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Sam Baker couldn't be more normal. He's a teacher at the local middle school and the most exciting part of his day is dealing with a classroom full of hormonal preteens. His life takes a turn for the weird one stormy night when he finds a small boy on his doorstep. A boy who growls, flashes unnaturally blue eyes, demands for Sam to call the alpha-- whatever that is-- and gives Sam the one name he wishes he could forget: Vaughn Jerrick.

Vaughn Jerrick is the alpha to a pack of wolf shifters and a doctor to the supernatural world. After sharing a steamy one night stand with Sam years ago, Vaughn couldn't consider the possibility of a future with the man, no matter how much he wanted him. Bringing a human into his world is against the rules, but one phone call changes everything, and Vaughn finds himself face-to-face with the man who could give him everything he's ever wanted.

Rescuing one small child turns into saving six from a dark and uncertain fate, and although Sam doesn't understand the world he's been forced into, he would never turn his back on children in need, even if it means confronting his past with Vaughn.

As Vaughn and Sam join forces to protect the children put into their care, the future they've both dreamed of is within their reach, but first they need to survive the sinister force looking to rip away everything they've come to hold dear.

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This is the first book I have read by this author and I love it! It is well-written, emotional, fast-paced, has an intriguing storyline, great world building and amazing characters. Even though Sam was hurt by how their last encounter ended he is willing to put it all aside to help the traumatized children Vaughn welcomes into his home and pack. As they work together to give the six children they rescued a stable and nurturing environment Sam has to deal with learning about magic, shifters and his feelings for Vaughn. The

connection and heat between them is incredible and Vaughn will do anything to keep Sam safe while they both protect the children. The six children are all amazing in their own way, they are bear, fox and wolf shifters as well as a mage. I love how they look after each other and all of them are sweet but Ben and Ollie, the oldest and youngest, are my favorites. The family created by Sam and Vaughn along with Vaughn's family, pack and friends is exactly what the kids need. I love the ending and I hope there will be more books about this family.

Kathryn Manzella says

Vaughn was drawn to him when they hooked up years ago, but he didn't know what it meant until he met up with him again. Being a shifter, Vaughn didn't know Sam, a human, was his mate when he walked away after that initial hookup but now he knows. When he sees Sam protecting rescued shifter cubs like a fierce mate should, he knows that this gorgeous man is meant to be with him, and his wolf agrees. Sam was hurt all those years ago, but how can he not be with Vaughn when the shifter feels like Home and these adorable shifter children have already penetrated his heart.

These characters are sexy, sweet, and fiercely protective. The story intrigues and entertains. We get to see the backstory of some characters from Macy Blake's Chosen One series. I, myself, have wanted this book since meeting Henry and hearing his story in the other Chosen One stories. I was not disappointed.

I received this book as an advanced reader's copy and voluntarily am leaving my honest review and recommendation.

Ariel says

This was so good! I'm so glad we finally get the backstory to how Henry and his brothers and sisters became part of a pack.

Sam and Vaughn make such a great couple. With their compassion and protectiveness, their partnership makes for a wonderful romance and makes them the perfect couple to care for these 6 kids.

I'm really looking forward to the next installment of this series! This prequel was great for holding me over until we get more on Sawyer and his guardians.

4.5 Stars

Katherine says

Pack means never being alone

A good prequel that can be read either before or after the first few books in the series. This gives a great background on Henry, where he came from and the circumstances of his childhood, through the light of his adoptive fathers discovering both him and each other. Sam and Vaughn had one explosive tryst and then Vaughn never looked back, but now Sam finds himself in the paranormal world when a young shifter ends

up at his back door. The two are thrust back into each others lives as they seek to save several kidnapped young paranormals.

This was an engaging book that did a great job both showing the romance between Sam and Vaughn and dealing with the tense mystery of who kidnapped the kids. The only problem is it further muddled the idea of mates in this series. In the main series, Henry says his fathers are not true mates. However, Vaughn states that Sam is his true mate. Yet when the two first met Vaughn had no idea they were mates and he doesn't understand why this changed years later. So this series is no closer to explaining how one knows their mate or what signifies being an true mate.

Giving hints of answers but leaving the main mystery for the series, this prequel is a good read either to start the series or supplement your enjoyment!

