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A standalone title in New York Times bestselling author Vivian Arend's light-hearted, feel-good paranormal series.

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*True love's path never did run smooth.*

After seven years of total denial, Margaret Raynor's inner wolf is in full revolt. Weak and shaky, she literally falls into the very large and capable arms of the Granite Lake Beta, Erik Costanov. Just looking at another wolf scares her to death. One as big and sexy as Erik? Really bad idea, no matter what her libido says. She wants no part of him until she resolves her issues.

Sheer chance puts Erik in the right place at the right time to catch Maggie, but the realization that hits him with the force of a full body shot is no accident. She's his mate, and while he'll be as patient as possible, no way is she doing anything without him from now on. Fate agrees—tossing them together to compete in the premier sporting event for wolves in the north,

They'll have to face her fears or lose their future.

*Warning: Contains uber-sexy werewolves of Russian descent, reluctant mates, and exotic travels through the Yukon wilderness. Includes sarcasm and hot nookie under the Midnight Sun.*

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## From Reader Review Wolf Games for online ebook

### Elle says

Maybe my favourite book in the series. The heroine has a lot to overcome and the hero seemed absolutely perfect. \*Swoon\*

Great plot, great characters, great story arc. I loved this one.

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### L M says

A wonderful read in this series. I really do suggest reading these in order to get the best enjoyment and understanding of the characters in this pack.

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### Jenna Scribbles says

Wolf Games is my first read of the series. It may be a bad idea to pick up the third book first, but I actually had little trouble finding my way. I also borrow this title using Lendle. That is a great resource for readers and I'd like to thank Vivian Arend and Samhain for making your titles lendable.

Maggie and Erik come together in the first few pages and know that they are destined to be mates. Things start out with a spark and never fade from the get go. Maggie is hiding something from her chosen wolf, but is fearful of telling him. My only wish was for the author to make this clearer from the beginning of the ebook. I was about 25 - 30% in by the time I knew she had issues. Perhaps it would have helped for me to read the first and second book of the series - my thought is this could have been introduced to new readers with a paragraph.

I enjoyed the intimate storyline. We have only a couple of sex scenes but the rest of it shows a kinder, gentler side to werewolves. There aren't any rival pack themes and not one group member with an evil, hidden plan. It's mostly about Maggie and Erik. I liked that very much.

The other storylines involve the Wolf Games and a couple of side characters, TJ and Jared. TJ was my favorite person in the book and I loved the way he was portrayed as well as the way the other pack members treated him. I certainly hope Ms. Arend brings back TJ, Jared, and Pam. I would love to see something with those people. This author can write action scenes well. I felt as if I were floating down the river with them.

Thank you for the fun, wolfie read.

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### **Crystal ♥ RBtWBC says**

Maggie Raynor knows first hand how violent and aggressive wolves can be, thanks to her former pack Alpha, and is terrified to have anything to do with them. But her body is no longer listening to her brain and the wolf inside refuses to stay hidden any longer. And when Maggie literally falls on her mate the wolf howls to get out.

Erik Costanov, Beta of his pack, was sent to pick up Missy's (*Wolf Flights*) sister and bring her home. Luckily he was in the right place at the right time when Maggie feels weak and falls right into his arms. His wolf instantly recognizes her as his mate but Maggie wants nothing to do with him or any wolf. When they're thrown into the wolf games together though they can't fight the chemistry that sizzles between them or their wolves, and Erik's is a calming presence that enables Maggie to be around other wolves without freaking. Can Maggie put away her fears for good though to find a future with Erik as her mate?

*Wolf Games* was a great read that I tore through. I really liked the hero Erik, he is so big that many are intimidated by him and being the Alpha's second doesn't help in that regard but I don't think that there is any more gentle or patient than him in the pack. He dealt with Maggie's fears more patiently than I probably deal with my kids lol. Caring and tender but definitely all male, Erik is super hot and super sweet. And the sparks that sizzle between him and Maggie \*whew\*, smokin'! *Wolf Games* was a real journey for Maggie in rediscovering her wolf and accepting that part of herself again, as well as learning to face her fears head on. Her growth was a joy to follow.

Great book all together; short, sweet and succulent!

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### **Wild\_irish\_rose says**

This was one of my favorite of this series. I thought it was great that the alpha male took time to help his mate deal with her issues and did not expect a magic wand to make them suddenly disappear.

