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[Siren Everlasting Classic ManLove: Erotic Alternative Futuristic Paranormal Romance, M/M, werewolves, shape-shifters, HEA]

Conner Abbot is the youngest, and weakest, of many brothers. A runt and an omega, he is unable to hunt after a dragon attack left him scarred. Though he's worthless to his family, he knows they love him, and he loves them. Which is why Conner volunteers to mate to a dragon for peace, rather than watch one of his brothers be taken away.

Aris Macleod, high dragon of his clan, wasn't happy with the arrangement. Peace is more important than his happiness, however, and he will go through with the mating, even when the wolves insult him by sending him a weak omega.

Aris is stunned when the frail omega has some bite in him, and as he slowly finds himself falling in love, he comes to the terrible realization that Conner may never love him back, and the only way to make his true love happy will be to send him back where he came from.

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Fan-girl says

I was cute read but short. I like the main couple but you don't find out very much about them or their backgrounds. Maybe in book two.

Ann says

I needed a reality escape this week and this series called to me in a crack whore kinda way and I followed it right down the dark alley. And then the story went and gave me characters with depth and a good balance of back story for the length. There was the mate lust thing going on, but I got that the MC's really dug on each other and while one was an Omega, he wasn't stereotypical and I appreciated that, it kept things interesting and kept Mr. Alpha dragon on his toes. Claws. Whatever. Moving on to book 2 . . .

Laura says

I love Marcy Jacks and I love her Series, but I'm realizing that it's always the later books I love. This gives a lot of potential and Marcy has a deft hand at laying the foundation for future matings and relationships. But this first story? Aris and Conner? I can take it or leave it. It doesn't feel like there was enough development of them and their relationship, so much as laying down a foundation. It just makes me want the future stories, and I remember that being something I feel with most Marcy Jacks books/series I read.

V says

Well, lets see how this series goes. So far so good.

Katrina Passick Lumsden says

Paranormals from Siren all seem to have the same general vibe. They're relatively short and are rather badly written, but they're easy to read, relatively inoffensive, and have just enough suspense to keep a casual reader interested. I'm not blown away by these wolf/dragon stories, but I'm invested enough to wanna see what happens next, and that's the button you wanna hit if you're writing stories that don't have cliffhangers while being a small part of a larger whole.

Jacks is a better writer than Stormy Glenn and Charlie Richards on a technical level. I've found significantly less grammar ignorance, and her sex scenes are much less awkward than Richards's. Still, there's an almost frustrating feeling of things being incomplete when you're done with each book. It just feels like there should be more closure to each relationship. Though I've discovered that Jacks revisits other couples in later installments, so it will be interesting to see how she handles that.

Siren tends to overprice their books, and for a company that publishes some real schlock, it's rather entertaining to read how many piracy warnings they've slapped on their products... But I can see how they're making money; in the supermarket of books, Siren is responsible for handling the candy aisle.

Sara says

Wolves and Dragons... oh my!

This was exactly what my brain needed. A break from the stress of life to read about a runt Omega wolf "sacrificing" himself to a High "alpha" Dragon.

Conner wasn't your typical Omega which I liked. Aris wasn't your usual "alpha" dragon which fit Conner well.

I came for some shifter fluff and I got it with a side of sweet and sexy to dribble down the shocking character development and actual plot.

Of course, I am hooked on the damn series and after that end I need to move on to see what happens with the next wolf/dragon pairing.

I have to say while Kendrick was portrayed as the bad guy of sorts, I felt bad for him and guess I will be reading all the books so I can get him hopefully with an HEA with the dragon I want for him.

Serena Yates says

What a great start to a new series! Not only does it star dragon shifters, one of my favorite kind, it also introduces a new kind of enemy – the Templars. And even though they could be called just another bunch of religious fanatics (which they definitely are), they are also just slightly less well-known, secretive, and potentially dangerous than your average faith-based zealot. It also has a slightly futuristic setting, in that a dragon versus werewolf war seems to have been fought and peace is now wanted, so there is plenty of potential for conflict from that angle as well. As for this first book? I loved the characters, both the main couple and the supporting guys, I enjoyed the way I was introduced to the setting and this world, and the snarky sense of humor hiding behind some of the observations and characters' statements made me laugh. What more could I want? Oh yes – the next book as soon as possible, please!

