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"If a tree falls in the forest, duck "

"Takhini Wolves, Book 2"

Life in isolation is the safest place for Chase Johnson, a crossbreed who doesn't know which form he'll assume next: cougar or wolf. Once a year, his unelected position as spokesman for the Yukon outcasts forces him to visit civilization. This time he runs across someone unexpected. She's not his mate, but she pushes all the right buttons.

It's taken years for Shelley Bradley to gather the courage to return to her home pack. In spite of being the lowest of the low—a shifter who can't shift—she's determined to make a place for herself as the Whitehorse locals' new vet-slash-doctor.

There's definite electricity between her and Chase, but sex with fellow shifters and the inherent mind games got old a long time ago. Ignoring him seems best. When he shows up at her office with a wound that won't heal, she's stuck yet drawn to solve this medical mystery.

As they journey deep into outcast territory in search of answers, their powerful sexual attraction crumbles her resistance. But time is of the essence. If a cure can't be found before his human and cougar succumb to his injury, he and others like him will die.

Warning: Contains a silver-tongued, hairy-chested, lean-muscled Alpha who's got what it takes to lead in the wilderness and in the bedroom. Yeah, I know—not really much of a deterrent, is it? Throw in continuing territorial wars and a domestic cat. Stir and enjoy the chaos. "

Silver Mine Details

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From Reader Review Silver Mine for online ebook

Tia says

Definitely not as good as the first novel in my opinion but this one had a different feel and story all together for the most part. I did enjoy it and at times I blushed a bit.

Darcy says

I really liked that so much of this one dealt with the loners or the weird ones. I liked the couple. I thought it was great when they went into the bush and Shelley won over all the misfits. I'm really glad that Shelley made the choice she did at the end.

Julie says

That was one of Vivian's best books so far.

Adding more to the tankini world.

The Interaction between Evan and Caroline, still gives me hopes that they find a happy ending.

Chase and Shelley made a great couple, both willing to compromise, hope Shelley gets her wish of being a wolf, (but I dont think it will happen).

And we get to meet "potential" characters for future books.(Frank and Jones)

Javes says

This book is about a shifter who can't shift who comes back to the town that made her feel inadequate to take over a medical practice. Shellye meets a rare shifter, Chase, who has the rare ability to shift into two different animals. Chase also happens to be alpha to a pack of misfits who are dying from some rare infection.

With these shifters, mating isn't some biological imperative and they have to actually fall in love and work through their issues, the human way, if they want a chance to be together.

Stephanie G says

3.5 Stars

Marisella says

One of the best shifter books/series I've read; Chase is a Metis shifter, with 2 different forms, and Shelley is a

wolf who can't shift at all. Together they solve a medical mystery, bring together a motley crew of outcasts, and find their own place. Vivian Arend's books always have great timing and dialogue, hot sex and humor.

Francesca the Fierce (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

This review was posted at Under the Covers

It's always amazing how much I enjoy Vivian Arend's writing. It flows so smoothly and it's just so enjoyable I can't help but find her stories entertaining. Add in some sexy shifters and I'm in heaven. *SILVER MINE* follows the same Arend formula but it's not your typical story. The few twists she put to this story are refreshing!

First of all there's the hero Chase, who is a crossbreed and can actually shift into a cougar AND a wolf. How cool is that? Maybe this is just me but after all the shifter books I've read, this was a first. Then there's the heroine, Shelley, who can't shift at all even though she is a wolf. The dynamics of their relationship had to work with these obstacles and finding a mate had to have its own set of complications and rules for them. I liked that the author didn't throw in a magical fix it all pill at the end of the story. Their relationship was real in spite of and because of the differences.

But it wasn't all differences because personality wise these two were perfect for each other. A bit of loners both, passionate and funny. Chase was just alpha enough without being too much to handle or too rough around the edges.

Then there's the side story with Evan and Caroline. I just need to know what's going to happen there because where I liked them together in the first book, I am a bit worried about their relationship after this one. I don't think I want to wait more than one book to see what happens with them. Could it be they get a book next? Or if they are not meant to be together, maybe one of them can just find a mate already?

This story was light on the action and plotting but there was some fighting and some drama. Just the right amount to make the story interesting without overwhelming the romance. I can't wait to read more!

