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Shadow Shifters: Damaged Hearts-a deeply emotional, unforgettable New Adult paranormal romance series by A.C. Arthur about the men who are sworn to protect the females-human or otherwise-from the savage fury of his own nature...

In *Mine to Claim* by A.C. Arthur, Grace Kincaid has been trapped her whole life. Controlled in every way by her domineering parents, she has never had any moment of excitement or passion in all her eighteen years. When a rare night out with a friend ends in violence, Grace believes that perhaps her parents are right to keep her under lock and key. There's just one problem-she can't get the irresistibly sexy, mysterious man who saved her from danger out of her head. She knows she should go back to her safe world, but her newfound passion for life-and for her enigmatic protector-are making that impossible...

Despite his strength and power, Aidan Sanchez cannot escape. Bound by his Shifter bloodline, he is repulsed by the very attributes his family wishes him to embrace. His main goal is to keep his more dangerous...huners... under wraps. But when a fight at a club forces Aidan to protect the most alluring woman he's ever seen, there's no turning back. He knows he shouldn't drag her into his world, but she's awakened a fire within him, and for once, he's willing to lose control if it means having Grace... **Don't miss *Part of Me* coming in May 13, 2014 and *Hunger for You* coming June 10, 2014.**

Mine to Claim Details

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Tanya says

This is a new author to me, and a new series to me. Although it states this is #1 in the Damaged Hearts series by this author, she has other Shadow Shifters books. I'm guessing that although this is the first of it's series, it is closely related to the others and should not be read first. That is just a guess though.

With that background, I give this one 3 stars. It was okay, but it was super short. Grace and Aidan are college students. They meet when Grace is being hassled at a bar, and Aidan steps in to save her. There are hints that he is drawn to her and later states she is his mate. Having read other shifter novels, I get that concept readily in this work, but he also seems to fight it and state throughout that he is leaving her alone since she is human. That doesn't fit with the one true mate concept. On top of that, we have past trauma to our heroine and completely unbelievable family issues/friend issues, then her current roommate flips out besides, also not believable. It is over the top in all those instances, but we are talking a paranormal romance here. Given my lack of prior knowledge with this author though, I was probably less likely to be invested in this series than others will be who have read others in her series. Perhaps there is more background and attachment to be had to this hero.

From what I got from this short novel, there is going to be a branch of the shifters opening in the east coast of the United States, and our hero will somehow be a part of that branch, finding his calling there fighting rogues (??). I honestly will probably not read more of this series unless I come across older ones and they grab my attention somehow. This snippet did not make me want to continue. It was just short and confusing, and I did not feel any bond or attachment between our hero and heroine. I give it 3 stars as written decently but just "okay" really. Again, my standpoint is that of a brand new reader to this author. Having read other paranormal series, that could in fact impact my rating quite a bit compared to fans of the series.

I received a copy of this book from the publisher via Netgalley for an honest review.

Priya says

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Momreadstoomuch says

I have read 2 of these new adult novels and I think I want to read the regular Shadow Shifters first before I read the rest. There isn't enough world building for me to understand the shifter myth in this series. Grace is just boring to me all around, so i liked the story. After I read the original series I might come back to these.

Shawnette says

A SWEET paranormal treat about Shadow Shifter Aidan Sanchez and his unexpected human mate Grace

Kincaid...they were drawn to each other BUT they didn't know why...other than Aidan's need to protect Grace from herself and the dangerous people she came in contact with...and Grace's need to stand up for someone who was different and not accepted because of those differences...much like she had to deal w/before she defied her parents and set out to take control of her own life. There romance was EXTREMELY tame and endearing, compared to the sizzling HOT coupling of the other Shadow Shifters in the previous romances...a QUICK, but still entertaining read.

Carrie (Book Fairy) Fort says

Favorite Lines "Come with me."

"No memories and no regrets,"

"Just because I was born to be a leader doesn't mean"

"Minha vida. I cannot do this without you, Grace. I cannot walk my path if you're not there."

"I traveled all the way across the country and endured I don't know how many disappointments to get to this point. My parents have disowned me and I moved out of my dorm room. I thought everything in my life was spiraling out of control but it seems everything was simply getting out of my way, preparing me for this, for Aidan and all that he is. This is where I was meant to be."

Man I need more! I want to know what happens with Auden and Grace's future! Need more now! It's a great read that I flew through without stopping. It was a epic love story with bad guys and surprises! Can't write more have to read next book now!

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review (Xpresso)

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Twin Sisters Rockin' Book Reviews says

****Received an ARC of this book from the Publisher, via Netgalley, in exchange for an honest review****

Overall Rating: 3.25 Rockin' ★★★?

Grace...

"Fun was not in my vocabulary. I should've known better than to try."

