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Super cat, Aloysius, may be the most powerful witch's familiar in the world, but when he takes a blast at the hand of an evil witch he loses it all -- power, memory, and his feline form -- to become the ethereal human beauty, Alain Bellarose. When Alain wakes up naked on the floor surrounded by dogs and cats, his eyes first set upon Luke Elliott, the handsome and mysterious veterinarian. Suddenly, the prospect of being human doesn't seem so bad.

Luke has a lot to hide and he likes animals way more than people, but he can't resist the flamboyant boy who washes his face with the side of his hand and tries to lick his own privates! The loss of Aloysius depletes the power of the Witch Master, Killian Barth, and that of his "secret weapon" Sammy and leaves their coven sitting ducks for two very nasty females. When Alain discovers that he's really a powerful cat, he's faced with the ultimate choice. To protect his community, or stay with the man he loves.

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**Td says**

[ pet name -not a fan! (hide spoiler)]

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**Amber says**

Full review available at: <https://optimumm.blog/2017/09/13/revi...>

I didn't think this series could get any better after reading Brush with Catastrophe, but I was wrong. I loved Cataclysmic Shift by Tara Lain. It's the third book in the Aloysius Tales series. In this book, Aloysius finally gets a book that focuses on him. And boy does the magical black cat and powerful witches' familiar have a rocky road ahead.

Aloysius isn't afraid to go into battle to protect his master and his master's friends like Sammy. He acts as a conduit for both Killian and Sammy to draw magic from. However, in the midst of a battle with two European witches, a direct hit of magic steals not only his memories and power but even the body he's lived in for several centuries. Fearing for their unconscious cat's life, they take him to a vet that Killian's human mate, Blaine, knows through his men's group. Luke's there to reassure them that although he's unconscious, he seems to be in good health. However, when he goes back into the room to do some test, he finds that Aloysius has disappeared. Luke promises to keep his eye out for him, and Killian and Blaine head for home believing that Aloysius had already headed home when he woke up.

So when Luke finds a gorgeous naked man playing with all of the boarding animals at his veterinary practice the next morning, never once does it occur to him that this could be Aloysius. And why would it, Luke is human and doesn't know anything about the paranormal community. Even Aloysius doesn't remember who he is. He only has vague memories of being a sixteenth-century French gentleman named Alain Bellarose.

But Alain has no memory of his time spent as a magical cat or a witch's familiar. All he knows is that he can talk to animals and that the vet that found him and has given him a place to stay is hot and somebody that he would like to make time with. But he has instances where he feels like he's being pulled by a magical force to protect somebody. Now, if he could just figure out who he's supposed to protect. When Alain gets his memories back, he's faced with the biggest dilemma of his life—protect his community or stay with the man he loves.

I loved Alain. His personality and antics had me laughing on more than one occasion. Especially when he gave himself a cat bath and tried and was successful at licking his own genitals. And I loved how protective he is of Luke. I also loved Luke. He has a past full of secrets and an ex-boss that refuses to let him go. I can't wait for the next book in the series to come out. If you loved the other books in this series, then you have to read this book. You won't be disappointed. I know that I wasn't.

Thank you, Tara Lain, for another fabulous book.

\*\*\*The ARC was provided by Dreamspinner Press. My review is an honest opinion of the book\*\*\*

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## Deeze says

[ Luke managed to save money go to school and become a vet all while working for a pimp. A very kind pimp that obviously allowed Luke to only work when he wasn't busy studyi

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## E. says

4 1/2 stars

“Cataclysmic Shift” by Tara Lain is the third exciting tale in the paranormal m/m ‘Aloysius Tales’ series about a group of witches and their associates. A horrendous attack results in bewildered Alain Bellarose ending up in the care of hunky but lonely veterinarian, Dr. Luke Elliott, who is enthralled but wary of the young amnesiac who has come into his life. The local witches are struggling to discover who is threatening them and Luke is struggling with his attraction for Alain and with his fears from his traumatic past but fortunately Alain seems to see everything in black and white and sees right to the heart of the reticent veterinarian. Now, the only obstacles are to solve the case of missing familiar, Aloysius, and for Alain and Luke to show each other their true selves.

