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**You never forget your first wolf.**

Emilia's first encounter with Jason is memorable: it's not every day you see a stranger change into a wolf. Her attraction to him is undeniable, but the secret he shares shakes the foundations of her life.

Jason's need for Emilia unnerves him. It's his job to report shifters without proper ID, yet he can't make himself do it this time. The decision bites him in the tail when he discovers exactly who she is. He must keep his distance—or there will be hell to pay.

Their fates entwine when rogue shifters learn of Emilia's identity and will stop at nothing to get to her. Emilia and Jason will have to fight together or risk losing everything.

**But most of all? Emilia must learn to trust the wolf.**

## Trust the Wolf Details

Date :

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Author : Zoe Ashwood

Format :

Genre : Romance, Paranormal Romance, Fantasy, Paranormal, Shapeshifters

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## From Reader Review Trust the Wolf for online ebook

### Maraia says

Romance isn't a genre I gravitate towards (okay, fine, I actively avoid it), particularly when it includes paranormal relationships. I've tried a few books, but in the end, the genre just isn't for me. When my friend Zoe Ashwood told me she'd written a paranormal romance novel and asked if I wanted to read it, I was hesitant but knew that if anyone could write a paranormal romance I'd enjoy, she'd be the one.

My first exposure to Zoe's writing was through her former book blog, where I fell in love with it immediately. I'm happy to say that my feelings are the same with *Trust the Wolf*. I don't know what exactly it is about her writing, but she truly has a way with words. Her writing is somehow captivating, and it draws me in, making me feel a part of the story.

Because this is a romance novel, there is still too much sex for my taste. That's on me, though, and I don't think there is in any way an excessive amount of sex, considering the genre. It's just not something I personally need in a book. (That's not to say I'm completely immune. Even I can admit there were some pretty steamy scenes.) I also found it slightly jarring to see the characters from the prequel novella through the new characters' eyes. This is a problem I often have when I grow attached to characters and then am forced to view them from another, maybe less favorable perspective.

Other than that, though, I have no complaints. In fact, I loved *Trust the Wolf*. The characters and the plot are strong and engaging enough that I was hooked right away and could hardly put the book down.

Both Emilia and Jason are great, and I enjoyed learning more about them as individuals as well as seeing their relationship progress. One reason I'm wary of paranormal romance is that I don't like alpha males, unequal power dynamics, or submissive human women. There's none of that in *Trust the Wolf*. Emilia is just as brave as Jason, and she holds her own in the relationship. Jason is strong and protective, yes, but he doesn't use that to take advantage of Emilia. He's actually quite sweet. Sex is empowering to Emilia, and she's not afraid to take the reins. The sex scenes are also very explicit when it comes to consent, which I particularly value, as well as in regards to condom usage. I wouldn't feel uncomfortable at the thought of a teenager reading this book and getting the wrong idea about sex or what makes for a healthy relationship.

Aside from the budding romance, there's a lot going on in *Trust the Wolf*. There are family relationships and strong friendships, always something I appreciate. Neither one of the love interests is a lone wolf who only discovers they have a heart when they meet the love of their life. There is diversity, ranging from Emilia being of Native American descent, to her adoptive family being half Hispanic, to a wide range of ethnicities among the supporting characters, to several LGBT characters. The book is surprisingly funny and had me laughing out loud at multiple points. I also wasn't expecting to enjoy the shifter aspect as much as I did. There aren't a huge number of shifting scenes, but I like that shifting is about connecting to nature and enjoying the feeling of freedom that comes with being an animal.

One of my favorite parts is how Ashwood explores Emilia's feelings of inertia and being stuck in a career that she doesn't particularly care for. I also love that Emilia doesn't drop everything and upend her life for Jason or for anyone else. She makes her own choices and stands up for herself. In that regard, the ending is perfect, and I'm excited to see where book two will take Emilia, Jason, and the other characters I've grown to love.

If you're a romance reader, I definitely recommend *Trust the Wolf*. If you're not, I still suggest giving this one a try. It might surprise you!

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### **Jolie Vines says**

Trust the Wolf is a pacy tale of shifter discovery and romance, and it gripped me from the off. Emilia is our no-nonsense heroine, and human, or so she thinks. When she is accosted in a nightclub by a nasty man who calls her 'little cub', she's saved by a hero who turns her life upside down. In more ways than one.

It helps that Jason, our hero, is dreamy gorgeous, so when he shifts into a grey wolf in front of her and names her Ms Bear, it takes little persuading for her to want to know more.

You guys, I loved this story so much. Ashwood's tone is playful and light, the romance is sparkling and entirely angst-free, and the chemistry is off the scale.

The story is humorous, and the emotional tone breezy and satisfying. There's a scene where Emilia and Jason stay overnight in the same room on a road trip, and the sexual tension is through the roof. It's resolved in a super hot way - I'm blushing remembering it.

The supporting characters are fun, setting up nicely for their own stories in this linked series. I can't wait to read on.

Trust the Wolf has made it to my top-reads list, and Ashwood is my new favourite author.

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### **Cheri Tipler says**

Ok Wow really enjoyed this human & shifter lives. Keeping chaos in order for their safety shifters are fighting the same wars the humans do. By the way your a bear shifter, You now have new rules & laws, New changes need to be made, evildoers need to be dealt with. Emilia & Jason have so much to work through but love always wins. This is a good Read Good action and romance with a nice twist.

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### **Adele says**

\*\*Disclaimer: I received an Advanced Reader Copy from the author in exchange for an honest review. This in no way impacted my review.\*\*

Trigger Warning: Attempted Abduction, Abduction Mention, Gun Usage, Tranquilizer Usage, Death Mention.

If you don't like stories with sex scenes, I would advise you to not read Trust the Wolf.