Carolyn Elias says

Sam + Vaughn, hot, sexy = WOW! + abused kids ?!!

Sam is a human and is unaware of the world around him consisting of shifters, magic, and other beings beyond his imagination. He loves teaching children and had crushed on Vaughn but gotten crushed and hurt in the process. He never dreamed that one stormy night a very young child would pound at his door and turn his world upside down as well as bring Alpha Vaughn. Vaughn is a hot alpha who was drawn to Sam but in his world could not let him know about his hidden world.

This is a great book showing how a human could fall down the rabbit hole! Sam is so fiercely sweet and the kids will make you cry and Vaughn is the sexiest alpha, you will read this multiple times!

Relly says

Good

3.75 ??

I liked this one. It is a good prequel and I'm looking forward to reading the rest of the series

I liked Sam. I felt for him with his hurt after his first encounter with Vaughn, I just felt that he gave in and just accepted things too easily.

Vaughn basically did a wham bam thank you mate and walked away no contact for years and even though Sam worried about calling him when he met Ollie he didn't really say anything to him, it was quickly discussed but he never really took Vaughn to task for it. A lot was forgiven because of Vaughn being a werewolf.

And he took the whole werewolf thing too well. I'd expect a little questioning but he showed no self-preservation at all. It was explained that Vaughn and Ollie were werewolves and they introduced him to a whole new world full of creatures he didn't know existed and he just stands up to people and puts himself straight in the middle of situations showing no fear. I appreciate that he was protecting kids, but I'd expect him to stop and question himself at least.

This being said the book was still enjoyable. The storyline was engaging and kept me reading on. I loved the

kids, all of them had their own personality. Ben broke my heart, what he had been through was really sad and to see him starting to trust the guys was great, you could just see he was going to blossom under Sam and Vaughn's care. I also really enjoyed Nana she was great.

Looking forward to continuing on and I hope we get to see some more of Ben & Ollie in Henry's book

Megan says

One night of passion followed by cold silence. One night of frigid rain and wind followed by a reunion and a life-altering discovery. Sam seems to have all the luck of a broken mirror but Fate has plans for him that include a man he'd never intended to speak to again and six abused and packless cubs.

Umm...yes. Hell yes, in fact. This book is exciting, passionate, fierce, captivating, and tender. The cast is incredibly diverse and the world created is one with so many facets, twists, turns, and mystery that I can't help but be sucked in right from the start.

It's Sam, though, that makes this book so amazing. He's the best man I could ever dream of for this role. Sam is my complete hero, he's the absolute star of the story. Love him. I love him for how brave, fierce, and relentless he is in protecting the cubs. His heart is bigger than he is and his innate goodness along with his inner strength make him shine. I kind of can't say enough good things about him, actually. I straight fan-girled out whenever he stood his ground against threats of any kind and then melted into the genuine, loving smiles and touches the children needed.

As a partner Sam truly needed someone like Vaughn. Though he paled in comparison to Sam, he was still a great character. My favorite part of him was his need for and acceptance of the strength that Sam possessed. Knowing he needed someone as alpha as him to lead the pack and provide the haven their home needed to be was kind of novel. Many times I've read that the alpha's partner is feisty behind closed doors to complement the fire of the alpha but in the presence of the pack and others that partner is required to submit to the alpha in charge. I find that both wise and insulting...confusing, I know. But here we don't have that. Here we have two men fighting for their family together as equals in all facets of their lives. It feels natural, organic, and very, very right. It fits the men and their roles going forward.

There are some unanswered questions in this story. Yes, this is a prequel, I get that. But it's not so much the plot or the over-arching story that carries forward, it's the question of the connection two years prior and then the suddenness of Vaughn knowing his mate is Sam that bothers me. I could have also used more groveling. With how awesome they were together Sam brought up one concern that was answered with an "I don't know," that I feel was insufficient to solidify and resolve their connection and forever-mating in my mind. Other than that, I'm crazy in love with this book. If the rest of the series weren't revolving a poly mating I'd be on the rest of the series faster than you could say "go".

~nikki the recovering book addict says

4 stars

Wow.... I read the hellhounds book but it was too much things in one book that it got overwhelming and then somewhat comical with EVERYTHING that was going on.