This fun and imaginative m/m series is filled with fascinating and sexy characters who have extraordinary powers and remarkably generous hearts. The evolving dynamics of the enclave of beings who interact with each other and support the love that each pair has found is always intriguing and heartwarming. The author has such a deft touch with comedy and sensual romance and this story is a great example of it (although some of the visuals conjured up by Alain’s antics make me glad I wasn’t drinking anything at the time I read them). This is one of my favorite series by this author because the presentation of soberingly real issues faced by gay men is handled in a deft and sensitive manner while the stories themselves provide a very entertaining look at the benefits of a loving relationship, with a fantastical twist. I was very happy to get glimpses into the lives of characters presented in previous stories in this series and I am hopeful for many more tales in this universe.

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## Aisha says

It was a nice book.

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## **Buffy Kennedy says**

There are certain things you can expect from a Tara Lain book: sizzling heat, a ride through the range of emotions, and a smile in the end. This story is no exception!

There are two plot lines, one having to do with Luke and the other to do with Alain. They mesh really well so we get a good sense of both characters and they build to some really great moments, both happy and sad. I was on pins and needles through many parts filled with excitement, hope, dread, heartache...and I was just completely enthralled. I think this one is longer than the previous two books, but it's so worth it and I still read it in one day.

I loved that we get not only cameos from the characters in books 1 and 2, but they were actually quite involved in the story, including getting to see their abilities at work. While I know the ending changes things quite a bit for Aloysius and Killian, but it's still so endearing and heartwarming. I can't wait for more!

Cataclysmic Shift was such a wonderful read. I laughed, I cried, and it tugged on my heart strings hardcore. Ultimately it's a story that was so sweet, very exciting, and unquestionable compelling. I loved it! If you're looking for a happy ending (in more ways than one), pick up this awesome book!

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## **Suzan says**

Loved this book and hope it's not the last in the series although the way it ended suggests it might be as a major problem that has been an on-going plot point appears to have been resolved in this book.

I loved Aloysius getting his HEA in this and learning how he came to be a familiar. Loved his catisms in human form! He made me smile as Alain. My heart broke when the others decided they had to make him human permanently so he could be with the guy he loved but they were all going to miss Aloysius so much and being without him was going to reduce their power and make them vulnerable.

I love how it worked out for them in the end and I think the coven has gained rather than lost with Aloysius now predominantly in human form cause they all got a little surprise with him at the end. I just loved the sweetness and innocence of Alain and how he accepted Luke completely. I loved Luke's character as well and wish he hadn't had to suffer a past that haunted him so badly and put his life at risk. I was glad that things worked out so well for him in the end as well! I love the emotions in the book and how much the characters look out for each other! I hope there will be more in the series!

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## **Jessie Potts says**

This is the third book in the Aloysius Tales, and I love this series. Aloysius is a magical cat and a familiar to the most powerful witches, Killian (the Witchmaster) and Sammy (awesome future/painter/foreseer). In the midst of battle, Aloysius gets turned (or turned back?) into a human named Alain. Thus starts intrigue and romance. I have to admit it was a little odd hearing/reading about Alain meowing during inappropriate — or would that be appropriate? — times and some of his catlike mannerisms. Alain is also a bit too good, but it makes sense given who and what he is. This is a feel-good series, meant to lighten and enlighten, and does the job. I enjoyed seeing Killian and Blaine, but I love Ryder and Sammy more. I really, really, really want to see more of Ryder's people and powers. But back to Alain. I'm glad he got his HEA, and I always enjoy a Tara Lain novel.

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<http://www.usatoday.com/story/happyev...>

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### **Mandy\*reads obsessively\* says**

Oh dear, it's going to be hard to review this and not give away any of the delicious details..oh well, I'll start with something really easy, I love the cover, I actually think this whole series has great covers.

