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Just because Fate brings you your perfect mate doesn't mean it'll be easy.

A Cascadia Wolves story.

Could there be any worse fate than a road trip from Seattle to L.A. with one's mother to attend a wedding? Why yes, when one isn't married yet, like Megan Warden. Toss in a grandmother and a carload of already married sisters and it's a recipe for sneaking sips of special coffee while someone else drives.

Shane Rosario has better things to do than attend a wedding where his father's relatives will be at him nonstop about getting married and having children. If it weren't for seeing his anchor bond, Layla, he'd have taken a pass on the entire weekend. It would be easy, since he's become adept at hiding who and what he is.

When the two weren't even looking, Fate steps in and before they know it, their bond is sealed. Bonded pair, married in the eyes of their people. Two people tied together in every way. Trouble is, Shane's not sure he wants all that comes with Megan. And Megan's certain she's not willing to live outside her pack, pretending to be human.

The distance between them is more than geographical. It's a widening gulf rapidly filling with resentment and an emotional divide only acceptance could bridge. Can Shane accept himself to cross it? Only if they let love take control."

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Cathy Geha says

Bonded Pair by Lauren Dane

Cascadia Wolves #5

A road trip, too much family and a wedding to attend at the end of the journey left Megan Warden feeling at odds – especially as her mother keeps harping on her needing to find a mate. Megan wouldn't mind having a mate and all it entails BUT said mate has so far remained elusive. When she picks up Dr. Shane Rosario, coming to attend the wedding, sparks fly and a bond is formed faster than greased lightning but then reality lifts its ugly head – Shane is in near denial of his wolf and rather unwilling to embrace the true meaning of being “mate” to Megan while Megan is totally and completely werewolf all the way. The two have a rollercoaster ride that leaves them both hurt and confused with family trying to help but not necessarily having THE answer or suggestion to make things right for the pair. And, there were times that I really did not see Megan going forward to Shane at all – at least not the way he continued to act more like a teenager than a nearly forty year old professional. In the end things are tied up with a bow but it seemed to take forever to get there. I am not sure but perhaps if I had read the previous books in the series terms like anchor, enforcer, trib-bond, etc would have made more sense BUT the novella works as a standalone story and helped entertain me this afternoon.

Thank you to NetGalley and Carina Press for the ARC – This is my honest review.

3 Stars

Rinny Rainwind says

This is book 6 in the Cascadia Wolves series. I have to say, it was wonderful. I think I've found a new author to love. Her characters are so thought out. And the witty banter is amazing. This was the story of Megan and Shane. Megan is the Enforcer for her pack and Shane is a Dr in Vegas. He's been raised to fear and loathe his wolf. He claimed Meagan then panics. He is afraid to commit and let his wolf run free. But he's mated now, so either accepts everything it he loses Meagan to her anchor Adam.

L M says

3.5 stars due to Shane being such a ninny. A wimpy brainwashed hero causes Megan lots of heartache. Ms Dane keeps this series refreshing. In this book no evil villains carrying on, just a story of two mismatched wolves who are mated but can't be together due to one being brainwashed as a child. Loved the humour at the beginning with the road trip from hell. Megan knows who and what she is and loves her job as enforcer for Cascadia. So when she finds her bond mate and he isn't into being a wolf and all that that entails they really go through some hard times. I can sort of see why Shane behaved as he did due to his childhood. Didn't make me like him any more though. His attitude towards Megan was poor and he didn't respect her as he should have.

I liked how the family rallied around Megan and gave her so much support.

I just cannot get my head around Shane's psychotic mother. She has lived and slept with her husband for 40 years and still acts like this. Absolute nutter and just a nasty person.

I loved the ending with Shane and his dad having wolf time together. Sad but sweet too.

These books have been re-released under different names and covers. I have an early version of this book.

I am rereading these books for the fourth time and reviewing them as I go.

Yona says

This book had some strange moments, but overall it wasn't bad at all.

Pam Nelson says

4 Bonded Pair Stars

Well, I didn't expect that. Meaning a wolf who suppresses who he is because of a parent who doesn't accept who and what he is.

