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Who needs claws when you've got a baseball bat? Lauren Evans sure as heck doesn't.

Human Lauren has a protective streak a mile wide and one immediate goal in life—get her best friend out of an abusive household. If that involves a little bat-based redecorating, so be it. Unfortunately—or fortunately—a certain sexy-as-hell cop breaks up the fight before she has a chance to really get going. Grayslake police officer Van Abrams is too hot for his own good, and his handcuffs make all those wonderful places tingle. Too bad he, you know, arrested her and stuff. But then he becomes overbearing, demanding, and commanding. Suddenly Lauren finds herself in his arms, in his bed, and mated to his werebear butt. What's up with that?

Werebear Enforcer Van Abrams doesn't want anything to do with humans. He's got reasons, and they're damn good ones. He doesn't need to explain himself to anyone, especially the curvaceous, luscious, gorgeous, human Lauren. Then, his bear decides Lauren is his mate and Van's anti-human feelings abandon him. He still hasn't figured out if that's a good thing. Of course, when danger rolls in from Boyne Falls and joins with a powerful prick from Grayslake, Van realizes that, human or not, Lauren is his. Van hopes he can kill their enemies and still make it home for dinner.

Warning: This book contains bad guys (more than one) being bad to good girls (two if you're counting), and one group of humans who sorta end up... dead. Unfortunately, all that comes with a lot of blood, tears, and balls of fur. In this one, boy bears really do drool and human girls rule (and kick ass). We also learn that you can never have enough baseball bats, brake fluid, or fire pokers. Just sayin'.

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Eshani says

This was a random book I picked out and it turned out it was for the best!
I loved the story and I loved the characters (which is a big plus for me!).

It was fun, had a good sense of humor. But it still presented a series issue (in the context of the story).

My only negative comment would be that I would have liked a LOT more suspense as opposed to knowing who the perpetrator was from the beginning. But that's just my hang up. It doesn't have a major effect on the story.

Anyway, give this book a try! It won't disappoint!
Now I'm off to check out this author and the rest of her books.

Malinda says

3.5-4 stars

This was a pretty good story. I liked Lauren very much. I wasn't too sure about Van (considering his problem with humans and the fact that Lauren is human) but he turned out to be a great hero.

Lauren is a BBW human woman that grew up poor but she's got a good heart. She works in a diner as a waitress and has a crappy apartment but she does the best she can. Her friend Anna is married to the Mayor of her town and beats her so Lauren does whatever she can to protect Anna.

Van is a werewolf and also the enforcer for the local pack that's led by his brother, Ty (the hero from book #1 No Ifs, Ands, or Bears About It). Van was attacked by humans when he was very young and the humans killed his uncle so Van has a very bad opinion of humans and is known for it.

The story starts out with Lauren showing up at Anna's house because Anna's neighbor called Lauren to let her know Anna's husband (the mayor) is beating her again. Lauren shows up with a baseball bat trying to stop things and ends up on the receiving end of some hits herself. The police show up and break things up and Van is one of the responding officers. He gets a whiff of Lauren and is all the sudden both he and his bear are very interested in her. His previous issue with dealing with humans is suddenly not so much of an issue when she's around. Both Lauren and the mayor are arrested and since they both had options to press charges they made an agreement that gets them both out of jail and Anna a quick & quiet divorce. Van wants to talk to Lauren further but she manages to leave the station before he can and then he has trouble finding her afterwards. He eventually finds her just as the mayor is trying to accost her on the street for her part in helping his wife escape him. Van saves Lauren from the mayor and decides that both her and Anna need some protection until the mayor can be taken care of. Lauren thinks that Van is hot but also is sure that a hot guy like him wouldn't seriously be interested in her. In order to save herself the heartache, Lauren tries to distance herself from Van but he doesn't make it easy on her and when an attempt is made on Lauren's life, Van moves her in with him...for safety reasons of course. LOL.

Lauren starts staying with Van but things soon get complicated when she meets Parker. Parker is a bear shifter cub and when he thinks she's threatening his mother he shifts and tries to attack Lauren. Lauren freaks the hell out and Van is left with a tough situation to deal with. He manages to calm Lauren down and explain about shifters but then there's the difficulties with the pack laws because a human that's not mated to a shifter is considered a danger and has to be "dealt with". Lauren likes Van and doesn't want to be "dealt with" but she's also not sure if she's willing to mate with Van immediately. They come to an agreement (with Ty since he's the boss) that Lauren is considered Van's mate but she'll be given some time for them to actually consummate the mating. Lauren and Van are fated mates so they feel the pull to each other and while Lauren isn't the kind of woman that normally sleep with a guy she doesn't know well, she finds that she's quickly falling for Van so things escalate relatively quickly and pretty soon Van and Lauren are mated and doing pretty good. There's some additional drama before everything is said and done though. Lauren and Van have to deal with his feeling towards humans and how it affects or could affect their relationship. There's also the issue with the mayor trying to kill Lauren as well as some issues with the local wolf shifters. Things get very interesting before everything calms down but everything is settled in the end and Lauren and Van are able to start their HEA.