"College was my new start. It was the place I'd come to study biology, which had always been my favorite subject, and to figure out who I was and what I really wanted out of life."

"it seems everything was simply getting out of my way, preparing me for this, for Aidan and all that he is. This is where I was meant to be."

Aiden...

"I liked touching her, a lot. Too much. Everything I wanted to do to her was too much. I knew that and yet here we were."

"She was adorable. No, the punch of lust I experienced every time I looked at her sort of downplayed that word. But right now she looked like an innocent teenager in a hotel."

"Somewhere deep inside me I felt like I had no other choice."

"Our lips collided and it was like a whoosh of air being sucked from my lungs." "Inside the cat roared, it pressed its weight against me, its hunger the most prevalent thought in my mind. This is why I couldn't stay away from her."

Aiden Sanchez is a captivatingly appealing and mystifying character. I was drawn to him immediately by his leather and motorcycle riding. However, Aiden's secret is that he's a jaguar shadow shifter, who wants nothing more than to forget his heritage. Grace Kincaid is a soft, naive young woman, pursuing her dreams on her own at college. She is desperately trying to get away from her parents unending pressure, tight grips and their maniacal plots of accusatory formalities.

The story takes place on a college campus, full of life, and excitement, but there is also an heir of lust and darkness throughout the campus. The couple is thrust together by an undeniable force of mating. Though fighting their feelings was never an option. It just stands to reason that no matter what the circumstances, natures force cannot be denied. As is the case with Aiden and Grace. Like a magnet, they are drawn together in a whirl wind of lust and love. Although I would've liked more, this book was a good quick read, to surely give the reader a glimpse of indisputable enchantment...Gr?ta

Hero - Aiden Sanchez 3.5 stars

Heroine - Grace Kincaid 3.5 stars

Steam Level: 2.5 stars

Plot: 3.5 stars

Cliffhanger: Yes

Would I recommend this book: Yes!

Would I read other books by this author: Yes!

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Les Chroniques Aléatoires says

Chaque personne à des préférences dans ses lectures et surtout dans la romance paranormale où il y a tellement de créatures possibles et différentes. Pour ma part ma passion son les métamorphes, je sais pas pourquoi, c'est comme ça et quand j'ai découvert la saga des Damaged Hearts, je me suis jetée dessus ! Et quelle agréable surprise !! Une tonne de beaux gosses bien faits, sauvages, ténébreux, mystérieux et qui se transforment en bêtes, miam ! Rajoutons à cela une demoiselle en détresse qui essaye de sortir de sa bulle de protection et qui pour cela enchaîne les embrouilles, vous tenez le bon bout.

Grace ressemble à pas mal de jeunes filles qui débarquent en université et souhaite reprendre sa vie en main. Ses parents ont toujours eu main-mise sur sa vie, elle est repliée sur elle-même et elle tient plus de la geek première de la classe qu'autre chose. Mais elle se découvre au fil des jours et des semaines, tous les problèmes qui lui tombent dessus et surtout sa rencontre avec Aidan Sanchez. Elle est bien plus courageuse et confiante qu'elle ne le semble, elle arrive à prendre des décisions. Son côté passionnée et aventurier se révèle et je l'avoue, elle m'a fait bien rire avec certaines de ses réflexions, notamment sur le corps du brésilien lol

Aidan est l'aîné de la fratrie Sanchez, celui qui a du mal à se faire à sa nature de Shadow Shifter et souhaite avoir une vie normale, humaine. Pourtant sa nature animale est une part essentielle de sa personnalité, c'est ce qui le rend plus sombre, plus sauvage que les autres jeunes hommes. C'est aussi à cause de cela que dès la première fois qu'il voit Grace, il est irrémédiablement attiré par elle, il ne peut pas l'oublier. Bien qu'il le nie, il est ressemblé plus au chevalier en armes sur sa moto qu'au gros dur qui traite comme de la merde les autres.

Alors qu'Aidan veut à tout prix s'intégrer à la société humaine, il doit faire face à des Rogues, des métamorphes renégats, sans lois ni foi. Il est de sa nature, c'est même son job de se débarrasser d'eux et ils vont bien lui poser des problèmes. Tout comme son coup de foudre pour Grace, qui s'exprime surtout par le fait qu'elle est sa companheiro, celle qui lui est destiné. La passion entre ces deux-là est plus que chaude et on a droit à plusieurs scènes bien hot. Les sentiments sont bien évidemment présents, l'amour est au centre mais c'est surtout la confiance qui est important, tous les deux ayant des difficultés avec ça.

