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*He was my best friend, my first love, and now he's my fake boyfriend....*

Nick knows omegas are supposed to be meek and obedient, but he must have been standing in the wrong line when those qualities were being handed out. After losing his job again for not keeping his mouth shut, he heads home to small town Maine to hang with family and stuff himself on Thanksgiving turkey.

Or that's the plan until he wakes up one night, his heart racing with the certainty that his brother is in danger. Nick needs to protect Rhys, but his twin married into a cult that permits no unmated omegas to enter its gated communities. To get inside, Nick needs a mate—a fake one, because he has no interest in a real one. Unfortunately, the only alpha he'd trust with his brother's safety is also the one he'd most like to avoid—his childhood sweetheart.

Zander's life is full. By day, he runs his bookstore; by night, he writes steamy romance novels, and he's happy that way. If only he could stop his parents' matchmaking, his life would be perfect. Or so he thinks, until his first love approaches him with an impossible favor to ask. And maybe they could both win—Nick rescues his brother, and Zander gets his parents off his back for a while.

It's supposed to be an easy mission, no feelings involved, but when the lines blur between what's real and what's pretend, things start to heat up—between the sheets and otherwise.

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## From Reader Review The Omega's Fake Mate for online ebook

### Tanu Gill says

4.25 stars

\*I voluntarily reviewed the ARC provided by the author.\*

Phew! Finally, I got a day off so I could actually read more than a page a day!

This book is right on par with the previous book of the series. I loved this as much as I loved the previous two, with the added advantage of having a fierce omega who got an alpha to blush!

Zander and Nick were such unique characters: an alpha who was not out there with his alpha confidence, but one who liked to be engrossed in a book at all times; an omega who didn't leave anything to be solved by the alphas but going ahead to think up wickedly crazy ideas to solve his problems himself! It was such an adorable pairing that I read the entire book (well, except for the parts where Rhys and his dumbhole of a husband was involved) with an involuntary smile on my face.

I am definitely going to wait until the day we get Conner and Jake's story. Meanwhile, I am eagerly anticipating Rhys's story. Thank you for the lovely teaser! ;)

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### F. says

Actually, not a bad story at all but I was more invested in learning how Rhys was doing than following Zander and Nick. I haven't read any others in this series but may now be tempted. For those into MPreg - yes there is and not one but two!!

4 stars

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### Nica says

This book was a definite feel-good story. It was full of cheerfulness and innocence and I enjoyed it very much. We have Nick, the omega, who is so danged likeable with his smart mouth and snappy sense of humor, I couldn't help cheering him on even when he was acting rather stupidly. He gets himself in trouble with his smart alecky behavior, but I really respected that he knows himself and what he wants and goes for it. He is no chicken, except when it comes to Zander, his childhood friend and first and only love. Zander is an alpha, and a dream come true. A gorgeous nerd who owns a bookstore and writes love stories? Sign me up!

Zander and Nick grew up together and were best of friends, until Nick moved away, but time and distance did not put out the flames of love between them. It is a story of a first love rediscovered and allowed to bloom. Because they are each other's first love, our couple's interaction retains that cute, teenage-like first love awkwardness, and their inner monologues are hilarious! I found the way they kept trying to flirt and backtrack from the flirting very endearing. Zander loves Nick and is willing to be and do whatever Nick

wants, even if it is something crazy like pretend to be his husband in order to check on Nick's twin brother, Rhys, who is married to an abusive jerk and belongs to a cult. I also found the book very refreshing in that there was no forced drama, or fake conflict. Both alpha and omega are aware of their feelings and don't waste time with unnecessary fighting. It's nice to see adults acting adult-like, instead of drama queens. The sex scenes are very hot, as usual. The romance is very sweet and passionate, and I enjoyed every minute of it. This author knows how to create appealing and likeable characters, whether alpha or omega, I liked both Nick and Zander very much, and even the secondary characters are fun to read.

I own all the previous books in the series, but I was allowed to review this one in advance. I look forward to the next book, which if going by the epilogue, will hopefully include a happy ending for Rhys. I have mentioned before that I like the way Mrs. Byrde integrates real life issues in her books without being preachy or heavy handed. In this case, we have domestic violence and a fundamentalist upbringing in a cult. Rhys and all the omegas in the cult are treated like second class citizens and Nick is understandably trying to get his brother out, but Rhys is in love with his husband and in denial of the danger he is in, and insists on defending him. Like many victims of domestic abuse, Rhys feels helpless and isolated and ashamed, but his family is there for him when he needs them, which is unfortunately not often the case in real life.