But this? This was perfect! Just the right amount of drama and intrigue to snag one's interest. Can't wait to read the actual Chosen One story!

Nanna Sander says

I adored this so much. It's a prequel or a companion novel of sorts. I read it after book 1 and 2, and I'm happy with that choice since I was familiar with the world and some of the characters, but you could definitely read it first.

It is heavily based on the children, which is why I really liked it. The MCs' relationship came second to me, but seeing them learning to co-parent was sweet.

I will definitely be rereading this - also if I don't follow it by rereading the rest of the series.

llv says

Rating: 4.5 stars

This book series wasn't on my radar until a friend insisted that I read it. I'm really glad that she did because I loved this story. I always love stories about shifter children and this one didn't disappoint. I loved both Sam and Vaughn. I thought they had really good chemistry together and loved how they treated all the children. I loved all the children and felt really bad for all the things that they went through before they were rescued. Ben especially touched my heart.

The story itself was really good and kept me entertained throughout. I was left with some unanswered questions and since this is a prequel, I'm not sure if they are answered in the first two books of the series or not. Overall, this was a really wonderful book. I just hope the first two in the series are just as good.

Jaimed says

I really enjoyed this story. I know this is a prequel, but it holds up so well as its own story. I loved how well things flowed and how the story unfolded. Sam is a force to be reckoned with even if he is one of the physically weaker characters since he is one of the few humans in the story.

I loved seeing the "origin" story for Henry come alive. Vaughn was attracted to Sam the last time they met, two years ago, but there is something different between them now and he wants to see what it is. Sam and Vaughn are strong characters and want nothing more than to protect the kids and try being together. He can't persuade the human to let the pack take care of the captive cubs, but Sam won't let Ollie out of his sight and won't stand by while children are being hurt. They will put themselves in front of anyone that tries to harm the children. They put everything they are into saving the kids and letting them know that they will be protected and loved.

Getting to learn more about Henry's family is great. I liked meeting his siblings, parents, uncle, and the rest of the pack. I love the last chapter of the book, but wish that we got to see more of that part too. I can't wait

for the next book in the Chosen One series.

I received an ARC of this from LesCourt Author Services. This is my honest opinion and review.

Sarah Jones says

4.5* Sweet Nothings is the Prequel to The Chosen One series by Macy Blake and centers around Alpha Vaughn Jerrick and Sam Baker. Vaughn and Sam went to the same high school (though in different years) and have been gravitating towards each other off and on for years. They are thrown together when a little boy named Ollie shows up at Sam's house in the middle of a storm asking Sam to call Alpha Jerrick for help whether Sam wants to speak to Vaughn or not. Once Vaughn arrives and realizes what is going on, the pack finds and rescues six child shifters / magical beings (Ollie, Ben, Henry, Natasha, Emily, and Jack) and Sam and Vaughn step up and take them in.

This story is a prequel to the series but can be read as a standalone or in any order of the books released so far (All or Nothing, Nothing Ventured, or Double or Nothing – can't speak for any released after these though).

I loved this story and seeing the history of some of the characters mentioned in the books so far as well as their need and love for family and pack. I'm excited to get to know the grown-up Ben and Ollie and read more about Henry's magic. And I cannot wait to read Meshaq's story!! This was a great story and addition to the series!

Possible Spoilers below:

Some awesome one liners & paragraphs in here!

"Sweet Mother," Henry gasped. "Put your tongue back in your mouth, Henry," Sam teased. "But Papa..."

"Oh, you're an innocent one. Adorable. Vaughn, you think you might want to educate that cute mate of yours?" Sam growled. "That cute mate of his has had three days of this world, so if you could tone it down a bit, that'd be great." "Human puppy's got claws. I like you."

"Didn't have a pack, that's what. Who wants to not have a pack?"

Kathleen says

2.75 stars

As a set up for the series I suppose this book is important. But judged on its own merit, it's pretty lackluster. What we have here is a story about the care and feed of six orphaned children...chapter after chapter...ad nauseum. I think I might also have developed a cavity.

After researching the next couple of books in the series and discovering they are mmm/+, I am bowing out now.