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### **Marta Cox says**

This book has been previously released but this is an extended version.

We finally get to meet the traumatised sister of Missy as she's now heavily pregnant with twins and in desperate need of support. Maggie has avoided Wolves and although she's looking forward to spending time with her Omega sister Maggie really isn't looking forward to being surrounded by a Pack. Erik the Packs Beta is sent to bring Maggie to Granite Lake but had no idea that he would be bringing home his Mate! Ok one thing at a time keep her safe, reassure her that he's not the big bad wolf, oh and get to the root of her fears as Erik has waited a long time for his Mate and his patience has finally been rewarded. Now if only Maggie could trust what her body is telling her but before anything can be settled there's the slight problem of competing in the notorious Wolf Games. Who am I kidding? Not a slight problem as with so many strange Wolves around and Maggies secret weighing her down it looks like the Granite Lake Wolves are doomed

before they start!

This is my favourite book in this series so far. I loved the idea of the Games, a mixture of a scavenger hunt, puzzles and sheer feats of endurance. Seeing the team interact was such fun and we get to meet Jared as well as more of the loveable TJ just ahead of his own book being released. Yet this book is firmly about the patient, gentle giant that is Erik and he's not a Wolf to be underestimated. Maggie's backstory is truly awful but as she's destined to be the Mate of the Beta you just know that she's got more backbone than most.

Still a novella length but it really suits these stories. This book had great pace with an interesting storyline and was a lot of fun to read.

A copy of this was provided for me with no requirement to review. I've voluntarily read it and I believe these thoughts and comments are a fair expression of my opinion

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### **Francesca the Fierce (Under the Covers Book Blog) says**

#### **This review was posted at Under the Covers**

In the previous book we read about Missy's sister. She was used in the scheme to get Missy to marry the Alpha's brother of their old pack, so that the alpha could control Missy. Things were done to Maggie then that changed her. She hasn't been able to shift or even really be around wolves for a long time. Now that Missy is happily mated and even pregnant, Maggie comes for a visit. Her sister sends the welcome committee to get her.

One of them being the Granite Lake Beta, Erik. And there's an immediate recognition that passes thru between them. They are mates. Not sure if it's because he's described as this huge guy, or the fact that he can actually speak Russian, or maybe it's because he's actually really cute and funny... but I loved Erik. Big and cuddly, hot and sensual, possessive and understanding.

Maggie on the other hand was a biiiiiiit whiny. I understand that her personality and actions were probably appropriate for having gone through what she did and the problems she still goes through. However, a heroine that normally cowers behind the hero is usually not my favorite one.

To add to this mix it is time for the Wolf Games, a series of competitions between neighboring packs. Names are picked out of a hat to form the representing team and Erik and Maggie were chosen to go. The games were fun, looking for the clues and using their team members and resources as best as they could.

Speaking of the Games, I cannot wait to read TJ's book. I adore his clumsy ass! I was happy to see Erik make the others stop teasing him but also yelled at TJ for putting himself down. The kid is brilliant and he deserves a place in the pack.

I can't wait to see who's up next!

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### **Sarah says**

Maggie is Missy's sister (we met Missy in the last novella Wolf Flight) but she was so traumatised by events in her past that she hasn't seen her sister or spent any time with other wolves for nearly a decade. Missy has finally managed to convince Maggie to come and visit her and her new pack but Maggie is very wary and

not looking forward to being surrounded by wolves.

Erik is the Granite Lake pack's beta (second in charge) but as a favor to Missy he offers to collect Maggie from the airport and make sure she arrives safely. As soon as they meet he recognises that she is his mate but Maggie doesn't trust the tie between them and Erik is going to have to convince her that they are meant to be together.

I really enjoyed the first 2 novellas in the Granite Lake series so I was really looking forward to reading Wolf Games, let me just say Vivian Arend didn't disappoint & this was probably my favorite story in the series so far. Vivian sure does manage to pack a lot into her novellas and although I would love to have one of these stories as a full length novel that is more because I just can't get enough of her wolves than because there is anything lacking from the stories.

Maggie has had a tough time when it comes to other wolves and she finds it impossible to trust them - completely understandable when you find out more about her past. Although she is attracted to Erik she is scared of the bond between them. She is having to deal with being around wolves for the first time in years and when she is forced to become a competitor in the Wolf Games she finds it really difficult. I loved Erik, he is so supportive and protective of Maggie and is determined to help her see how good life could be with the pack. He is also smoking hot but you'll have to read the story to find out just how sexy he is!