I enjoy the general lightheartedness of the Oceanport Omegas series. Even in their darkest conflict, I get a general sense of hopefulness and cheerfulness in the books, and I recommend to anyone looking for a happy, good feeling read.

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### **Viz says**

It's a light romantic story. Mcs were childhood friends and are separated before their love could grow. They are reunited and start off where they left.

“Well, I don't have a ring to give you, but I promise I'll be as loyal as an emperor penguin in love. Did you know those penguins bow to each other before sex?”

“I can't believe you've actually read that book. Or that you're bringing it up now.”

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### **meep says**

i have to say i did not like this book as much as past ones but i really did enjoy it. The relationship in my opinion went a little fast and i didnt really care for zander but i am in a hurry for the next book!!!!

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### **Alex says**

3/4

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### **Nerea says**

One of my favorites from the saga!! 4.5\*

I loved the idea about an Omega and an Alpha that don't follow their "typical" roles and that they are proud of it!

As always we continue the story in Oceanport, with the characters from the previous 3 books and of course we have a small appetizer for the next book, that I'm going to start asap!!

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### **L.E. says**

Okay, wow, after I thought the first book didn't really do it for me, I decided not to pursue the rest of the series but I had to read this for a challenge and I loved it!

I'm usually lukewarm when it comes to the friends-to-lovers trope, but Zander and Nick were such a cute couple that I just loved them. It didn't hurt that I like alpha/omega relationships, and what made this one so much better was that they weren't defined by that; Zander wasn't some chest-thumping alpha and Nick wasn't a meek omega.

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### **Jess A Jaye says**

Another great book in the Oceanport Omegas non-shifter mpreg series. I really enjoy this series. This one follows omega Nick and alpha Zander. Main tropes in this one are friends-to-lovers and pretend boyfriend/husband - two of my favourites.

What i really liked about this book is that Nick and Zander buck the usual alpha/omega traits. Alpha Zander is adorable and sweet. He writes romance books. He talks to his dog Betty. And some of their "conversations" made me chuckle like when Zander told Betty not to stare at Nick's bum because it was rude. He even blushes!!

Nick meantime doesn't think, feel or act a like a "usual" omega. He's never gone into heat, doesn't feel the pull towards alphas in general and initially doesn't feel cut out for being a parent. He almost seems to be more alpha than Zander. It was him that proposes to Zander in the end. Found this all very refreshing.

Loved seeing little Connor again. Connor is Kade's step son (Kade is Nick's bestfriend) and we saw him book 4. Him struggling with what it means to be an omega is almost a side plot. And how is his status will affect his friendship with Jake feels like a parallel almost to Zander and Nick's childhood friendship which was a nice plot device. I vote for more on Connor as the series goes on.

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### **Rachel Emily says**

Ahhh, one of my favorite tropes, the fake boyfriend/husband/mate! :D It's an oldie but a goodie, and this was just so sweet and lovely to read! And to make it even better, they used to be friends when they were kids so it's the perfect combo of fake mates and reunion/second chance.

I was so happy that Nick got a story, and I loved his friendship with Zander when they were kids, and then getting to see them find their way back to each other as adults. I love that Nick was a strong omega and could even make Zander, the alpha, blush!

Can't wait to get Rhys' story!

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

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### **caroline wilson says**

I gobbled this up, really good story

I received a free copy from the author for a honest opinion.

Ann Katrin Bryde has done it again with another fantastic addition from the oceanport series. This is the story of Nick and Zander. Nick who we met briefly in the last book visits his friend and cousin back in oceanport from exchanging his services to help with thanksgiving dinner for a plane ticket he readily agrees as he's just lost his job and is stuck in a bit of a rut. This book is set two years after Kade and Shanes wedding but Kade won't let Nick forget the heated glances he had at the wedding with a mysterious alpha and when kade finds out its there bookstore owner he orchestrates a meeting with the handy help of his kid Connor who is book mad.

Nick and Zander were best of friends since childhood and were blossoming into something more when life circumstances pulled them apart with Nick having to move. Long distant friendship gradually petered out until they meet again.

Under the ruse of a pretend marriage to gain access to his twin brother Rhys who has married into the vinist (a religious cult) who thinks omegas are servitude to alphas and basically a second class citizen, Nicks worried about him so he asks Zander to help him. This is the story of there romance.