Publication Date for TRUST THE WOLF is January 24, 2019.

I'm very glad that I discovered Trust the Wolf, and I'm even happier that Zoe Ashwood allowed me to read Trust the Wolf and review it for her. When I first read about Trust the Wolf I knew that the story would be perfect for me, and I'm so glad that it is!

(view spoiler)

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### **Zoe Ashwood says**

Read the first three chapters of the story [here!](#)

To read the FREE prequel novella, *Bearly Married*, [go here!](#)

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### **Laney Kaye says**

You know when you read a book, and you're aware it's probably not going to be a blockbuster, or a movie, yet every page imprints a permanent, gentle, happy smile on your face? This is that book.

Sweet, fun, and eminently readable. Thoroughly enjoyable, and perfect to curl up with this winter.

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### **United Indie Book Blog says**

Loved it! I've volunteered to review this book for United Indie Book Blog. This is my first time reading one of Zoe Ashwood books. I will be going back and reading of her books. Zoe Ashwood's writing is so captivating, she had me hooked with the first page. I loved Emilia and Jason. They had so much chemistry between them. Jason is strong and protective. I love that Emilia doesn't drop everything and upend her life for Jason or for anyone else. If you're a romance reader, I definitely recommend *Trust the Wolf*. You will be love this book just like me. Keep up the great job! I can't wait to read more from you.

review by Chantelle

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### **Erin Figueiredo says**

Great Captivating Story.

The story line is very captivating and kept me wanting to read more. The main characters are well thought out and easy to like. The book ends on a cliff-hanger making you really want to read the next book to see where the story goes.

I really enjoyed reading this book. A must read.

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### **Wendy Bowen says**

This story is intriguing, intense, sweet, and romantic throughout. Zoe Ashwood has written an exceptional shifter novel, one that will have readers entertained for many years to come.

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

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### **Rebecca says**

Full review to follow, I need to figure out all my thoughts into coherency.

I will say, is the next book out yet?

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### **Naadira Moodley (BookedMercy) says**

Oh how I tried for this book. I really wanted to enjoy it. It just fell through.

We get Emilia who thought she was an average human but her world gets toppled when she finds out she is half shifter. Half bear shifter to be exact. If something like that happened to me, I would be so freaked out but no, not Emilia. She was more worried about jumping the wolf. She is introduced to this whole new world that she didn't know existed and she is as cool as a cucumber. The same goes for her friends. Jason, the wolf, was so irritating. Don't get me wrong, Emilia was irritating as well, but Jason just made me wanna hit him all the time. He kept on pushing her away and she kept in running back after saying she isn't going to do that. I just couldn't deal.

I was going to stop reading but I persevered and push through it thinking maybe it will get better and the characters will be less annoying but alas, no. They still were the same. This book was also very anticlimactic. The revelations and shocked factor were not that big or great.

I apologize if this review is a bit harsh but as much as I wish I could change my opinion, I can't.

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### **Janet says**

AH! It had to be strange and scary when Emilia found out she was half bear and human. Then to fall for a wolf. All kinds of things going on. Finding out about her biological family, politics (which she does not care for), the guy she fell for was told to get into her good graces. So much, will it get better, the felling of betrayal? I like this book and the way the author dealt with all going on. I received a complimentary review copy of the book and I am voluntarily leaving a honest review.

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### **Danielle Robbins says**

Trust The Wolf was a great read. I loved Jason and Emilia. They were great together. Looking forward to reading the next book.

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## ?The QD Bibliophile? says

### ~REVIEW?~

**The quick and dirty:** Girl is informed by a male wolf shifter that she's not entirely human. They form a friendship that quickly morphs into something romantic but when he realizes who she really is, he quickly distances himself (shifter politics and abandonment issues). When there's an attempt on her life though, he realizes he's willing to sacrifice everything to save her.

### \*MILD SPOILERS\*

Jason saves Emilia from being assaulted at a club and realizes she has no idea that she's a shifter. A hybrid bear shifter. He's supposed to report her to SANA (the shifter authorities for whom he works) but finds it hard to do so because he's inexplicably drawn to her and wants more time to explore their mutual attraction. When he discovers her true heritage though, he has no choice but to deliver her to the council in order to ensure her safety. The council assigns Jason to protect Emilia but that just makes it harder for him to stay away from her, especially when Emilia doesn't understand shifter politics or why they can't be together. When there is an attempt on Emilia's life however, things take a turn and Jason finally realizes what really matters.

A great debut novel from Zoe Ashwood! I enjoyed the dynamic between Jason and Emilia and thought the ancillary characters, like Zach and Mat, added some interesting texture to the story. I appreciated that Emilia didn't blindly believe Jason when he told her she was a shifter and instead asked questions (though I wish she had asked even more - especially when she arrived in Canada). The twist with the councilmember was interesting, though it felt like an after thought. I'd love to see that type of suspense be a more core part of the storyline. Looking forward to Truth or Bear next month!

Overall: 4/5 ????

Steam: 2/5 ??

Feels: ?????

### ~QD STORY DETAILS~

Tear jerker: No

Paranormal/Fantasy: Yes

Location: New York then Canada

Character age range: twenties

Lead: Emilia

Love interest(s): Jason

HEA: Yes

### ~QD BOOK INFO~

Kindle Unlimited: Yes

Audible: No

Series: Yes (Shift Series)

1. Trust the Wolf - releases 01/24/19

2. Truth or Bear - releases 02/28/19

**~QD ?~**

Sex/kink type: manual, oral, penetrative

Possible triggers: Mild violence

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### **Sophia says**

Love these characters and the premise! I'm not super familiar with the genre and I'm glad this was the first book I read in this kind of world.

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