Conner may be the youngest son of Alpha Simon, and considered weak by his pack, his father, and his brothers, but let me tell you, he has a will of steel and packs quite a punch when upset – both figuratively and physically. The one thing standing between him and reaching his full potential is his low self-esteem and fear of disappointing his family. So when a peace treaty offered by the local dragon requires one of the brothers as his mate to seal it, Conner volunteers. At least, so he figures, none of his brothers will go and, for once, he can be the one taking care of his family instead of the other way around. I loved watching his journey into the dragons' world, the discoveries he makes, and how he gradually falls for Aris without even knowing it, and certainly without being able to stop himself. And when intrigue and a trap require him to act, he does the right thing and helps save the day.

Aris is the dragons' alpha, or high dragon as they call his position, and he is initially insulted at being offered a seemingly weak man for a mate. He is an honorable guy though, so he honors the agreement and decides to live with it. The poor man has no idea what hit him when he slowly realizes the potential Conner has, and soon understands that his mate is way stronger than everyone gives him credit for based on his exterior appearance. Aris may think everything is over when he discover which dragon killed Connor's mother and caused Connor's heart problem and limp, but he has, again, underestimated Connor. At least Aris now knows what true love feels like!

If you like paranormal stories with unusual shifters and pairings, if you enjoy a seemingly weaker man showing everyone what he is really made of, and if you're looking for a suspenseful, imaginative, and hot read all in one place, then you will probably like this novella. I definitely enjoyed it a lot, and can't wait for the next volume!

NOTE: This book was provided by the author for the purpose of a review on Rainbow Book Reviews.

Phaney says

The best part might be how likeable everyone is, including most side characters (or should I call them future protagonists?). Also nice that we have nothing fated about the mating and despite the fantasy-like atmosphere there's the usual tech and some familiar pop culture (despite that being doubtful due to a different timeline and life spans and so forth).

However, something about the pacing appears to be off – at least initially. Not sure if the author just told the story with less time passing at first and afterwards inserted an additional week or two, but it just feels wrong when Conner considers that he doesn't know Aris yet even though they spent two weeks making out like nobody's business. Of course it's possible they never talked during those sessions but I don't know if that meshes with them as people.

Some of the abbreviations and cuts do feel abrupt in general. I suppose it's better than drawing things out to the point of boredom but it would have been nice to just get a little more interaction outside of the sexual kind or the set pieces.

I am not really complaining, though. Likeable characters and a nice story are still the most important elements to me and I get those here.

In some ways this feels like a classic romance. The protagonists (in particular Aris and everything about him), their relationship and the way they interact – all of that gives me huge nostalgia pangs, although not in the sense that I want to get back to how it used to be. No, this is just right for me the way it is. The whole thing turned out actually really sweet and I genuinely enjoyed reading it.

Although I did stop at the final (and tiny) chapter to write this, since that chapter is clearly not part of this story and introduction to the next book instead. Not my favourite thing ever, but it's okay. I'm happy this is a longer series. I hope things will continue on this really nice track.

On that note, after having read said final chapter... Is that a hint at fated matings after all? *suspicious*

In other (not-so) news, I am reminded once more that these books do feature male pregnancy, despite the first volume making no mention of it, because a few books later we get another Conner volume dealing with exactly that. I guess I am glad about that because he is cool. If we have to have mpreg, then at least I get more time with people I like out of it.

Melanie says

Mmm dragons, yummy.

Arlyn says

I really liked this. Great characters...steamy sex...good plot. Being in the shifter genre, it's not something I would typically choose for myself but this time it was worth it...This made the journey of Stepping out of my comfort zone an enjoyable experience.

Yeochingyu says

3.75*

Candice says

This is a new series and decided to read it because of having wolves and dragons - wanted to see how all that was going to work out. Not bad. There are some cute parts and the characters are likeable. I am going to continue on to the next one to see where the author can take this. Haven't read many dragon books so it is a little different for me.

Amy says

Good start. Looking forward to reading the next book.

Christy says

An amazing beginning to a new series. There's dragons, werewolves, hunters, and Templars in a world set a few hundred years into the future. A future where humans accepted the shifters and vampires, but when the dragons decided to reveal themselves, all did not go well. The humans started a war with the dragons that ended up involving the werewolves, also. Now, the wolves and dragons have no love lost between them.

I absolutely adored Conner. Seriously. He was smart, funny, brave, and could be a little snarky when he

needed to be. Aris was the perfect high dragon with his dominating personality, but it was so sweet to see him fall for his mate.

Now, I'm looking forward to the next book to see what more can happen between wolves, dragons, and the Templars.

Lizzie says

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