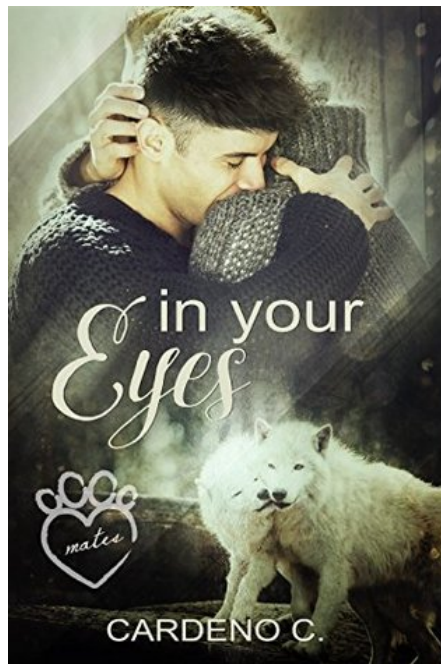




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To say that I am a fan of Cardeno C. would be putting it to lightly, Add Charlie David as a narrator and you have a masterpiece. Each book by Cardeno C. is written with such vivid description the reader will not only **read** the story but they will **live** the story! The quality of Charlie David's performance is excellent. His cadence and inflection literally make you feel as if you are living the story. I was immediately taken in by the story, characters, and theme and I devoured the book both written and audio straight through!

We meet the two main characters of this story as they are at a inner-pack meeting accompanying their fathers, the current Alpha's, so they can learn and gain experience to use when they are Alpha's of their packs. Yep, both of the boys are expected to grow up and one day be Alpha's of two different packs! But that is not all that could potentially keep these two apart.. no it gets much more complicated as they grow up, I loved this scene when the two first meet --

"I'm Korban Keller." He smiled so broadly his nose crinkled a little. "What's your name?" I glanced up at my father to see if he could help me figure out how to deal with the unexpected

interrogation, but he was busy talking with the other adults. "I'm Samuel Goodwin," I said eventually.

I hated being called Sam. I also hated being asked questions when I didn't know why they were being asked. And I didn't like people poking their noses in my business. But on the other hand, I worried it'd be considered rude if I didn't answer. I'd have to work with this boy one day because I'd be Alpha of my pack, he'd be Alpha of his pack, and my father said getting along with people was important. I wasn't sure why or if I agreed, but he was a smart man and I tried to listen to him.

"I'm eight." "Cool. I'm eleven." He kept grinning and looking at me. I wondered if I was supposed to say something or if we were done talking and he'd go away so I could stop feeling nervous and focus on my dad's conversation. "You want to go play, Sam?"

"It's Samuel!" I snapped. His eyes widened in surprise, but that reaction to my obvious annoyance. "Do you want to go play, Samuel?" I looked him over and tried to figure out what he was doing.

"They have a football in the back." I stared at him. "And the yard is really big." Big as in big enough that nobody would hear me if I got hurt? Was he threatening me? "But if you don't like football, they have checkers too." Why wouldn't I be able to play football? I was one of the strongest boys in my grade and, yes, Korban was bigger than me, but that was only because he was older. "If you like checkers." He smiled again, but it wasn't as big that time. There was something softer about it. "It's okay if you don't." Oh, so now I wasn't strong enough for football and I wasn't smart enough for checkers. The nerve of that guy! "We can shift instead. I bet we can find good stuff to sniff when we're in our wolf forms." The conversation made me uncomfortable. He made me uncomfortable. I felt off-balance and confused, which was probably exactly what he intended. No way was I wandering off with him away from my father and the other adults. No way. "I don't think I'm supposed to—"

And that is how Korbin and Samuel's story begins.

As stated, this story follows two different Packs, The Miancarem and The Yafenak Packs as we watch the two future Alpha's of the Packs, meet, grow up, deal with tragedy and finally come to recognize they are True Mates. To find a True Mate is rare, to find a True Mate of another Pack who is meant to be Alpha, oh and yeah who is the same sex as you - well that leaves the realm of rare and many feel enters the area of unnatural.

Thankfully these two are not the only shifters to find themselves in unusual situations they have heard the Alpha of the Etzgadol Pack Zev is also mated to a male, a male who isn't even all shifter but half "half-soul" - so Samuel and Korbin understand that while their mating may not be usual -- it is perfectly acceptable and they are each other's other half.

Another Highly Recommended Story from The Mates Series by Cardeno C. Please note that although this is a series each book is complete and can be read in any order. I would however recommend reading and/or listening to them in order at least once; if you are like me this series will be one you revisit.

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Mandy*reads obsessively* says

Ok, I will admit to having a soft spot for Cardeno C.'s books and I also have a *thing* for shifters.

So this is has my name written all over it.

It didn't disappoint.

Samuel is smart, dedicated and takes his responsibility very very seriously.

But emotionally he's a little off, he doesn't quite *get* people (or you know, wolves) or emotions and isn't social at all. Which for a future alpha isn't all that helpful.