Megan knows who she is so when she finds her bond mate and he isn't who she thought he would be they go through some hard times.

I can see his struggle and I can see hers. It can't be easy for your body telling you one thing but your head is telling you something else.

I kind of loved that everyone was there for them either together or separately. It was a change that's for sure.

ON to the next!

You don't have to like my review but its 100% my opinion, and I am allowed to have it.

Nightwitch says

This is kind of a "kitchen sink" romance... as in, we're basically just watching two characters meander around the author's existing universe and vaguely falling in love. I was unfamiliar with the series in general, so the fact that this began with the heroine attending her sister's bachelorette party with a million other siblings and friends didn't really win me over. But, you know, once you've done all the other romances, it's time to throw in the kitchen sink! The writing was good and the sex scenes were hot, but I just got so bored. It's a warm, comfortable romance, like a good pair of sweatpants, so any of the things which could cause actual realistic drama (such as the fact that the hero's upbringing was clearly abusive, and while his mother perpetrated the abuse, his father was extremely complicit in allowing it to happen) are just kind of glossed over. I just couldn't get into it enough to finish.

Dawn says

This was an interesting story. I clearly needed to read the beginning of the series to understand some of what they were talking about but it was a good book. I will go back and read more of this series.

It doesn't take but one look and one smell to call the wolves of Megan and Shane to realize that they were mates for each other. That was the easy part. The hard part is breaking a lifetime of his training from a mother who was not understanding.

While they love each other very much, it may not be enough for them to make it. Will Shane be able to come to grips with the fact that it's ok to be a werewolf?

I received this ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Linda says

Megan Warden Was Taking A Trip To Los Angeles From Seattle To Attend A Family Wedding With Just About Her Whole Family And She Was Going Crazy With Everyone In Her Car, Especially Her Mom Who Would Not Let Up On Her About Settling Down And Giving Her More grandbabies. You Would Think That Her Sisters Were Not Giving Her The Babies But No, She Wanted Some From Her! Megan Wanted To Meet Her Mate And Had Waited For A Long, Long Time To Have Someone Look At Her As Her Sisters Mates Looked At Them. They Arrived At The Hotel And All She Wanted To Do Was Head To The Pool And Lounge, But They Were Short On Help And She Drew The Duty Of Meeting Shane At The Airport. Sitting There Sipping Her Drink, A Drop Dead Gorgeous Man Locked Eyes With Her And Flirted. She Saw That She Had Some Time To Kill And Flirted Right Back!

Dr. Shane Resario Saw The Blond With The Sassy Smile And Since His Plane Was Early Coming From Las Vegas, He Decided To Kill Time Before He Called Layla And Have Her Pick Him Up For A Family Wedding. He Sat Across From Her And As They Flirted Back And Forth It Was Like He Had Known Her Forever And His Blood Headed South And Roared. He Had Never Experienced The Need To Have Sex With A Woman That He Hardly Knew And All He Knew Was That He Had To have Her Or Die Trying As His Lust Was So Profound That It Almost Scared Him!!

Lauren Dane Pens A Juicy, White Hot Story That Makes You Run For Ice! Fated Is A Story Of One Werewolf Embracing Her "Otherness" And One who Pretends To Be Human As He Was Raised That It Was Wrong To Be A Were And That He Was A Monster. Megan Is The Enforcer Of Cascadia, Second In Command To The Alpha And She Takes Her Job Seriously. She Is comfortable With Who And What She Is And Proud Of Her Pack. Shane Has Been Taught By His Human Mother That It Was Wrong To Embrace His Other Half And His Dad Gave Up His Pack To Love His Mom When She Could Not Stay With His Pack. Megan And Shane Slip Up To Her Room And Devour Each Other Until A Phone Call Brings Them Down To Earth. Shane claimed Megan Without Knowing That She Was Layla Sister And While Shane Was An anchor To Layla, Megan Was Jealous Of Their Intimate Relationship And Trust. The Fur Really Flies When Shane's Mom Calls Megan And The Warden's Rally Around Their Enforcer And Poor Shane Is Just Confused!!

