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During one fateful night of death and loss, twenty years ago, Mitchell lost almost everything he held dear. Not only were his parents murdered, but his younger brothers were kidnapped and thought lost forever. Since then, Mitchell has not only had to lead the felines in rebuilding their society, but he's had to protect them from future attacks. This leaves little time for his own wants and needs.

Being the second born, wolf Shifter Dean, has always lived to serve others. He's never disobeyed orders, even when one of them dictated that he had to give up a man he loved. Broken and alone, Dean vowed never to open his heart to another. Then both of their lives are turned upside down when it's discovered that a rogue wolf from Dean's pack is holding one of Mitchell's lost brothers captive. The men find they have no choice but to work together to save him. That's easier said than done since wolves and felines have never gotten along. That doesn't stop Dean and Mitchell for falling for each other and after one night of passion, things change between them forever. But will duty and honor keep them from their happily ever after? If so, will either man be able to recover from the loss?

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Jimmy Hanson says

Definitely the best of the "Lost Shifters" novels so far. I love the fact that Dean and Mitchell already have a 'thing' going on, on the down-low. It's all well and good having couples that are brand new to each other, but there is something about reading about characters who have a history - whether good or bad - that sometimes just hits the spot.

The themes in this one are kind of hard to deal with for those who may be sensitive, especially to non-con, when dealing with a pair of minor characters. Nothing was overly detailed, although it was very obvious what they had to go through 'behind the scenes.' This makes for a very good and involved plot, but makes me wonder exactly how well Stephani Hecht will be able to handle the character's after care and recovery.

The dynamics between Dean's brother Chris left me a bit bereft. At first I disliked him, from the very first word, because of the way Dean views him. Dean himself doesn't hate him, far from it, just the description given makes his character distasteful, and the way he presents to Mitchell makes it worse. However the change at the end, especially the vibrant interactions with Cassie, made me wish I'd been able to read a few more scenes with him in it and gotten to know him better.

L-D says

Finally! The first book in the series that doesn't fall into the same formula of shifter-rescues-shifter-andfallsinloveatfirstsight.

This was my favorite book of the series so far. Mitchell, the oldest brother and Alpha leader of the Coalition of shifters, is finally featured. I was really pleasantly surprised at the way this book was so different than the others because Mitchell's love interest did not fall into the above formula. I don't want to give out any spoilers so I'll leave it at that.

Dean is the second born to his brother Chris who is the Alpha of their wolf pack. Chris will do whatever it takes to ensure the safety and survival of his pack. While Dean holds his loyalty to Chris and his pack above all else, when Chris comes up with a scheme and needs the help of the feline shifters, will his loyalty finally be tested?

I enjoyed this book and the plot a lot and I thought it did really well in furthering the overall plot of the series. I do wish that these stories were longer. I'm glad I bought the whole series on fictionwise with a 50% off coupon or else I might feel I wasn't getting enough words for my money.

Another enjoyable book in this series.

Danielle says

This book skimmed the surface of nothing. We don't learn anything new about Mitchell so what was the

point of him having his own book? Doesn't make sense to me. I feel like the only use this book had in the series was rescuing the three/four lost shifters and Noah meeting Seth.

Poor Mitchell he needed a better story.

Katrina Passick Lumsden says

Stephani Hecht is a terrible writer. I don't feel like pulling any punches here, because to do otherwise would be a disservice to my fellow readers. These books are awful, but have their own compelling pull. I wanted to carry on to see what happened next, even though the writing was making me insane, the characters were all the same, and the sex was becoming incredibly redundant. It wasn't until I got to the third book based on Shane (seriously, again?), that I finally hit a wall and couldn't read any more. It was (sorta) fun while it lasted.

Serena Yates says

What I liked about this fourth book in the "Lost Shifter" series was to find out more details about Mitchell's background.

So far he's been a bit of an enigma, but in this book he gets to meet his own mate. Of course, Dean being a wolf doesn't help. The focus of the book is very much on advancing the larger story, and I missed some of the emotional intensity I liked so much in the first three books. This is still a very good story, though, and I wouldn't have liked to have missed it.