I read the first book in this series Spell Cat but haven't gotten to Brush with Catastrophe ( the second in the series) yet, and although I'm sure I might have missed a little bit of backstory because of that, it was in no way a problem in reading and following this third one even without having read that one.

As the blurb mentions powerful witch familiar Aloysius is now a human.

An insanely attractive, a little naive and suffering from amnesia, good with animals and naked young man. Good thing he lands in Luke's veterinary clinic, Luke takes him in, clothes him ( a shame really that) gives him a job with the animals at the clinic and teaches him the 'gay'.

Luke has a history he isn't proud of and has been trying to keep secret, but the past has a habit of catching up with you.

All the while Alain ( as Al now calls himself) has flashes of memories that don't make sense and the compulsion to do certain things, that make even less sense.

I loved watching Alain navigate his way as a human, he loves salmon and champagne, of course, but everything else is a learning by doing kind of thing. As usual he charms everyone and that includes me.

He charms all of his witches into becoming pet owners and he himself is adopted by an adorable little kitten, Amelia.

As I started this story I wondered what he would be like as a human, I loved Aloysius the cat, but thought he might be just a bit haughty as a human, but Alain isn't like that at all, although he is still as clever as always and still has some of his more feline traits and habits, even as a man.

Meanwhile not only is Luke's past catching up with him, Killian, Blaine, Sammy, Ryder, Lavender and Jimmy have to be on the lookout as some power hungry witches are after the coven and Al.

Fighting off this threat is a tad more challenging without the witch familiar to help them, but again that internal calling has the human Alain trying to help anyway.

The love story between these two very different and unlikely lovers was hot and cute, Luke takes to teaching Alain the 'gay' very well and Alain is an excellent student in all things sexy.

I have to say, I actually sniffled a little at one point, Luke doesn't take to everything well and of course Alain/Aloysius has difficult choices to make.

This story really brings home the friendship and love between Aloysius and his witches, deciding to do what is best for Al and wanting his happiness over their own.

This is a must read for all Aloysius fans who want to see him in a whole new light.

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### **Nikyta \*Miss Forgetful\* says**

Goddamn, I love the covers in this series! I really need to read them asap!

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## **Sadonna says**

Oh I really enjoyed this 3rd installment of the Aloysius Tales! In this story, we really get to know Al and find out about his past and how he came to be a witch's familiar.

At the opening of the story, Killian is once again under attack from some strange witches who seem to have not gotten the message that they should not mess with the Witch Master. Of course Al tried to protect Killian and Blaine and gets caught in the crossfire. He's injured so they take him to a vet that Blaine knows. While waiting for the vet to check on Al, it seems that he disappears. Luke, the vet, is apologetic, but Al is nowhere to be found. However the next day a very naked, very beautiful man is found asleep surrounded by the animals at the vet clinic. He thinks his name is Alain, but he has very fuzzy memories and doesn't know really who he is or how he came to be there.

Luke takes him home along with the kitten who seems to be attached to him that Alain tells him is named Amelia. They get long well although Luke is concerned as he is so attracted to Alain and he is also hiding a dangerous secret that could them both in danger.

I don't want to get any more spoilery with the plot, but Alain/Al comes to the rescue on more than one occasion. I loved that we got to spend some quality time with Killian and Blaine and also Ryder and Sammy and Jimmy and Lavender. There are some really funny moments of trying to explain the gay to Alain :D I loved him as a cat and I love him even more as a man too. What a fantastic character! I do so hope that we get to have more adventures of these lovely characters in the future. Not sure what Tara has planned, but would love more stories in this setting.

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## **Cindra says**

4.5 rounded up, because it's Aloysius, FFS. (Not to mention the artwork on the cover is deserving of at least a half-star.) My absolute favorite in the Aloysius Tales series. It was great to see so many of the MCs from the previous stories not just included, but pertinent to the plot. Have a feeling that there are more "tails" to be told. Meow!!!