Cassandra says

My Thoughts - 4 out of 5 Unicorns - I really liked it!!!

***I choose what I read and review based on what intrigues me!! Yes, I got a review copy of this book, but no one tells me what to think, feel, or write about any book!

The cover matches the series new look!

This is the fifth book in the series! It is for adults only due to the steamy scenes. I recommend reading the series in order because it makes it a richer experience with all the characters because you know their quirks and personalities better.

I really liked this story, but for me I wanted more action. This story was all about the drama of Megan's mating to Shane. Shane has a lot of issues caused by his mom. Shane is also Layla's anchor, so this causes some issues as well.

Lauren's writing is fabulous and makes the story come alive! I can't wait to see what happens next!

I recommend this book to shifters fans who love relationship drama and baggage!

Erotic Horizon says

On the way to a family wedding Meghan Warden is loving and hating the car journey. Loving of course her family as she does she tries to remember that they are her family and each and every looney one of them play a big part in her life, then the hate kicks in, due mainly to the fact that she is one of the last unmated Warden left and with no offspring to keep the watchful eyes of her parent off her – she unhappily grins and bears it.

With the obvious plan as enforcer of the Casadia Wolves upmost in her mind - protect Nina, because she has to keep even the eyes in the back of her head on that one, she also needs some down time and the first chance she gets she was going to just enjoy the pool.

Some things are best left as wishful thinking because soon she is drafted into the wedding plans and she has her set of chores to be done – one of which is to collect the best man from the airport.

From the moment Shane Rosario and Meghan sets on each other they knew they were mate and there was little they could do to stop themselves from finding the first flat surface with a locked door behind them to seal the deal.

This mating is not as easy as Meghan would have like because Shane has never embraced his wolf and to make matters worse he lives and work in Las Vegas, a town she knew she was not going to leave home for.

Both seem to be fighting a losing battle and with as much love as they have between them and family support not helping – they know they will either have to put up or shut up because maybe something's are

just not worth fighting for.

FATED is the sixth book in the Casadia Wolves series of book and this was the easiest read of the lot so far. Meghan is at the top of her game and right where she wants to be – Pack Enforcer, meeting Shane has not only put a spanner in the works but it has given her that inner strength that she knew she had but didn't think she would be needing to draw on it under these kind of circumstances. Shane is not having an easier time – reared to deny all that he is and should be, he has lived with the cloud of parental disapproval about his most basic nature all his life.

With some smoking hot smut scenes burning up the pages, it wasn't a stretch liking both Meghan and Shane for their weaknesses and their strengths. While I personally found this the least angsty of all the books so far – I liked it. All the important players made an appearance and the story line followed well.

I am now looking forward to the next book in this series.

Michele says

Actual Rating: 3.5 Stars

See full review at HarlequinJunkie.com

Formerly titled Fated, Bonded Pair is a reissued novella in Lauren Dane's popular Cascadia Wolves series. Lots of heat and a good helping of hurt feelings and resentment kept things mighty interesting while wolves Shane and Megan figured out their future.

Where this short story is towards the end of the series, I think it would benefit readers to have some familiarity with the "world" of the Cascadia Wolves for Bonded Pair to make complete sense. But if you're a fan of all things paranormal, then you'll likely be able to hop in here and read this as a standalone without too many issues. I'm fairly newish myself to this series but I'm already a fan of Lauren Dane's work so I was comfortable with the story, the heat level (yowza!!) and how flawed and real her characters always are. Read More

Chris says

This was a tougher story to read - Shane with his non wolf issues putting poor Meagan through the mill. It's nice to have the family members involved throughout the series - keeps it fun and balanced,

Bea Charmed says

Not a good idea to jump in at book 5.

Monique says

Review written: April 10, 2017

Star Rating: ★★½??

Heat Rating: ?????

An Advanced Reader Copy (ARC) of this book was received free via Netgalley for an honest review.

