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One virgin + Three Wolf Shifters = E-reader Ecstasy

It's 1936. Thirty-year-old Alice has given up on finding a husband. Between civil engineering and mountain climbing, her interests are so masculine, she scares men away. A poor route choice strands her—lost, hungry, and scared—next to Lon Chaney's cabin deep in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Jed senses a woman stumbling down the steep, inhospitable mountain behind his borrowed cabin. Her scent tantalizes and excites him. Mates are scarce these days, and if his nose is right, she's his fated one. His and his two pack mates, that is, who are mercifully gone at the moment. Jed crafts a careful strategy, knowing the mate bond might not be enough to convince her to stay once she finds out it will link her to all three of them—forever.

Alice adds Jed to her list of problems when he melts out of the shadowed darkness. At first she declines his offer of help, but he keeps talking until she ends up inside the cozy log cabin in front of a roaring fire. His skilled hands and a shot of whiskey heat her blood to molten, and her carefully tended world explodes into desperate hunger to make love with the man rubbing her weary feet.

As caught up in lust as Alice, Jed takes a chance. A big one. Will mating with her before disclosing everything turn out to be a huge mistake?

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The Book Junkie Reads . . . says

Bless the woman that can take on three of the sexy alpha's alphas. OH, my. Pop, pop, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it was for Alice to find out that she was destined to find a man. Okay, maybe not quite a man but an alpha male with more than she could have ever dreamed of attain. She got sexy as sin Jed and bonus. Two more.

Set the eReader ablaze. This was a page burning read from beginning to end. This quick read was no disappointment at all. Set in the 30's you get more than any one woman should dare to take on, but let me say the rewards of taking on such a challenge was well worth it all.

This ARC was provided via Bewitching Book Tours in exchange for an honest review.

Kim says

You will love reading about Alice, Jed, Terin and Bron. I just couldn't put it down once I started. Alice is out mountain climbing with her friend Brent, but soon finds herself alone. Jed, Terin and Bron are out attending a clan's meeting when they come across a Hunter. Jed, alpha of the wolves thinks Alice is their mate. Will Alice be able to accept them as Shifters? Will hidden insecurities keep Alice from accepting them all three as her mates? Will they be able to show Alice she doesn't have to hide who she is from them?

Patricia says

I've only recently discovered Ann Gimpel and her shifters and I have to say this first book caught my attention in more than one way.

The setting and time period were a surprise. I don't know why other than I guess I always think in the terms of now. Alice is the biggest surprise in a very pleasant way. A strong woman in a man's position is unthinkable in the 1930's. Jed and his packmates not so surprising but enjoyable in so many ways. I will admit that I listened to this book series on audio books and I like the story but I hate to admit the narrator in my personal opinion did not do it for me. He was too soft, not growly enough. Otherwise the characters and the story line were different and different is a good thing.

T00zday says

Holy crap this book was HOT. Woo.

The author is a clinical psychologist turned romancista writer. I'm glad she gave up being a shrink because I am hunting down more of her books NOW.

This book is a loose plot around some steamy scenes, but she sets up a great world for future books. Strong heroine, men aren't the annoying chest-beaters either.

HEA :)

Ann aka Iftcan says

I received an ARC of this book to review. And can I just say, hot, hot, hot. And did I mention HOT?

This is a ménage story, where the ménage is a woman and 3 men. In Ms. Gimpel's world, each shifter unit--male only--has one woman as the mate to all of them. The unit in this story is an alpha male and his 2 assistants. He's also the head of all the were-wolves in her world.

Despite being an ARC, there were surprising few editing errors in the book. I only found 4 obvious ones (and yes, I DO count them) sorry, but I am slightly OCD and can NOT take books with a lot of very obvious errors.

There is a good bit of sex in this story, and it is explicit. I'd give this book a definite X rating for the sex.

Cheesecake says

When I read that this takes place in 1936 I was sold! I love Steinbeck and my grandparents used to talk about the 30's and what it was like to be young back then.

But really the author only makes a token effort to research the basics. Except for the description of her car and her climbing gear, it could have been the 1990's. Anything pre-cellphones.

There's no 1930's feel for how people interacted back then. The sex scenes especially, felt modern day. All c*ck and f*ck and modern innuendos.

so very disappointing...

Alice the human and Jed and his two lieutenants.

They meet, they f*ck, and well, that's it really...

There were constant contradictions/inconsistencies in the story that really **PISSED ME OFF** and made it impossible to create any suspension of disbelief.

examples;(view spoiler)

Anything inconvenient in the story and 'abracadabra', bring on the 'Earth magic'.

Listened to on audio and the reader, Gregory Salinas is a big 'MEH'. I've heard him read before and he sounds 'sleazy'. Like he's creating innuendo... 'nudge nudge wink wink'...

