed* series, this particular novel was a disaster. Or at least it was to me. The reader is constantly told how "strong" Anya is, and yet we never see any evidence of it. Ever. She completely let's Del-Ray walk all over her, and the "mating heat" is used as an excuse for this. Instead of standing up for herself, Anya is so overcome by her hormones, she can't help but jump Del-Ray as soon as he says or does something atrociously sexist.

In short, the characters exhibit a severe lack of depth, making the reader question the emotion and plot of the entire story. After reading *Mercury's War*, I cannot put into words my disappointment. I can only hope that *Bengal's Heart* does not continue down this same path.

(And yes, I realize this is *erotica* -- a genre which is not known for it's riveting storyline. Yet it's a slap in the face to be continuously told the character is this way, or that way, when they most obviously aren't. To me, it portrays an immature writing style.)

Julie (jjmachshev) says

Lora Leigh's latest Breed book will singe your fingers and leave you begging for the next story set in her world of hybrid human-animals and the women (and men) they love. "Coyote's Mate" gives readers their first deep look at the Coyote breeds and their similarities and differences from the other Breed groups.

Del-Ray is the Coyote Alpha who survived hell, refused to bend to his human 'creators', and fought his way to freedom taking as many of his kind with him as he could manage. When a young sixteen year old human approaches him with information on a Council coyote lab, he's intrigued by her fire and lack of fear. For six years, he and the human work together to weed out traitors and plot a careful raid and Del-Ray becomes enamored and finally possessive of his human. But when he injures her family in the raid and becomes lost to the mating heat, she turns her back on everything he offers.

Anya is in love with Del-Ray and has been for several years now. But when she realizes he's been lying to her for six years, she's beyond furious...and hurt. Then the mating heat ambushes both of them and her virginity is lost in the fierce haze of mating lust and she panics. Once her fears subside, she quickly realizes there's nothing she won't do to keep her coyote safe...even if that means breaking his trust in her.

Anya intrigued and infuriated me (a lot like she did Del-Ray!) through most of this book. But she does manage to 'put on her big girl panties' and begin acting like a woman and not a child a little less than halfway through the book. Del-Ray is typical of the Alpha breeds, arrogant and clueless about humans...especially human women. Which means that he manages to do just about everything wrong! But it certainly makes for a smoking story.

Seriously hot Alpha coyote sex, murder plots, hilarious 'women things' discussions, and a wonderful happily ever after. If you like Lora Leigh, don't miss this one. If you haven't read her yet...you really don't know what you're missing!
