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Cormac has been moving from one Shiftertown to the next in search of a mate. Now he's in southern Nevada, where a beautiful, unmated bear Shifter greets him...with a shotgun in her hands.

Nell is a hot-tempered mother of two cubs, and she doesn't take kindly to new Shifters showing up in town without her consent - even one with a sexy smile and brilliant blue eyes. But when her sons are endangered and she desperately needs help protecting them, Cormac proves he's worthy of her trust as well as her desire.

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Linda says

A new bear has transferred to Shiftertown, and Nell is about to get an awakening she never saw coming. Nell's been alone with her two cubs since her mate ended his life, what she didn't imagine was that someone would come for her after all this time.

Cormac found the letter after waiting years in a museum, and he's now wanting nothing else than honouring the request. That Nell makes his bear purr? All the better.

A quick, in-between novella letting us see grumpy Nell from another view, and the bear who's about to soften her grumpiness.

Smutty fluff, shifters and suspense.

4,5 Stars

Claudia says

It was too short for my taste.

Cormac was one of the bears that were fighting with Spike.

I didn't get his reasons for wanting to find Nell. I can understand that a clansman asked for help but that was almost 100 years ago. What were the odds of finding Nell?

Their mating was fun, short and fast. Cormac didn't waste his time and clearly Nell wanted to be caught. Good read in the end.

Michelle the Romance Witch says

3.5 stars. really sweet, with some interesting drama and I love seeing Nell truly meet her match in Cormac. Such a sexy bear-man!

Vfields Don't touch my happy! says

These bears are fun and I love peeking in on their life. Their true family and true bear. I'm making the conclusion that Jennifer Ashley works better for me when she sticks to one plot line. Her big full length novels get too muddy and annoy me. Oh, I knew cubs are cubs until about 29 years old but those two are grown-ass-men!

Alison says

Maybe I'm having a bad day. Read three novellas today and was a bit meh about each of them.

Nell has been alone for nearly 100 years bringing up Shane and Brody her two cubs. One day she is woken by banging in her kitchen which turns out to be a hot male bear shifter called Cormac.

Cormac has found a letter from Nell's mate asking his family to look after Nell and her cubs. For some reason, just reading the letter about Nell was enough to make Cormac fall in love with Nell - without even meeting her!

When Cormac arrives in Shiftertown he has Eric's blessing, if not orders to mate Nell, and her sons are actively promoting the match. In fact, throughout the novella Nell gets rail-roaded by everyone into seeing/mating Cormac.

And then there's the insta-love. Why? I get lust, I even get the mate-bond in this universe. But after knowing someone for what I believe is 24 hours how can you seriously be in love?

Not one of my favourites and I didn't feel invested in either Nell or Cormac.

Jennifer Ashley says

Perfect Mate was first published in the anthology Unbound (in print and e-). This is the e-novella pulled out of the anthology and offered by itself. Nell and Cormac's story, which takes place after the events in Mate Claimed (Shifters Unbound book 4).

Leona (readingwithleona) says

After reading *Pride Mates*, book one of the Shifters Unbound series, and not entirely liking it, I decided to go with my gut and just read the stories out of this series that appealed to me. Since I am a sucker for bear shifters first up happened to be ***Perfect Mate***.

My library's online collection does a good job of having the books I want to read and listen to available almost always, but their book detail and descriptions are very poor, hence why I didn't know that ***Perfect Mate*** was a novella, at less than 150 pages (I really thought I was getting a full size story).

Other than the quickness of the romance between Cormac and Nell, ***Perfect Mate*** did its job of giving me suspense and filling me with curiosity towards some of the other couples and characters throughout the story. The romance between Cormac and Nell was extremely hard to connect with for a number of reasons. I don't know if it was because of how and why Cormac came to be in Nell's life, or if it was because Nell turned out not to be a mother of two **young** boys as I thought when I read ***Perfect Mate***'s synopsis (she instead had two grown - over the age of 100 - sons). I think it was amongst these two factors as well as the incompatibility with their personalities that made it hard for them to be believable as a couple to me.

Since the romance didn't work for me, even though it was a huge part of ***Perfect Mate***, everything grabbed and held my attention. I still have hope that there is a story amongst this series that will be all that I crave in a paranormal romance story, but until then I'll just keep working my way through this series until I find 'the one.'

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Jen says

This installment is a novella and takes place after book #4. In this one we are taken back to the Austin, Texas shifertown, where the Morrissey family rules. Nell, is a bear shifter who has two sons (Brody, and Shane) and no mate. Being a bear shifter means that Nell has an Alpha-type personality, but she is quite satisfied to let Liam Morrissey be the "Alpha-male" of all in this town. Nell is a cool woman. She is the type that if there is trouble, she runs and gets her shot gun first; then asks questions later!! Total bad-ass!! LOL She wakes up one morning to a giant "bear" of a man named Cormac doing work in her kitchen. It looks as if her sons, plus her Alpha has decided it is time that Nell meet someone. They figured Cormac might be a great candidate. The thing is, there is more to Cormac than meets the eye, and he has something to tell Nell.