It's safe to say that Shane and Megan are not my favorite Cascadia couple. Shane was a monumental idiot (his parents fault partly but still) and Megan just failed to impress me with any badassery despite being security. I didn't like the side plot of ugly bigotry that came out of nowhere and I liked Shane's father's response even less. Everyone in this book felt diminished by their actions.

Shane's mother is a bigot of epic proportions and has somehow not only managed to utterly unman her mate but her son as well. Let's just say that if you want to know what spousal abuse can look like when perpetrated by a woman, look no further than Shane's mother. She's such a nasty piece of work, I want her to get killed. Shane's father not only lets her unleash her poison on him but also allows her to teach Shane that he is dirty, ugly, and unnatural.

When he meets Megan, he tries to essentially teach her the same thing. It's so destructive and ugly that it appalls me and makes me cringe. At least Megan has the strength and the backing of her family to walk away from her mate. While Shane eventually gets himself together, it feels like it's more along the lines of "I seriously need sex with my mate and can't stand it anymore." Eventually he breaks with his mother and his father starts to get out from under her ugly thumb too.

I was disappointed with this book because it just never really felt like Shane and Megan had a shot.

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Laura's Book Addiction says

total got into this book loved it

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

'Bonded Pair' by Lauren Dane is book Five in the "Cascadia Wolves" series. This is the story of Megan Warden and Shane Rosario. This book is a re-release of the book "Fated" with a new cover. In addition it is a quick read with about around 120 pages.

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So when he first sees Megan he feels something strong and Megan to feels the pull. But his mother and her ways does set to interfere in their budding relationship.

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Carole says

Spoiler warning? Too much angst for most of the book for my taste, which was disappointing as Megan had waited so long for her mate.

I think if we had been shown more of his self-acceptance or awakening at the end, I might have enjoyed it more. The major healing events in his journey, e.g., his shift with his Father before the big reconciliation, were glossed over and were only referred to in passing. There was lots of sex, but not as much heart energy in this book as I had expected - the ending felt rushed, so we missed seeing him learning to love his shift (I don't even know what colour his wolf is...) A few scenes with them playing as a couple in their wolf forms might have lightened this story for me and increased my enjoyment.

Rating: 1.5 Stars

Hayley says

Empowering.... That is the word i think, for me, describes Fated by Lauren Dane! We get to feel and go through everything with Megan and Shane. The roller coaster of emotions and the fight for them to make it. Megan is a strong and fierce character and something all of us women should dominate in our own personal lives. It was captivating to see the main male character, Shane, to be the person to have the fears and anxiety of everything that was going on and surrounding him. But for this book, that was a refreshing change. I loved finding out about Shane's family history, which helped explain the reasons and fears he had. Me personally, i will be grateful for all the little snippets that Lauren Dane gave us for the other members of The Warden Clan in Fated. It has been a pleasure finding out what they are doing, where they are in their lives and how much they have changed an adapted. Once again, Fated is a 5 star book that i will recommend to anybody and everybody.

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DelAnne Frazee says

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A Cascadia Wolves novella

Megan Warden, Seattle's devoted Enforcer of the Cascadia pack, knows that she has a mate. Somewhere. She's just never found him. Then there he is at her cousin's wedding. Megan isn't just drawn to the werewolf's masculine, head-spinning scent—she's consumed by it. He seems so perfect, there has to be a catch...

With a successful practice in Las Vegas, Dr. Shane Rosario has lived outside the pack since he was born. Raised to hide his wolf in shame, he always assumed he'd marry a human.

Until Megan. Shane thrills to the ease with which she wears her wolf, and he craves every inch of her. But the idea of forever could be impossible. He's not willing to abandon his human life—even for a mate.

Something's got to give. Because this time, even destiny may not be enough to bind them.

Apparently parents harp aon their children settling down and starting a family no matter what the DNA background is. Unfortunately for Megan there's a wedding tp attend and decicions to be made. Shan'es past may cosr rhem their future. Sometimes the greatest enemy to tru happines is the hearrs of the those most in need of it.

My rating of "Bonded Pair" is 4 out of 5 stars.

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