Christy says

I was super jazzed to get to this fourth installment of the 'Lost Shifters' series by Stephani Hecht because I really wanted to see Mitchell get rattled. *evil smirk* I thought it was about time that the leader of the feline shifters and the man who inspires the most fear met his match. And since Dean is second in a wolf shifter pack, he was definitely up to the challenge. Plus, cats and dogs. HA!

Dean was born second to Chris, the alpha of their pack, and while Chris is like their dad, hard, unemotional, and will do whatever he has to to get what he wants, Dean takes after their mother and allows his emotions to peek through and feels that family always comes first, no matter what. That is a sentiment Mitchell shares one hundred percent. Mitchell was thrust into the role of feline shifter leader way too early, on the night their parents were killed twenty years ago. Most of the time he second-guesses his leadership abilities, although no one else would ever know that, as Mitchell prides himself on being calm and confident, always.

And, well, well, well a surprise. It would seem that Mitchell and Dean have nightly Skype conversations and there's a whole lot to their relationship that no one else knows. Oh, I love a good intrigue. And since they're a feline and a wolf shifter, respectively, that's as far as their relationship can ever go, no matter that Mitchell will never have anyone but Dean, ever again. When Chris and Dean show up at the felines' HQ to get their "allies'" assistance in retrieving a lost wolf and what appears to be another brother of Mitchell's, it takes all of Mitchell and Dean's restraint to not let anyone see how they feel. The fact that Dean knows information that

Chris isn't going to share with Mitchell and that might just get the feline killed and start a war between wolves and felines, is destroying Dean from the inside. Loyalty to family or loyalty to his love?

This was another good addition to the series and I was happy that Mitchell finally got someone for himself. It also set up a little of the background on Noah for his story which I'm looking forward to. I'm really enjoying this series!

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Phaney says

Some things just don't add up – like Dean's assumptions regarding Mitchell. If they've been in nightly chat contact he should be aware of certain facts.

This isn't the most intense or intricate in the romance department, maybe more of a filler volume to handle developments. Good enough for me. But, as I said, not hugely romantic. Although I do appreciate Mitchell's steadfast devotion.

Also. Someone please check every single "you're" in this book. About half of them should be "your". It's been going on for a while but here it reaches excessive range.

(As for the rating, it's a low 3 for me, so it may or may not tip down into 2.)

Heather C says

4.5 Stars

I think this is definitely my favorite book so far in this series. The 1st three books seemed to be exactly the same, but this one was a lot different. Mitchell and Dean were great together and I'm also still loving all the secondary characters and the storyline.

Can't wait to read the next book in the series.

Ami says

Oh, my, Mitchell's story! Ever since I read the first book, I wonder when Mitchell will get his HEA too -- especially since he's the leader of the lost shifters pack and seems to have the world on his shoulders, being responsible for his pack and all.

I am a bit surprised when I read that Mitchell actually has a 'history' with the lover in this story, Dean, the brother of a Wolf pack. Not that I don't like Dean (in fact, I come to like him a lot), I sort of expecting a more detailed story about how Mitchell and Dean came together and what happened between them. Sure there is some nitbits of it by way of Mitchell telling the story to Cassie but I would love an elaboration in terms of flashbacks or something. Since Mitchell is the leader of the pack, doesn't he deserve a lengthier

story?

Still I'm glad that Mitchell finally claims his mate. I think Dean is a good partner for him, he can help share Mitchell's burden.

I can't wait to read book #5 and wonder whose story it will be. I would love to read about Noah, I think he's a great character -- strong despite his hard life being a street hustler as well as being a kidnapped slave for over a year. Maybe he can be with Seth, the big blond guy who first appearance is in "Savage Awakenings" and is the one who saves Noah? Urgh, this series cannot be fast enough!