Korban is all those things, and it really felt for him, even when we didn't get his POV I could imagine what was going through his mind, knowing they are mates and also knowing that Samuel is a little dense.

I really liked how having a mate helped them both, with the shifting, the shortcomings that Samuel had with interacting with his pack.

All in all a great addition to the series and I'm still a big CC fan!

Bring on the next one! :)

Shile says

3.85 stars

-True mates

-Two Alphas

-Knotting

-Arkward geeky clueless Mc and patient loving Mc

-Hot Sex

- Candy Coated sugary fluff

- Cuteness overload

-Childhood crush

After reading too much fluff.. i believe its time for dark and heartbreaking-tear inducing read.

„• * ° *•Gwendolyn•°**★°**★ says

[save his mate Korban
(hide spoiler)]

Valerie ❄M/M Romance Junkie❄ says

I'm such a sap for Cardeno C. books. I can't even claim to not be biased. I loved it. Sue me.

~☆~Dαni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

4.25 stars

Good things comes to those who wait patiently!

Cardeno C's books are like a balm to my soul. I don't mind angst and drama when I know the payoff is a glorious HEA.

I loved the other two books in this series, and this one certainly didn't disappoint.

Told from Samuel's first-person POV, this book seems to be set a couple years after book 1 ends. There are references to Zev and Jonah, as well as Ethan and Miguel, but there's no on-page interaction with the other two couples besides one phone call between Samuel and Zev.

Samuel, who's next in line to be his pack's Alpha, is so focused on rules and logic, he completely misses the forest for the trees. He's serious, obsessive, detached, and not very likable. His unwillingness to be around other shifters, much less to tie, leads to difficulty letting go of his wolf.

Even worse, every time Samuel runs into Korban, the son of the Alpha who rules the neighboring pack, he's thrown for a loop. Korban unnerves Samuel, and Samuel resents feeling unsettled.

What Samuel refuses to acknowledge is that Korban is his true mate. It takes Korban's vicious, power-hungry father to make Samuel truly see (and feel) for the first time. In the midst of injustice and chaos, Samuel acts impulsively, and his impetuous behavior puts Korban in danger. Only then does Samuel let down his guard and listen to his heart for the very first time.

This book blends tenderness with hawtness (CC's trademark!). The MCs don't get together until approximately 60 percent into the book, but there's still plenty of tension and steam. And biting, of course!

The secondary characters, especially Samuel's gentle father, were wonderful! There was some conflict and angst, but once the guys found each other, they didn't let go!

Wonderful writing, wonderful wolves, wonderful book!

I really hope there's a book 4!

(This book can easily be read as a standalone, although the other two books in the series are wonderful and I wouldn't recommend skipping them.)

Patience is highly overrated.

BWT (Belen) says

5 Stars for audio!

This is what you get when you put together a story I already love with a narrator I love.

Samuel Goodwin and Korban Keller are both the prospective Alphas of their respective shifter packs and they meet initially at an interpack council meeting when Samuel is eight and Korban is eleven.

Told entirely through Samuel's perspective, he's initially distrusting and suspicious of Korban and how bright, sunny, smiling, and seemingly carefree he is. Duty and responsibility is very important to Samuel. He takes his prospective Alpha status very seriously. Samuel desperately needs order, control, facts and rules to function.

My father said people shied away from me because I was strong and they knew I'd be Alpha one day. He said that meant I needed to make the effort to approach them instead of waiting for them to approach me. Apparently he didn't realize I wasn't waiting for them and I had good reasons.

As the boys continue to meet at different points in their lives at different interpack council meetings Samuel becomes more frustrated because he can't figure out what it is about Korban. Spoiler: Korban is his True Mate! Samuel finds it strange that he has "feelings" for Korban, because Samuel doesn't really have feelings per se, he relies solely on intellect and is a complete over thinker. He doesn't know how to go with his gut, no matter how hard his father tries to teach him. He constantly studies oh-so diligently, reading all the old lore and shifter laws and runs and shifts to make himself into the strongest wolf he can be.

*I was more a brain man than a gut man, always had been. When my father used to ask me what my gut said, I always wondered what he meant.
"How do you feel, Samuel?" he'd say. "Not what do you think up here." He'd tap his head.
"What do you feel down here?" He'd pat his belly. "Go with your gut."
All those years and I never understood, but suddenly, I thought maybe I did. Maybe that feeling in my belly telling me to keep trying, telling me there was something I was missing, telling me to look harder, maybe that was my gut.*

So, it doesn't really come as a real surprise that Samuel doesn't have friends, or share normal pack intimacies, and that he's completely awkward and socially backward, often saying the wrong thing and not knowing how to interact with others. Which is the absolute opposite from Korban in every way possible. (Personally, I think Samuel is definitely on the spectrum; from his mannerisms, to his thought processes I would lay a bet for high-functioning autism.)

