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Awakening: (Volume 1: My Winter Wolf Serial)



Synopsis

What would you call a werewolf that can't shift? The Rafe clan has long lost their ability to shift into their true wolf form. Akira Rafe is one of the few people who is still born with a wolf. Only every seven years, one person is given the honour to release the animal inside their chest. This year, it is Akira's turn to become the Winter Wolf. But for this once in a life time ritual, she needs the blessing from the Winter Stone. Which has gone missing. Just her luck. On her desperate quest to retrieve the Stone and finally embrace her true nature, she comes across wolf shifters – real ones, who can still shift. One of them seems to be her mate. Maybe even two of them... But how can she be sure without her wolf there to guide her? This is volume 1 of the serial My Winter Wolf. There will be 4 more volumes to complete book 1: Whisper and there will follow two more books. This is a short read, perfect for in a lunch break, on the commute, sneaking in a quick read before you are off to work or after your last child falls asleep. The 5 volumes will be bundled together at the end (think december) for those who enjoy longer books so they can read in one go. This book is written predominantly in British, but does have American words in the mix. You will see me use the British spelling for words like "colour" and "flavour", but I also use skillet and pans, pants and trousers.

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Customer Reviews

This was a pretty good book for as short as it was. I enjoyed it greatly

Great book!

I wouldn't be surprised if this book was written by a very young person and since it is supposed to be about a 21 year old it didn't seem to work out for me. This book seems to have been born from an interesting idea about a tribe of wolf shifters who were cursed and are now unable to shift but the execution fell way short of the mark. I'm shocked it got several 5 star reviews. Writing takes practice to become good at it. You have rough drafts and feedback from editors and readers and rewrites before it ever gets published. This book just seemed to miss a few of those things. My advice to the author would be to keep trying but head to wattpad where people will constantly comment and give you feedback. It isn't unusual to get comments on paragraphs to let you know what was a hit or a miss or so funny they had to lol. My biggest complaints about this book was the inconsistencies throughout the less than 50 pages. It was frustrating and confusing at times. My second issue was the very immature language for example she sees a naked man instead of the wolf she is expecting and this is her inner dialogue "was met with one big wiggly ding dong that burned my corneas"..... "in all his male glory". What about big wiggly ding dong makes you think male glory? Yuck! I hope to never read or hear those words again but I certainly don't want to while reading a romance. His first words to her ever are "Yo, relax, it is just me," then a little later when she is still worked up he responds with "Baby, I told you to chillax." It was all ridiculous to me...I mean who talks like that? The inconsistency of how her whole tribe is counting on her, especially her family who are relying on her to be there last hope really bothered me. Because that was how the book started and took up a huge chunk of the book explaining how everyone is depending on her and she has this very limited window in which to complete her mission. Yet we don't get to feel that desperation especially as she spends a couple days after rescuing the wolf just laying around camp redoing her tent and bed. Frustrating waste of time and it wasn't like she was nursing the wolf either, because after a few hours he was walking on his hurt paw. A few words missing here and there and then sentences that don't quite make sense. Here is just one example "I approached him and as he tried to run away, he sank through his legs and fell down on the cold snow." Another inconsistent part was the rations "I counted out all the rations I brought with me and tried to figure out how many days it would last me.

I had brought enough jerky with me that was supposed to last me two full months, but I seemed to have slightly miscalculated. Without anything else to eat, I had gone through my dried elk twice as fast as I predicted. And if I was gonna share my rations with a hungry wolf, I would be out of food after only three weeks of travel." A few sentences later it is "Even if I shared with the wolf, I would still be able to sustain myself pretty comfortable for the next week." Yet a few pages later she talks about all the frozen vegetables she had packed in her bag. Why say she had nothing else to eat? 24 hours goes by and a few pages and the story is now "I had run out of meat much sooner than anticipated. Great." None of it matched up. Her backstory is growing up in a tribe and having a wolf inside of her but she is unable to hunt on her own. Why? Because "it would be a suicide mission. And honestly, I didn't feel like killing myself." I just don't get it. She can hunt a rabbit or squirrel or set traps for small animals with minimal risk to herself. I think I've given enough examples as to why I've rated this book so low. This is only my opinion and it isn't even the prevailing one so take it with a grain of salt. I hope the author sees this as constructive criticism and uses it to build on. I wouldn't have borrowed this book using KU if I hadn't thought it sounded interesting. Like I said it was a good idea and with more work may turn into a great read.

Akira is the youngest child in her family and she has been chosen to do great things for her wolf pack. As the only child in her family to inherit a wolf, her life is filled with jealousy from her siblings. Once she is chosen, the jealous and hatred intensifies. When she was supposed to inherit her gift, something went wrong and now she's on a quest to find a stone that would bring her family great honor and happiness. On her quest, she finds an injured wolf and everything changes. This book was funny and unique. Akira is tough and determined. This ends on a slight cliffhanger and I was sad that the book ended. It was just getting good! I can't wait to see what's in store for Akira and her wolf next!

I received My Winter Wolf: Book 1 as an ARC. I genuinely loved this book; for those who haven't read how many pages My Winter Wolf Book is, it's only short, but that is because this is part of a serial, which is essentially one book that's been broken down into smaller pieces that are released over a relatively short period of time (say every few weeks or every month etc). Anyway, back to the story. So the plot follows Akira (beautiful name btw) who comes from a pack who have been cursed since the beginning of their known history. Their wolves cannot manifest, but one person is chosen to have their wolves awoken and take a position of great importance in the pack. Akira was this chosen one, however on a day that they should have been celebrating she has to go hunting for the

Winter stone that's been stolen from them. In this first part of the book we see Akira's kindness and devotion to her heritage when she helps out an injured wolf; but nothing is as it seems, and this book still has a few surprises ready to throw at you before it ends. That last chapter Arizona killed me!! I need to know more, and I need to know it now!! I want to know everything!! The writing is beautiful and I cannot wait to see some more character development, Akira and the wolf are already looking like they are going to be hilarious characters, I just wish we had seen some more of them. I cannot wait to see the consequences of that last plot bomb in the next installment!!

Awakening is the first book in the My Winter Wolf serial. If you do not like serials, please do not start reading this one until the series is complete and compiled. You have been warned! For those that do like book episodes, this one has an interesting premise. The Rafe clan has lost the ability to shift into wolves; not everyone is even born with an inner wolf. Akira Rafe is one of the few born with a wolf and has been chosen as the Winter Wolf, a ceremony performed every 7 years. It's a great honor, but someone has stolen the Winter stone which is needed for the blessing. She has until spring, 3 months to find the stone and return to her clan with it. Along the way she rescues an injured wolf and gets quite the surprise. I enjoyed the back and forth between Akira and her wolf, Aspen. I look forward to getting to know them better in book 2.

This is the first book of Arizona Tape's that I have read but it won't be the last. Many people know that I don't do well with cliffhangers but well what do you expect with a serial. I can tell you this is an interesting twist to wolf shifters. Looking forward to what will happen next.

I really loved this book! I love the start of this series and I love the MC's personality! She is feisty, brave, compassionate, and a bit snarky which I love! I think that this is a fantastic start to a great series and I can't wait for more! (Men and books!)

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