*ARC provided by author

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

KcLu's review posted on Guilty Pleasures

4.5 Stars

Silver Mine is book two in the Takhini Wolves series by Vivian Arend, and she has another winner on her hands. With each book in her shifter series I fall more in love with these wolves. I like learning about the dynamics each different pack. This one centers more on a bush pack than the Takhini pack, but Shelley is the half sister of Caroline. Caroline is the human that hooked up with Evan the pack Alpha in the first book, *Black Gold*.

Shelley isn't your typical wolf, and she doesn't really like being around a pack. Growing up she was bullied by her fellow wolves, and now she is back to be the local vet and shifter doctor. She is not sure about joining back into the pack, because of her past. She also shies away from all romantic relationships with shifters. So this is why she gives Chase the brush off at first. Then he shows up at her clinic with a wound that will not heal, and to get the cure they have to go together into the bush.

Chase is a Métis, meaning he is a wolf but he is also a cougar, and that makes it really hard to be a part of a pack. He has been living in the bush for years, but he must travel to Whitehorse to get supplies for not only him but other shifters in the area not comfortable with the city. From the moment he sees Shelley, something about her calls him, and he is having a hard time resisting her in the bush. Is she his mate?? Can she save him from whatever is keeping his wound from healing?? Can they be together when he lives in the bush, and she is on the verge of opening a clinic in Whitehorse??

I absolutely loved this book!!! I liked for all her self doubt Shelley is really strong. I really liked all the characters that come into play once they are out in the bush. So many different types of shifters and you get to see the differences in each of them. Not to forget some smoking hot panty melting sex scenes between Shelley and Chase. I highly recommend not only this book but the all of this series and the Granite Lake series. Hope y'all enjoy them as much as I have!!

Cocktails and Books says

The second installment to the Takhini Pack series, Silver Mine gives us the story of Chase, a crossbreed shifter, and Shelley, a shifter who can't shift. This is an interesting story of two outcasts who can't seem to keep their hands off each

What I liked about this story the best was the characters. There's just something about Chase, I wasn't sure what it was at first, I just knew that there was something about this character that set him apart from your average hero. Chase turns out to be a contradiction in terms. He's an outcast living off in the woods in virtual solitude, yet he's the alpha of dozens of other outcasts of every imaginable shifter breed. He's even got a wolverine in his pack! On the other hand, we have Shelley, the "mutant" wolf shifter whose human half sister fits in with the shifter pack better than she does. How a pack would accept a human but reject a shifter, I have yet to understand. What I do understand is that Shelley seems to have a masochistic side. The pack treats her badly, she refuses to return to the pack, yet she just has to go back to her hometown and serve as their doctor/vet. It almost sounds like your typical abusive relationship. I just couldn't understand why she would put herself in that position, which made it hard to really get her character.

What I didn't like about this story... Arend makes it a point to say, more than once, that Chase and Shelley are not mates. So if they're not mates, then where is this relationship headed? A one-night stand? A hot affair that will continue until one or the other does find their true mate and dumps the other? To tell you the truth, I finished the book and I still don't know. Although I greatly enjoyed the story, the love scenes were pretty hot, the action everywhere, the alpha attitude plentiful, yet it still felt incomplete. I don't feel it measured up to Arend's usual work. Maybe that makes me biased. So I'm basing my rating on my enjoyment of this particular piece of work as I read it. Would it have made a difference if I had read book 1 first? Maybe. So to be honest, I will give this series a second chance and read book 1 before deciding if I will continue to follow it or not. You be the judge. You disagree? Feel free to tell me.

Sunny? says

I love everything Arend writes and this is no exception.

A shifter that can't shift and a vet. Lily. A loner who shifts to both cougar and wolf and lives in Isolation. Chase.

He comes to town for a years worth of supplies and meets the lovely Vet just beginning to set up her new practice. He is already suffering from a toxic shifter injury that will probably kill him.

With the help of her mentor, she returns to the wild to find the shifter that caused the injury only to find him already dead.

An anecdote is created and all regain health.

The story, the characters and the locations in northern Canada all add to the fantastic story of Silver Mine. A book I could not put down. This series is sure to be one that I will follow.

Mostly Delores says

Slow start. Was going to be a two-star, but then it picked up in the second half.

Linda says

Shelley, a wolf shifter who can't shift, gets a new patient when Chase, a Wolf/Cougar, turns up on her clinic's doorstep with a wound that won't heal.