Chris says

3.75 out of 5 stars

Description ~

Alice has given up trying to find a man, that is, until she meets wolf shifter Jed. As desire burns between them, Alice is surprised to discover her life has changed forever. But not as surprised as when she learns she is also the bonded mate of two of Jed's pack mates! The pages ignite with passion in Book 1 of Ann Gimpel's hot, new paranormal series, Wolf Clan Shifters.

It's 1936. Thirty-year-old Alice has almost given up finding a man. Between civil engineering and mountain climbing, her interests are so masculine she scares men away. A poor route choice lands her next to horror movie star Lon Chaney's cabin deep in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. She's wary when Jed, a strikingly handsome man, offers her shelter.

By the time she discovers he's clan leader for a pack of wolf shifters, she's in way too deep to back out. Her carefully tended wasteland of a heart cracks wide open. Her preconceived notions shatter. Snared by the mate bond, Alice discovers passion hot enough to change her forever. She's just getting used to Jed when his lieutenants show up, and she discovers she's mated to all three.

My Review ~

This was a short, but very spicy novella set in the late 1930's. Yes, it's a historical paranormal, something you don't see very much of lately. So for fans of this genre, Alice's Alpha will be right on target for you!

We meet our heroine, Alice, as she's trekking down a mountain a male friend. He dashes off in a hurry, without explanation, leaving her to find her way down alone. As she's starting to feel like she'll never make it to her car again, she stumbles across a cabin and our hero Jed. Jed actually smells her coming before she even gets close to the cabin. He realizes that she is his mate and sets out to seduce her into staying. Of course it's not that easy and they fall into issues along the way.

I did really like the character of Alice, which is probably what makes me crave a longer book for them. She isn't the typical female of that time period. She has a job that is traditionally a male job for that time, she's also athletic, and is not afraid to speak her mind and back it up with her actions.

As this is a short story, the romance develops very quickly. In some ways too quickly. It was a satisfying read with an HEA, however, the insta-love doesn't leave a lot of relationship development. I think if there had been just a little bit more added, especially with the whole menage aspect it would have made this story more complete. As it was it did leave me hanging in a few spots. The ending IS satisfying though, and they do have a HEA, which makes it quick, light read. Perfect for this time of year.

I'd recommend this book for those that like their romance steamy, of course paranormal, and a little bit historical. ~ Reviewed by Chris

Dalene says

First, I would like to thank Ann Gimpel for giving me this book for an honest review. I wish it was a bit longer but its a novella. I was intrigued to read something from the 1930's. I liked her take on the Shifters and Hunters and the magic was something different as well. We get some back story while the wolf and bear recollect the past and we also get to know Jed and Alice separately before they finally meet. I look forward to reading more from Ann Gimpel.

Heather book whore & shifter slut extrordinaire says

I really enjoyed this book. Its an Ann Gimpel book so how could I not?

She has an excellent sense of what the reader wants and mixes that with the aspects necessary for a good story to give the reader exactly what they need - a book that entertains them and leaves them feeling satisfied.

This book is set in a time and place where most women were learning they could have the personal and financial freedom to do what they wanted. We meet Alice, an engineer who enjoys mountain climbing. She lives in California but is not part of the whole Hollywood scene. When she sees is out climbing and sees a strange man near the infamous Lon Cheney's cabin she is not sure what to do but decides she is safer inside for the night than outside on the mountain.

The man turns out to be Jed, her mate. And while the instant attraction is quite a wonderful sensation the information about him being a wolf shifter is a little harder to take; however, our Alice is a woman of the new world and realizes that there are things out there that we don't understand simply because we haven't encountered them yet.

This story is a true Gimpel classic with a heroine who's compassion and ability to love are evenly matched by her stubbornness and confidence. She needs a Gimpel Alpha who knows how to be strong and stand up and protect when necessary but is also wise enough to know not all situations can be solved with brawn and cunning enough to appreciate complimentary strengths in the others around him. He is also aware of how lucky he is to have found the woman who compliments him, who is strong where he is weak and gives balance to his family.

I have been enjoying ménage reads lately and whether they are paranormal or plain normal, I realize that it takes a certain kind of author and hero combination to do it well. Anyone can write a "puppy pile orgy of sexual antics" but to write a scene between two (or more) men and one woman where there is no competition or jealousy simply the expression of caring and love to bring pleasure to your partner(s) is a completely different thing. And you get a lot of a good thing in this book.

BBMoreB ~ says

She included a delightful twist on the typical shifter story, the composition of family-units. The combination

of characters, dialogue, and pace are representative of Ann's remarkable writing style. While I am no expert on the 1930s, she seemed to maintain historical detail and accuracy, and that is good enough for me. I loved reading about the unique items within this time period (i.e. calcium carbide headlamp, fireplace grate toaster, and her car). However, the author wrote this in a way that made the time period irrelevant; treating it more like a setting.