I liked that Nick the omega was the more dominant partner and that Zander was a sweet nerdy alpha and that he didn't much care on what each should be like due to their stereotyped status. This book flowed lovely and was a pleasure to read with various past characters popping up but also potential budding relationships gradually unfolding to further the series. I liked that the author fleshed out the story by letting us see a bit more of the vinist community and their warped ideology and to explain how they believed that omegas needed more controlling

“They claim Jesus was alpha and all his disciples were betas.” “Aside from the one who betrayed him,” “One hormone crazed omega betrays Jesus and we all have to be second-class citizens forever. Damn convenient, isn’t it?”

This was a sweet read with lovable characters and I thoroughly enjoyed Nick and Zanders romance, looking forward to Rhys now, can't wait.

The cover is really sweet, highly recommend

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### **Skye Blue ?\*~??(``?)~\*? says**

I was not expecting to like this as much as I did.

I love A/B/O in shifter books, but I usually get confused or annoyed when it's humans only.

Partially because the majority I have read (not all) have turned out to be super cheesy. But there are a few that shine out. This one worked for me.

There are a few things glossed over, that I'm kind of glad for. Like Nick dilated. Okay...check, don't need to know more. I like that it was left up to the reader on how the m/m delivery details went.

I've read enough m-preg that I know there are several options here.

I like the characters aren't in the traditional roles expected of Alpha/Omega. But then again...how often do you read a book where the omega MC's fits that mold? Wouldn't make for an interesting read. But Zander's

Alpha role stood out a bit. His love for books was very appealing.

Both of them unable to connect to another beau, after their childhood love, made them seem destined. I liked that they weren't constantly pining over each other their entire life though. They had built full lives separately.

I loved Conner. I kept expecting him to have a slight crush on Zander.  
I was very interested in Rhys. I look forward to hearing his story.

While it doesn't stand out as having a big twist on the traditional, or some epic story line, it was entertaining, held my attention the entire time, and had some warm and fuzzy feelings. I would recommend it to anyone who likes m-preg or A/B/O.

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### **Christy says**

I adore how the characters in each of these books are intertwined with others in previous stories as it gives me a huge family to love and care for. I met Nick in the previous installment as he is cousin to Shane and friend/roommate to Kade. He is also brother to Dean from book two. Now that Nick has been fired from another job – he's got a bit of a smart mouth - Kade has asked him to come back to his hometown for a vacation and to get his head back on straight. Pun totally intended. Who knew that just returning home was going to prove such a challenge?

Zander and Nick were best friends growing up. The day they learned Zander was alpha and Nick omega, Zander told Nick that was why they were perfect together. They were ten. It wasn't too long after that when Nick's family moved and he and Zander lost touch. Not that the feelings have gone away as Nick discovers when he walked back into Zander's bookstore. There are so many memories at Tall Tales, the bookstore Zander's grandmother owned and left to him. I can't imagine anything more fabulous than inheriting a bookstore. \*sigh\*

Nick is extraordinarily easy to fall for. In fact, exactly the kind of character I adore. He tends to spout out whatever just entered his mind and has spent a lot of time pulling his foot out of his mouth. He's also not like other omegas. He doesn't react to alphas and he's never gone into heat. Definitely unusual. But he loves his twin, Rhys, and has been worried about him ever since Rhys married a Vinist – the same cult that Kade grew up in and escaped from. Even though in this world unmated omegas are second-class citizens, Vinists take it to the far extreme where alphas are kings and their omegas are scullery maids. So, it's no wonder that when Nick gets the strong feeling that something is wrong with Rhys, he hatches his cockamamie plan to infiltrate the compound and rescue his brother.

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### **Fani \*loves angst\* says**

[It really would have been more interesting if the hero actually stuck with his original plan and refused to have kids, instead of falling for the old cliche like any good omega eventually does (hide spoiler)]

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**Liz (Bugetta) says**

2.5 stars

This book was okay. The writing style seemed really simplistic and there wasn't a lot of depth to the characterization. I liked the MCs, but the romance was kind of "meh" and I actually found the characters' argument about not wanting to be parents more compelling than the argument to have kids (but that's probably more about me than the book . :-D).

Reading this did make me realize why mpreg is one of my least favorite genres though -- one of my least favorite things about m/f romance was the baby epilogue. Not everyone wants to have kids and it was kind of refreshing when I first started reading mm romance to not having kids popping up in the epilogue for every book.

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