This was a pretty enjoyable story. I liked both Lauren and Van and liked their story. This was a very good addition to the series and I'm looking forward to the next book in the series. I'd recommend this book. :D

Wild_irish_rose says

I really like the characters in this series, and Lauren and Van are no exception. I love that the heroines in these stories are strong and spunky. The story is a good read.

Carmen says

I loved this book. It was quite funny. and even though Lauren Freak out when little Parker turn into a Bear in front of her. I think she took it very well.

Celia has become one of my goto author for shifter books and for humor.

Can't wait for the next one.

AlligatorSmith loves to read says

Celia Kyle is my go-to when I need some funny and spicy shifters and a love (and sex) connection between an alpha shifter and a curvy woman with spunk, and this book is no exception. This series is a bit more serious, though, than most of her other shifter ones, but I like it just as well. Throw in some fighting between wolf, coyote, and bear shifter sects, and I like it even better.

Thumbs up for this one. And can't wait until the next in the series.

Thanks for reading.

Claudia says

Van's story, second book in the series had me wondering if Celia Kyle likes to create annoying female characters.

I liked Van's story and his reasons for hating humans and what better way of making him rethink his ways but a human mate. So my rating was saved by Van.

Celia did a great job with Van, his portrayal and this way I pushed through my dislike for Lauren.

As Mia, Lauren manages to annoy me and make me skip the pages. For the love of female characters everywhere why on earth a woman would chose fingers over the real deal during her mating knowing that this is it?

It just doesn't make sense to me to have such a heroine who would show attitude one minute and stupidity the other....

I wanted to see more action and backstory. secondary characters, interaction, Martin and Ana, something.... but I guess I cannot expect much from a story where erotic scenes take precedence over story.

Charlene says

All Roar and No Bite follows up with Grayslake characters introduced in No Ifs, Ands, or Bears About It. Author Celia Kyle books supply my requisite alpha shifter males, steamy passion, and big doses of humor. The laughter starts with her amusing titles, and the extra boost of featuring BBW heroines clinches the attraction!

A big fan of her Ridgeville series (and Maya!), I didn't think I could ever love a Kyle shifter series as well as it. I shouldn't have doubted Celia's wonderful imagination and talent with words. Add in the bonus that her readers don't have to spend a long time waiting for her next book, and you have an author who breeds die-hard fans. Of course, that doesn't keep us from impatiently waiting for our next Kyle "fix".

(If you don't know what all the fuss is about, check out her Facebook page 'Author Celia Kyle'. She has a lot of give-aways, and you might win a free read. Once you're hooked, you'll rush to share her with your friends.)

Ivy Deluca says

Second book in Grayslake series - Van (the clan's Enforcer) and Lauren (a human) find love, werebear style.

The Good, The Bad and Everything In Between

->i>Can't resist a shifter book: it's like crack for me. I like the 'verse, for the most part, and getting to know the characters. I'm most intrigued with Isaac, and he's the reason I keep reading this series.

-*Van's backstory was touching*: his reason for disliking humans in the first place, and the scenes where he relives that, were among the most touching in the book and the reason for its rating.

-*not my favorite heroine*: just not a lot of affection for her. She makes a couple of TSTL moves that made me eye roll.

-*Predictable*: no real surprises with the big conclusion and while I liked Van, I wasn't invested in the romance.

The Bottom Line

It's ok. I'll read more, mostly because I want to get to Isaac's story.

Melanie says

Lauren is a human. She doesn't have much, but she works for what she has and is extremely loyal and protective of her friend. She also has an extreme problem with authority. Her best friend is married to an abusive asshole, but not just any asshole, the town mayor. She has made it her job to get her friend out of this relationship and to safety.

Van is a werebear and completely hates humans. He has no qualms about hiding his prejudice. He is also the enforcer to the pack of werebears and part of the local law enforcement. He shows up at the mayor's house as an officer of the law to break up the fight between Lauren and her baseball bat and the mayor. Van gets a whiff of her and realizes that Lauren is her mate.

This isn't a bad story, but I didn't like it nearly as much as the first story in this series. First, I'm not a fan of the fact that Lauren's friend does the abused girlfriend that chooses to continue to get abused over and over and doesn't want to press charges. She does finally leave the mayor in this book, but he had put her in the hospital several times before she is finally convinced to leave. Second, Van's hatred towards humans. While he does have a reason for his hatred, I would think it is something that would be upsetting, but not enough in my opinion for this amount of hatred.

All in all, I still enjoyed the story. I still see this as being a good series. I still love the characters. The heroine is kickass and very loyal. There is also a large part with the little bear cub, Parker, from the first book. The scene with Lauren watching Mia talk to this little bear and not knowing about werebears is pretty funny. I'm really excited to read the next story.

I think you could read this book without having read the previous book, though I would recommend book one over this one.