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## **? BookAddict 🐾 La Crimson Femme says**

Shifters and witches and humans all fight together for love.

Aloysius is a cat who also happens to magnify the strength of one of the most powerful witches in the world. Unfortunately, after being attacked, he becomes a human with no memory of who or what he is except his name--Alain. Luke Elliott is a veterinarian with a secret past, who prefers animals to humans until he discovers Alain. They quickly fall in love, but must determine if they can live with each other's pasts and futures.

Aloysius/Alain is endearing as both a cat and a man. Luke is a pretty lonely person who thinks he can spend the rest of his life just taking care of the animals and avoiding his past. As soon as these two meet, they both

seem to agree that they were meant for each other. It was a little awkward listening to Alain make cat noises and watching him clean himself while he was in human form. The sex wasn't really kinky, but some of their discussions around it were a bit strange to a certain extent. The story moved quickly while alternating between the action, sex, and friendship scenes. I liked how the author managed to weave Luke's interesting background into the activities taking place surrounding the witches and their struggle for power.

I didn't read the first two stories in this series, and I think it would have made it more enjoyable if I had. Characters from the earlier story played a pivotal role in this book, and since I really enjoyed seeing them, I'm sure I would have loved them even more if I knew their history. Overall, I enjoyed this fast-paced story with a sweet romance and plenty of suspenseful action scenes.

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## **Pixie Mmgoodbookreviews says**

4 1/2 Hearts

Review written for MM Good Book Reviews

*This story is part of a series and **must** be read in order.* Aloysius is a powerful witch's familiar but when he saves Blaine and Killian from a witch's attack he loses everything - his power, his memory and his cat form - he wakes up human surrounded by cats and dogs with a vague memory of his name, Alain, and not much else. Luckily for Alain he is in the hands of attractive vet Luke who helps him out with clothes, a place to stay and a job. Luke is shocked when he comes across a naked man in his vet clinic but the innocence in the man's eyes has him helping him out, but Luke is hiding from his past which could bring down all he has built and Alain nearly gets dragged into danger. Killian's power is greatly depleted with the loss of Aloysius, with evil witches determined to take over the coven Killian needs Aloysius now more than ever but with Aloysius stuck in human form the prospects look dire.

Ah damn what a twisted tale this series has become, with the European covens determined to rule and a nasty man from Luke's past, we are also treated to a dilemma when Aloysius/Alain regains his memories. Luke is a great character who hides from his shady past, it took him years to get where he is as a vet and he has no intentions of ever revisiting his past. When Luke meets Alain he is bewitched by his beauty but he resists the pull of attraction for as long as he can, especially as Alain has no real memories of his own. Alain is drawn to Luke and can be quite persuasive and although he is enjoying his new life to the fullest, he knows that he has forgotten something important. Bring in Killian, Blaine, Sammy and Ryder as they try to protect their coven and discover how they can get Aloysius back but then a dilemma happens when Alain falls in love with Luke, how can they ask him to give up his love to give them back their power?

I loved this story as the threads were drawn together, weaving a tale that pulls us in different directions as we want Alain and Luke to get their happily ever after, but we also want Killian and the coven to win against the attacks. Luke is unaware of magic so his part in the story is of a very human aspect that Alain also gets dragged into, their relationship is pretty incredible and Aloysius as human is both sweet and funny and they make a delightful couple. We then have the magical aspect with Killian and Sammy being affected by the loss of Aloysius and being attacked by witch's wanting power for themselves. This was beautifully done and you get pulled in from the very first page, we see their plight as Aloysius/Alain is torn in different directions and Luke's heartbreak and devastation upon learning the truth. There are some very amusing scenes as Alain still has some very cat like traits.

I recommend this to those that love magical dilemma's, falling in love, danger from both human and magical attacks, a great story and a brilliant surprising ending.

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**Vio says**

Aloysius is back.....

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