Concernant le style d'écriture de l'auteure, je n'ai pas grand chose à lui reprocher. Le fait de rajouter du New-Adult au paranormale est vraiment sympa. Cela donne une touche de jeunesse, de fraîcheur mais aussi de douleur à l'histoire. Les termes utilisés sont simples pour décrire un univers vraiment intéressant, haut en couleur qui est bien mis en avant avec l'utilisation du portugais, qui rajoute une touche de chaleur et d'originalité. Le seul reproche que je puisse faire est au final que c'est trop court et qu'au final on a l'impression que les choses vont trop vite ou bien que certaines scènes ont été retirées. Dans son ensemble, Mine to Claim mérite d'être lu et plus connu.

Jessica Figueroa says

I really liked this book, it was short with enough drama and romance to keep me till the ending. Now my thing is that this book is labeled under paranormal, and shapeshifters but it didn't seem like that at all until the very end. I loved the connection between Aiden and Grace and would like to see more about them and what happens after this book. My only problem with the ending was that it felt a little rushed. I wished there was more to this book, because it skimmed over the characters as well as other things. I would've liked to seen more about the characters background and the group that Aiden was apart of, where is started and all that. Overall this was an enjoyable short read.

I just wanted to point out that this is a great book if you have a short amount of time, I would consider this book a novella more than anything because of how short it was. It only took me a hour or so to read which is pretty good for me since its time for exams and only got a little time to spare.

Marta Cox says

I adore shifter stories so saw this and thought why not.? I'm not such a huge fan of so called new adult stories though, I mean when did we decide that we needed a new name for romance? A whole new sub genre? This is a story about two people who meet at college but to me it's still a romance but I have to admit I'm kind of on the fence about this one.

Aiden is in college determined to finally get his degree. Unfortunately Aiden is at a crossroads in his life as he wants to follow his dreams but as a jaguar shifter his people have expectations for him. Freedom of choice may not be his to take but if that wasn't enough on his plate the woman he meets one night at a bar takes his breath away! Aiden didn't really think it was possible but it looks as if fate just dangled his one perfect mate under his nose and unfortunately she's human!

Grace is the classic poor little rich girl. She's always had everything she wanted except for the one thing she needs, unconditional love. Grace is determined to stand on her own two feet but events from her past still haunt her. Getting involved in a fracas in a bar one night changes everything though as she finds herself face to face with the mysterious and very dangerous Aiden. He is unlike any guy that Grace has ever met but he seems determined to avoid her. The pull between them is magnetic but getting to know more about Aiden will change Grace's life forever.

I have to admit I am a little disappointed with this story. I saw the cover and thought wow that looks interesting and sexy and it really is not that sexy. It's not an erotic story at all and there's very little actual paranormal content in it until nearly at the end. Yes Aiden has an inner beast but I would have liked to read a lot more about it. There is a plot and even bad guys but they just didn't really work for me I'm afraid. It just felt a little rushed at the end. Perhaps the author is aiming at a young teenage audience? Although with that cover I would not have thought so.

I did quite like the characters and the heroine Grace has issues from her past that certainly affect how she feels about men and I thought Ms Arthur covered that very well. It's not easy to trust blindly particularly if you have been hurt and it's something that affects lots of us in some way or another. Aiden is written as a pretty intense young man but I loved his patience and the compassion he shows towards Grace. The most interesting character for me though was Roman who shows up near the end of the book and from checking the author's website I see that he gets his own book which is full length so I just might check that one out. So it's well written and the first of a trilogy about three brothers. It connects with another series from the author but is easily read as a standalone although obviously reading in order would be my choice. It has wetted my appetite for more as I'm curious what will happen next but it probably isn't a keeper for me. If you are someone who has read the other shifter stories from Ms Arthur then perhaps you will already have an invested interest in Aiden which would bring this book even more to life. He's clearly a very passionate and possessive male but it's very short. I just wanted more!

Three and a half from me

Angela Goodrich says

Noooooooooooo!!!! It can't be the end of the book already. I got sucked into Grace and Aidan's story so fully that the end snuck right up on me and I was NOT ready for it to be over. Mine to Claim is the first novella in the new Damaged Hearts series and it was awesome.

We quickly learn that both Grace and Aidan come from world's in which their future has been determined by those around them (Grace) or by fate (Aidan). Although they don't immediately reveal all the details of what they each are dealing with (neither to one another or the reader), it is apparent (to all) that they are in similar situations and can empathize with one another, which just seems to increase the intensity of their bond. Although Aidan tries to fight the pull and attempts to convince himself that he should leave Grace alone because he has no future to offer her, his beast (no spoiler on the type of shifter he is) refuses to heed him

and continues to drive him toward Grace – which is fortunate for her as she keeps finding herself in bad situations that Aidan has to rescue her from. Despite the intensity of their reactions toward one another and the obvious chemistry, the author only gives us a couple of heavy make-out scenes. There is more of an emphasis on the emotional aspects of their developing relationship than the physical aspects and Ms. Arthur weaves her tale in such a way that you don't feel short-changed.