I really enjoyed watching them take part in the Wolf Games, they were kind of like the Amazing Race for werewolves & it was fun to see how things panned out. We get to see more of TJ as he is another member of their team - I'm sure I mentioned in my previous reviews how much I love TJ & I am so excited to read his story which is released in October! As usual TJ added a lot of comedy to the story with his clumsy ways, he would definitely be a fun guy to have around. We were also introduced to Jared (another team member) who I'm looking forward to getting to know better in future stories.

Wolf Games is a great installment to the Granite Lake Wolves series and I'm looking forward to reading more from Vivian Arend. I'd definitely recommend this series to fans of steamy paranormal romance - these novellas are perfect for when you want a quick but fun read and I'm sure you'll enjoy them as much as I have.

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### **Elena says**

This is, so far, the best book of the series. Erik stole my heart. His tenderness, patience and love, love that did not smother, made me swoon. Maggie got under my skin for a while with her insecurities until I learned why she refused to have anything to do with wolves. After what she went through, Maggie had every right to feel scared and incapable of fitting with the pack. As her involvement in the Wolf Games progressed so did her healing and that thanks not only to her inner strength but Erik's constant encouragement and support. Ah, Erik!

'Erik rubbed his thumb over her knuckles. "I agree you need to take back control of your life, but Maggie..." He cupped her face in his hand. "You've been reclaiming your life. Ever since you started back north you've taken charge and made changes. If you can't finish it all in a few days, you're still well on the way. They aren't winning anymore. You're the one in control of the game now. Okay?" This passage just spoke volumes to me about what kind of man Erik is. Not only an amazing man in love but a great leader too. The way Erik helped TJ with his lack of self esteem was very telling of the kind of man he is.

So while the insta-lust, mate thing happened, I found that the conflict was given priority over the sexual attraction between Maggie and Erik, finally! Next book is about TJ, the comic relief in all the books. I hope TJ grows up a bit and his mate isn't just another clown/klutz and immature wolf like him.

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Ms Arend is rereleasing this series and adding epilogues to the endings. In this one TJ has to fix the wedding cake that Jared has damaged, loved how he did that.

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### **Nichole Lupardus says**

After reading the first two books in this series I knew it was great but after reading wolf games oh wow. Big strong beta wolf Erik runs into his pack omegas sister Maggie and as soon as she falls into his arms he instantly knows she is his mate. Maggie has issues from her past and old pack and isn't ready for a mate. Erik is so amazing in the way he helps Maggie to let go of the past and embrace her wolf once again and their bond. I only wish this story would have been longer because I finished this one in just two hours. Can't wait to read the next one Wolf Tracks and watch TJ fall.

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### **Mspink says**

I love the Granite Lake Wolves! Fun, lovable characters that are loyal to each other. I really enjoyed Erik and Maggie. Erik was patient and loving as she struggled through her issues. But even though she was having some problems, she never lost sight of the efforts he was making and I loved how she remained aware of that and acknowledged his efforts and was also sensitive to his feelings in the whole mating process. A great match up. This was a fun spin on this pack world. It was focused on the wolf games instead of a threat to their pack or her safety. I wonder who will be next...

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### **Wild\_irish\_rose says**

My favorite story of the series. Maggie was a well-developed character, and Erik was dreamy. A good read.

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### **Lovinghotbooks says**

\*I was gifted this ARC and freely give my review of it\*

Maggie has no desire to have a mate but when Eric shows up to accompany her back to her sister and their flock she can't help feel the connection they have.

I loved this book and the relationship building between Maggie and Eric was beautifully described.

The storyline is good and there's no unnecessary descriptions of surroundings so it's a light read. In addition there is enough dialogues to make it a very good book in my opinion.

Lots of emotions makes all of the stories in this series very intense and I love curling up in my chair and just enjoy.

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### **Zeek says**

All three Granite Lake Wolves books so far haven't been bad- unfortunately they lack a certain polish to make them great... but I'm thinking the short story format may have something to do with that.

The stories center around a pack of werewolves located in the Great White North- each story features a couple- and each one must overcome an obstacle that keeps them from their innerwolf or respective mates.

Sexually graphic as well as romantic, these are fun, fast reads with a price that can't be beat!

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