DaisyGirl says

2.5 Stars

Finally! Mitchell's story! I had such high hopes. Unfortunately, I was a little disappointed in the end. Why? Dean. Sorry, didn't like him. Didn't like his betrayal or the fact that Mitchell forgave him so easily. I get that Dean was loyal to his brother/alpha (Chris) and his pack but seriously, when Chris is looking to trick and use Mitchell? Um, that's sooooo not cool. Mitchell is the consummate alpha of the feline pack and it didn't sit well with me that he continued to love and defend Dean despite his betrayal and despite the fact that his feelings for Dean were seemingly not reciprocated.

Bottom-line: I had high hopes for Mitchell's story but his "mate" left me wanting.

Claudia says

too short but an ok read in this series

Sarah Connor says

Dean was an asshole making Mitchel wait all that time. For what? he never did give a good enough reason. Instead he betrayed Mitch at every turn for no reason. Plus he was an asshole to Keegaan in the previous book and now suddenly he is a nice nurturing guy. Bullshit

Sophia Triad says

Jaguar shifter, Mitchell & Wolf Shifter, Dean

Mitchell is the leader of the felines pack. Since book 1 of the series he has been looking for his the lost younger brothers who have grown up among humans. So far his men have discovered three of them, but they are still two missing.

Dean is the brother of the leader of the wolf pack, second born and not really an alpha wolf. He was born to serve.

Mitchell and Dean have already a history together before this book begins and they have a “thing” still going on when this book starts. The book mostly describes how the other will accept their mating. Cats and Dogs certainly DO mix!

Erotic Horizon says

I have been waiting on this book it seem from the moment I read the first book in the Lost Shifter series. Why because this is Mitchell’s story – Mitchell is the big brother, the leader of the Jaguar shifters and for all intend and purpose the leader of the coalition of shifters that is slowly forming around him.

Still on the hunt for his missing siblings Mitchell is elated when he hears that there is news of one of his lost brothers, that news however comes from a source that Mitchell is not only wary of but knows that he has to have his guard up at all times.

Toss into that mix is the fact that his mate - Dean is related to this source and so it is really a bittersweet moment for Mitchell. Wanting to know as much as possible about his brother but on the other hand wanting the time with the man he knows is meant to be his, who also insist on choosing family loyalty over following his heart – is maddening for Mitchell.

Time is literally against them and Mitchell has to step up to the plate and do what he is best at – Lead. With the new info disturbing and sketchy at best he and his other siblings draw on their strengths to find the most advantageous of time to strike.

Dean is Mitchell’s Achilles’ heel and while he is willing to do just about anything for him – Dean comes from a different set of standards and it takes some home trust and an ultimatum for him to get his ass into gear and man up to what life is all about – but, will Mitchell still be waiting for him when he make this revelation.

I really like *CARNAL INTENTIONS* alot, it does not follow the train of the other books in the series which was a good change in my opinion and hopefully it will set the trend for future books in the series.

Firstly Mitchell knows who his mate is and as such most of the guess work is already done for me. When Dean is initially introduced to me, he comes across as whiny and indecisive, but as the book progresses I saw that Dean is actually a strong character and Mitchell is actually very lucky to have him.

From the second book in this series there was a niggle in the back of my mind that someone must be orchestrating the rage against the shifter coalition and more over this feeling of a personal vendetta against Mitchell himself, so the fact that Ms. Hecht added more meat to the plotline was definately a welcome change.

The siblings are closer than ever and it was sweet to see them all living, working and sharing the pain and joys of finding another brother together.

Short and sweet was this book and as much as I wanted Mitchell to be with his love, I really liked the fact that the emphasis of this book was on the lost brother and his hopes and fear and his battle to stay alive to meet his family.

Bottom line

Hecht is only getting better and better with each book in this series and *CARNAL INTENTIONS* is without a doubt my favourite of the *LOST SHIFTER* series so far. All the smexing is still there but the entire books has a more mature feel to it. With the siblings mixing it up with their different personalities, I laughed out loud a time or two and my heart almost broke at some the darker scenes in this book.

With the possibility of betrayal and a constant worry about the future of the coalition, Mitchell has to keep his ear alert and his wits about him, however it is sweet to see him with Dean who he has waited a long time for and would have done anything for.

Chris says

This was a good m/m paranormal about the continuing search for the jaguar shifter brothers who were kidnapped when they were very young.