Mine to Claim might be just a novella, but it is one that is action-packed and it kept me engaged from beginning to end. When I checked to see if the sequel was out yet I was excited to learn that it is, but then disappointed to learn that it's about Aidan's brother as I wanted more of Aidan and Grace's story. I can only hope that we get an update on them in the next book or perhaps in a fourth book as I would assume that book three will be about the third brother. Either way, I am looking forward to Ms. Arthur's next book in the Damaged Hearts series and hope to check out her Shadow Shifters series as I would love to see what she does with a full-length novel.

I received a complimentary copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.
Reviewed by Angela at Crystal's Many Reviewers!

Lillie says

I had a number of problems with this book. The first MAJOR problem being that there were a lot of long-bordering on RAMBLING- sentences. I swear more than a few "paragraphs" were really just two extremely long sentences smashed haphazardly together with some random commas.

The inner monologues of the hero and heroine were so dragged out my mind kept wandering to other things. The same could be said for the direction of said monologues. They'd often veer off as if THE AUTHOR'S MIND WAS WANDERING OFF INTO POINTLESS DRIVEL. For example, the heroine would start talking about the outfit her friend picked out for her to wear and- swear to god- by the end of the paragraph she'd be moping about how controlling her parents are and that she's still (figuratively) under their "overly protective thumb".

Like, jfc!! It was these huge jumps in thought, these long sentences, and random facts thrown at us that had me either completely lost or my mind wandering to other things. The author couldn't seem to keep on track. Instead of sentences flowing naturally with a reasonable direction, they'd go from 0 to 100 real quick before the author would almost seem to catch herself and go "shit i have to pace myself".

What I'm trying to say, is the writing was all over the place. It needed direction and instead I got rambling messing all over the place like a puppy that hasn't been potty trained yet and pisses whenever he gets excited.

It pretty much made this story a chore to read. What could have been 40 pages was dragged out into fucking 70 and most of it was the hero and heroine's rambling inner monologues.

Also, this jumped out at me since it was the VERY FIRST INTRODUCTION OF THE LOVE INTEREST:

(view spoiler)

At this point, i checked out mentally.

The hero was just such a douche.

Dnf @25%

Coral says

Plot: 3/5

Characterisation: 2/5

Prose: 3/5

How much I enjoyed it: 2/5

1st POV for both main characters.. I'm confused with this book. Not sure if the 1st POVs was necessary as the author writes much better in 3rd person. The 1st person POV makes it seems like endless monologue by the main characters.

Carrie says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Somewhere between a 3 and 4 star read, this book was quick but filled with lots of good, solid story and character development. There was way more romance and story than smut, just in case that's what you were looking for. Either way, if you're a paranormal fan, you'll be pleasantly surprised by this solid start to a new series.

Grace is on the run from her controlling friends and family under the guise of attending college really really far away. She's on the way to developing a stronger, happier Grace when she bumps into Aiden. He's the typical bad boy with secrets and one of those happens to be paranormal in nature. Lucky for Grace, though, because he seems to always be there to rescue her from would be attackers and whatnot. The chemistry between the two of them is certainly more of a romance than a blinding all reason mate-type attraction. I certainly appreciated the brakes being thrown on your typical shifter-human romance.

This book was short, but really got me involved in this world. I'm eager to see where the series heads when given more time to develop. This author has officially been added to my "watch" list.

The Book and The Harlot's Blog says

Mine to Claim is hot, hard and demanding, I loved every word. If you're a fan of Paranormal Romance, specifically Shape-shifters, you will not want to miss this novella.

Grace is forever getting into trouble, it seems at times it tends to find her. When a handsy football player just won't take no for an answer during a night at the bar, a handsome student steps in to rescue her. She has seen Aidan around campus, dying to meet him as many would be, she just hadn't expected it to be under those

circumstances. When trouble keeps finding her, it's Aidan that's there to help.

Aidan is fighting for a moment of freedom, needing to plot out his future plans. But when he finds Graces, saving her is the least he can do, and his inner cat will not let him fail. But, as they become closer, he comes to a realization that she is completely forbidden.

Both are fighting for their future when it seems the world would rather have them apart. Will they be able to overcome the obstacles in their way and finally reach that happiness both are searching for?

Mine to Claim is absolutely addicting. There is enough drama and romance to keep each side of the spectrum satisfied. The only thing I wish for was more of the story, I definitely did not get enough of Aidan and Grace's story.

CD Keith says

This room was a romance from the beginning but the mention of shifting didn't come until over half way. At this point it got much more involved and intense. I also like my reads more dirty and hot. The writing is great and leads into the next book.

Thank you St. Martin's Press and NetGalley for ARC.