PepperPot says

Clan enforcer/law officer Van Abrams has a full plate. The alliance isn't working out too well, his counterpart in the wolf pack is a jerk and the last thing he needs is

Stephanie G says

Werebear enforcer Van Abrams has his reasons for the disdain he feels towards humans and is shocked when his bear recognizes the gorgeous, bat swinging full human Lauren as his true mate. It looks like he'll finally have to deal with his feelings because he's claiming his mate and hunting down a powerful enemy out to kill her.

Is it surprising that the human hating Van's destined mate is a human? Not really yet that didn't stop me from finding much to love about this book. When we meet Lauren she's busting into her best friend's house, baseball bat in hand, to stop her abusive husband before he lands another strike. Does it matter that he's the town's mayor? Nope. Lauren gives him a taste of his own medicine and this is when she meets Van. As he's putting handcuffs on her and carting her off to jail. Romantic story to tell the kids one day, right?

Lauren has a foul mouth, stands up to authority, and though she doesn't have much, she works hard for everything she has. An absolute delight and hilariously matched to Van's dominate, overprotective demeanor. I wasn't happy with Van's attitude towards humans in the first book but after learning why, I understand and applaud his immediate efforts to fix how he has treated the town's humans. The sexy times? H-O-T and builds as it should in a relationship that moves quickly but still faces bumps in the road. Everything about Lauren and Van is done right and a pleasure to read.

The mayor doesn't have a monopoly on being a total a-hole. Wolves the Grayslake bears are working with to clear out a pack of troublesome hyenas are causing problems of their own. Well, one in particular is causing all the problems and Van isn't having any of it. All of this is more of a side story to Lauren and Van figuring out how their relationship can work and I'm totally okay with that. There's a satisfying end to the wolf/mayor problem and none of it gets in the way of what I really enjoyed, Van and Lauren.

I'm sure I can think of another way to say how big of a fan I am of Lauren and Van but I'll stop. I thought there was a bit more humor and not quite the same dark edge in this book compared to the first and I think that's great. I had a lot of fun going back to Grayslake and think the supporting characters are *almost* as awesome as the lead roles. I haven't read anything by Celia Kyle I didn't like and *All Roar and No Bite* is no exception.

- Stephanie

Jessica Frances says

Amazing! I loved this just as much as I loved the first book. Lauren was one of my favourite heroines ever and I loved her reluctance to jump into anything with Van. I loved how Celia wrote her and it felt real to me. It felt like how a human might actually react to discovering what she does and it was so well written. Funny, compelling and exciting. I loved every page and Van was a fantastic alpha. He was strong and powerful, but he was also understanding and patient with Lauren. I loved that. An absolute must read for any shifter fans and fans of Celia. Brilliant!

Melanie says

My review and an extended sample of the audiobook are posted at [Hotlistens.com](https://www.hotlistens.com).

This is a revisit for me. I read the series back in 2015, but when it was offered on audio, I decided that I wanted to revisit the series. I'm a fan of this series. I love how this series tackles hard topics, but adds humor too.

In this story, Lauren is a human living in a mostly shifter community. Her best friend is married to the mayor, but he thinks he's above the law. He beats her, but Lauren won't allow it. She goes after the mayor. She's not scared of his power. That's when deputy and werebear enforcer Van Abrams shows up to break up the dispute.

Van hates humans. He makes no bones about it. He has no use for them. That is until he meets Lauren. He learns that she is his true mate. He must learn to overcome his prejudice. She catches him saying some horrible things about humans, but then he explains that isn't how he feels about her, just her people. You can imagine how that goes.

Someone is trying to kill Lauren. The mayor is trying to cover up his abuse as his wife finally leaves him. Oh, and there are issues with the wolf pack and their hatred of the hyenas.

This story tackles several hard issues like men in power and how they think they are above the law. There is also the species version of racism against humans and hyenas. The bears have their reasons for that hatred, but they must learn that just because there are bad humans and hyenas, doesn't mean that they're all bad. The story of why Van hates humans is a real heartbreaker. It made me tear up and hate those humans too.

Narration

Again, I really enjoyed Kendall Taylor's narration. She handles this cast of mostly bear males really well. I thought she really brought out the emotion in the story, when Lauren goes after the mayor and Van telling his heartbreaking story. I will be on the lookout for more stories narrated by her.

**I like to thank the publisher for providing me with a copy of this audiobook in exchange for an honest review.

Crystal says

Laugh out loud funny

This is seriously one of the funniest and sexiest books I have read in a long time. Van and Lauren are so good together, even if she fights it every step of the way.

Hollie says

Not one of my favourites

This was a decent read but it didn't at any point suck me into this story. It seemed overly predictable. I think my biggest complaint is Mia. I didn't like her in the first book and was disappointed by how often she made appearances in this book. It seemed every page or so she was whining " language". I just didn't fall in love with this story and feel it's overpriced at its current \$4.99 list price. I'm done with this series now and wouldn't personally recommend it.