Trying to figure out why, leads her on a trail out in the Yukon wilderness, with this loner as her only company.

What neither of them anticipated was what was waiting for them out there.

Shifter romance, suspense and smutty fluff in a great combo.

Listened to the audio version, and the narrator was great, too.

Lorna says

I read and reviewed the first book in this series, Black Gold, and I enjoyed it so much that I read the second book almost immediately after finishing it. I decided to wait to review it since I didn't want to review them back to back. As with the first book, this takes place in the Yukon. This time around, it goes even further into the wilderness.

Shelley is a veterinarian that specializes in shifters, and has moved to the Yukon to start her practice. She's also a wolf, but she can't shift. Chase lives way out in the wilderness. He lives in a cabin, and is a sort of alpha for a ragtag group of loners. He is half cougar, half wolf-a very unusual combination and really rare.

Since her wolf won't come out and because he is a cross-breed, they both are kind of outcasts, of a sort. When they meet on one of his yearly visits to town, everything wakes up in them, except the mating thing. Neither thinks they will ever have that-with anyone.

I really enjoyed the characters of Shelley and Chase. Both have had hard personal lives due to their differences, and really needed love in their life. Over and above the two main characters, the author introduced a motley crew of loner characters. Some of them were amusing, some were just heartwarming, and some were just out and out crazy. There's also a little black cat named Enigma, that manages to have a humorous scene with Chase's cougar. Cat lovers(like me) will enjoy that scene. I am sure the author had as much fun creating the characters, as the reader has reading about all of them.

The bulk of this story takes place in the middle of nowhere, in The Yukon. The Yukon is sparsely populated and made up of vast areas of beautiful wilderness, as described by the author. I am not usually a fan of wilderness books, but these books are just really fun reads. Throw in two main characters that are full of lust for each other, and it ended up being a genuinely good romance. It's also a bit of a mystery. Chase has a wound that won't heal and Shelley has to figure out what's happening. It's traced back to someone from the wilderness, so Shelley and Chase go on the hunt, back to his home area.

If you enjoy a good adult shifter romance, I can recommend this to you without reservation. Soon I hope to have time to read the next in the series, entitled, Diamond Dust. It features Caroline, Shelley's half sister, and she also happens to be human. As she has been in each of the two books so far, I'll be interested to see how she gets her HEA.

FYI-It's not necessary to read these books in order to enjoy them, but they do go in order time wise-in other words, the main characters from the last book do show up a bit in this book.(RabidReads.com)

Samantha says

One of the aspects I enjoyed most about Silver Mine is that Arend tackles a relationship without the fate-mate connection between characters. This was especially interesting since most of Arend's books set in the Takhini and Granite Lake worlds rely on the fate-mate trope to drive the relationship forward. So it was nice to see Arend tackle a relationship set in this world where the characters didn't have that connection driving them.

Arend also takes another step away from her usual fan-fare in this book by making it primarily about the outcast shifters. Shelly is a doctor who gets sucked into helping the outcast Chase find out why a bad injury he has isn't healing properly. This involves going deep into the Yukon and tracking down the person who gave Chase the injury.

I really enjoyed the first two parts of the book, but the third part is where Arend started to lose me. Things started getting really rushed as she was trying to wrap things up. I was annoyed that so many things happened off page and that we were basically debriefed on what had gone on after-the-fact via everyone (view spoiler) It just seemed like a cheap way to wrap up some of the plot threads.

Other than that, I thought this was a really great installment to the Takhini Wolves series and I hope that Arend decides to do more with the Outcast Pack in future books.

Side note: (view spoiler)

Brenda says

I think this may seriously be my favorite Vivian Arend story to date. I loved the main characters, one an outcast, the other a freak in the shifter world. Intelligent, compassionate people who just don't fit in with a traditional pack find each other, but do to their past experiences they are not searching for a long term relationship, let alone a mate. On the surface it might sound like a common plot in paranormal romance, but it's not. The setting in the Canadian wilderness, the characters and the suspense were all amazing, and made this story compelling and unique.

Fans of shifter stories will love Silver Mine. It's a must read for fans of Vivian's other books as well as readers of Moira Rogers, Ilona Andrews, Shelly Laurenston and Dana Marie Bell.