Disclosure: This ebook was provided to me free of charge by the author for the sole purpose of an honest review. All thoughts, comments, and ratings are my own.

Missyb says

Short but packed. Alice is hiking and pining for her friend, then meets Jed & his pack. Things get hot from there. Would be interesting to see what comes about with the hunters and the other packs, maybe a 2nd book. The meeting of the packs peaked my interest. I liked the characters, they're relatable and likeable. The story is easy to follow. With a short book the issue with Brent and the hunters didn't get played out as much as it could have.

A few "big" words (words that just stop you and make you think "huh"), and some weird wording, that sort of stop the flow, but not enough to ruin anything. (Ex. - Alice shook her head but gently, regained her equanimity, juddered, corollary, gazed mutely). We all want a story that doesn't use the same description or word over and over (this story was good about not doing that), but sometimes a word that is perfect for the moment doesn't really flow well in normal speaking.

Hoping there's a 2nd book.

Niina says

I liked how Alice's Alpha was set in 1936, but that also kept my mind vary of could this happen, could that and not being 1930's expert it did distract me a little. But, very little! Because the story is interesting, we get some back story while the wolf and bear reminisce, and we also get to know Jed and Alice separately very well before they are but together. I was expecting something with the whole Lon Chaney story line but he's got nothing to do with the book, and I'm not even sure why he's in the blurb, to be honest?

The romance is hot of course, it starts with you getting a hint just hard it's been on the boys to be mateless all these years, and then enter Alice whose sent drives Jed mad, though he hides it pretty well for the first few minutes. ;) Then its toe sucking and our heroine's a goner. ;) Of course Jed and Alice had the main romance but eventually the other two wolves return to the cabin and all hell breaks loose, Alice wants nothing to do with any of them – and that creates great conflict! And that's not all of it, in Ann Gimble's world humans are taught to believe all shifters are evil, kidnap babies and eat them kind of way - so Alice isn't exactly raving happy when the trio's species comes up.

Alice's Alpha is a great short story of wolf shifters, a tough cookie heroine, the irresistible mate bond and 1930's - and it's an awesome read, even with the little snags on the road.

You should know : The sex is pretty tame for a foursome, for example no backdoor play.

♥ Rainy Day Reader ♥ says

[Alice is ahead of

Annette M Guerriero Nishimoto says

Today's review is on Alice's Alpha by Ann Gimpel

I can only offer this advice after reading a great amount of books by Gimpel. If you haven't read any, read some. If you have read some, read more. Especially the novella's. Though you will find some commonality in each; sexy men, woman in some sort of distress, happy ending, you will be captivated by each scenario. And did I mention the sexual tension? Or the actual copulation?

Gimpel's ability to make the reader a little hot under the waistline without crossing over to the XXX zone is pretty much unparalleled. And in a short piece, that's a mighty good feat. If she were to venture into the true erotic genre.....wow! What do you say Ann?

In Alice's Alpha we of course meet Alice, a civil engineer who enjoys mountain climbing. Because her career and her hobby are viewed as masculine many men are intimidated by her, leaving Alice a 30 year-old virgin. But that's about to change, or so she hopes.

Alice has been friends Brent for quite some time and has hopes that their relationship will change to a more romantic one. But pressing up against him or flaunting her breasts seems to have no effect. Then, while on a climbing adventure he has to leave right away and basically deserts her, she just about gives up any hope for a future with him. But Brent has a secret. One he cannot tell anyone.

Alice makes it down the mountain but she isn't able to reach her car. Thankfully she sees Lon Chaney's cabin where she meets Jedediah (Jed), an amazingly handsome man who offers to let her stay in the cabin until the morning. Unknown to her however is that Jed is a wolf shifter and the leader of his small pack. Nor is she aware that she is Jed's mate.

Passion burns throughout the pages leaving me wanting more. Again I suggest Gimpel try to hop on over to a true erotic novel.

5 of 5 stars

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Liz Stephenson says

Alice's Alpha
By Ann Gimpel
4/5

Ann has a unique take on wolf shifters in this book, this is different from most shifter books that I have read, I really enjoy when someone comes up with a different spin on things.

Added into this is a sexy MMFM ménage where things get very hot and steamy, it seemed a short book however it moved at a pace that did not seem rushed, or maybe I could just not put it down.

I loved how Alice was her own woman, did her own thing even if it was lady like for her to be an engineer (I know the feeling I'm an Engineer as well).

Jed is just so happy to have found his pack mate, that he completely forgets to tell her that there are 2 other shifters in his family pack, not just him.

There are also the hunters who want to rid the world of shifter

I'd love to read more of the Wolf Shifter Clan