A shifertown story is never complete without some drama, and of course great sex too! This novella has it all in a quick tale of love, family and loyalty. I will admit that this wasn't one of my favorites in the series; but I did still enjoy it. I think that it was just too short for me to become totally invested in Cormac and Nell's relationship. It felt rushed, and by the time they said I love you to one another; I knew that it was way too soon, and it just didn't feel right. I am looking forward to the next novella which features Ellison, whom is another shifter, and one that is very much a sexy cowboy!!! Bring it on! Yeehaw!!

?? Carmen the Bootyshaker Temptress ?? says

3.5 stars

Angela (Angel's Guilty Pleasures) says

~ 3.5 Perfect Mate Stars ~

Perfect Mate is a novella #4.5 in the *Shifters Unbound* series by Jennifer Ashley.

I enjoyed retiring to the *Shifters Unbound* series. I prefer the humans/shifter hook ups, but I still like reading about the shifter/shifter ones. I think this has to do with the shifter/shifter hook ups happen very fast compared to the human/shifter one.

I really like the bears and I like Nell. She is a mother to two grown up boys. I would have liked to have seen the boys mated first. However I enjoyed this novella. I liked Cormac and the plot to get these two together.

Perfect Mate is a sweet and quick read that gives you a taste of the *Shifters Unbound* world.

Jennifer Colasanti says

Disappointed! I know this was a novella and had to be short, but it lacked a lot. I'm reading this series long after it's been out. Evidently the novellas were written after some of the main books, but put in the timeline

before those books. This was choppy. Part of the plot covered an ongoing problem in the series, but seemed like this book was just written to fill a novella need.

Tanya Davis says

Yay! Another bear book!

For Perfect Mate we find ourselves in the Nevada shifertown. Nell is tough and stubborn. She has two cubs, that are mostly grown up bears. That doesn't mean mama bear is not heavily into their lives protecting them.

When Cormac ends up in town, Nell is instantly on alert. He's looking for a mate, and Nell is not thinking of mating. Her life is wrapped up in her cubs. Once those cubs are on board with Cormac's plan, they are frustratingly on his side and encourage Nell to mate. It doesn't take too much pushing before she accepts Cormac. She is definitely the dominant of the pair which is fun to see.

The back and forth between these two bears was really fun to read. But we can't leave out the action that comes when the cubs are in danger. We see mama bear take action to protect those cubs and gladly takes Cormac's help.

A couple of things about Perfect Mate. It was short as it was a novella. I love that this novella was done in audio, I hate switching formats to get the novellas read. Being a novella, the romance and the action all happen pretty quickly. Another thing is I love the bears. They are big, strong and protective. Nell is all of those and that made me love her as a main character. Cormac is a newbie, but his persistence and strength make him a great match for Nell. She is just so dominant that she balances out with Cormac.

This was a great pair and I loved every bit of their story.
The Series

Sophia Triad says

Nell is the mama bear of the Las Vegas shifter town with the two grown sons who are already looking for a bride. She is happy with her quite life and anyway she already has enough problems with her two sons. Cormac is a bear shifter who appeared in her kitchen at 5 in the morning and he is behaving like he owns the house. Nellie's sleep is sadly lost and we all know how much bears love their sleep-especially in winter. Who is this guy, who let him in, why are her sons mysteriously smiling and what is the hidden agenda of Eric (leader of the town)?

Before she fully understands what is going on, Nellie's life is a completely mess and this is too much for this alpha bear.

A sweet, short story in the series. To be honest I did not expect Nellie to be the next mated shifter. She was too much of a mother figure from the previous books. But I enjoyed the story.

Crystal Marie says

I have completely loved this series since the first time I found it over a year ago. (Back way before I started blogging!) I just can't seem to get enough of the shifters that Ms. Ashley has created, and the new and different world that is around either. She has an amazing ability to keep a book going through such a long series, but it doesn't get boring or feel overused as each book comes out.

I have always had a soft spot for Nell, and was very glad for the chance to read her story! Even though this was a novella, there was still a lot of action, smuttiness, adventure, mystery, and suspense packed into it that kept me turning the pages and wanting for more of Nell and Cormac's story!

I think that Ms. Ashely has another hit on her hands with this short that just gives you a taste to remind you of the great series before the next book comes out.

I would really recommend this novella if you are unsure if you would like shapeshifter books because it is not like the other ones out there currently. There is a ton of stuff in them that will keep anyone interested.

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Reviewed by Crystal Marie for Crystal's Many Reviewers

Thenia says

This is the story of Nell, the dominant mama bear and Cormac, the new bear shifter in town who's looking for a mate.

While the two make a suited couple, it feels like it was a little too soon for their feelings to have reached the depth they had in such a short time.

Regardless, it was an enjoyable short story and I am looking forward to the unlucky Ellison's story next in Lone Wolf.