"I like order. When things aren't where they're supposed to be, I can't focus on anything else," I explained, hoping that wouldn't make me sound as rigid as I probably was. I didn't want Korban to be worried about living with me.

I love the UST in this story. I love Samuel's father and I absolutely love Korban! The story takes a while for the guys to get together, but once they do, it's full steam ahead!

I won't lie to you - the first 40% or so of this story is a bit hard to take because Samuel isn't the most likeable of characters. It's juxtaposed with how he is once he is able to tie with his other half. In true Cardeno fashion once our two mates actually connect and get together they are each other's rock and strike a perfect balance. **Truly two halves of a whole.** It takes a while to get there, but once it does, Cardeno doesn't disappoint - the smexy times are awesome and abundant (thank heavens!).

I love visiting this world Cardeno has built and Charlie David brings to life through his absolutely wonderful narration.

RECOMMENDED!

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Listened 11/11/15

4 Stars

Took me a bit to get into the final installment of the Mates series. Samuel is a bit hard to take until he and Korban sealed their mating bond. After that? **I loved it!**

BTW - I'm pretty sure Samuel is mildly (*or, not so mildly*) on the spectrum. Looking at the character from that perspective makes me like him more. If he's not on the spectrum...well, Korban saves him from being a complete uptight asshole thankfully.

Read 03/14/2015

Trisha Harrington says

I adored the second book in the Mates series, but I haven't read the book because I don't think it would be for me. In Your Eyes is up there with Until Forever Comes, book 2 in the series. It's so good and I fell in love with it easily. I love the characters, the story, and also the cover (I'm a cover slut, I can admit it).

I love a good shifter story, and the two books I've read in the series are perfect for me. I like shifters and I love true mates. And this is what this series has. But it also has vampires (even though they're not in this, only mentioned).

I love how Samuel and Korban work so well together. They're not exactly alike, but they are similar in a sense, and they balance each other out perfectly to make the perfect couple. I think Korban is probably my favorite of the two, just because he's so sweet and nice and lovable. He's a really bubbly guy. He's the kind of guy I would love to be around. Of course, Samuel is a great character, too. He's super smart, but he isn't exactly an emotional guy, which might be off-putting for some. But it's what made him so lovable, in my

opinion.

The plot is amazing, too. It's a bit angsty, but not too much, and once Samuel and Korban get together, at around 60% or so, they're together. There's no major couple drama, which I like. The build up to them becoming a couple is definitely a bonus. It's not insta-love. And Samuel doesn't realize Korban is his mate, but he does struggle to keep his eyes off Korban, which is what makes this a bit more realistic in a sense.

Do I think this will be for everyone? No, I don't. But if you like and/or can take sweetness, then you should definitely give this book a try because it can be read as a standalone.

Wendy says

Loved this one. I liked it better than the previous book. Also this one was more fun !! There are 3 books in this series and they are all different.

In 1, we have a shifter and a human, in 2, we have a shifter and a vampire and in this one we have 2 delicious alpha male shifters together.

Korban is the sweet and fun loving one, while Samuel is the smart, distant and cold one. They are both in line to be the next alpha of their packs, since both of them are sons of the current alpha's.

Korban figured out that Samuel is his true mate, at the age of 11, but it took Samuel way way longer to figure his shit out.

So it does take them some time to get together and a lot of things happen in between, most having to do with their packs and their Alpha's. Since I don't want to spoiler anything, you will just have to read all of that yourself. However, once they do figure things out....damn they were HOT !! All the hot sex and the biting and ...did I mention the knotting ??

So far I have enjoyed all books in this series, but so far this one is my favorite. Guess that's because I have a preference for all thing Alpha :P

This review has been posted on Dirty Books Obsession

Rosa, really says

Are you excited?

‘Cause I’m excited.

New Cardeno C., people! I love the *Mates* series and would possibly consider sacrificing a finger just to read more of them. So it’s a forgone conclusion I would enjoy this book.

One of the many things that make this particular Cardeno book enjoyable is main character Samuel Goodwin. Samuel is the son of his pack’s alpha and takes his role of presumptive alpha extremely seriously. He’s in love with facts and knows exactly how an alpha should act at all times. But empathetic he is not. Yes, he understands how he should behave, that part of being a good alpha is sympathy and compassion – unfortunately anything involving an emotion is lost on him. He doesn’t understand other people’s feelings and doesn’t recognize his own. Samuel doesn’t even know how to hug people; *where does he put his hands? How long does a hug have to last? 2 seconds? 3?* Some readers may find him a bit robotic, but to me his lack of emotional intelligence makes him vulnerable and even more loveable for it. He’s like a shifter Mr. Darcy. A shifter Mr. Darcy who hates Korban Keller.

The first thing I hated about him was his smile. Nobody smiles that much genuinely. It’s fake.

Samuel and Korban first meet when they’re eight and eleven respectively. Like Samuel, Korban is the presumptive alpha of his pack but in every other way he’s Samuel’s opposite. He’s friendly, smiles and laughs easily and is completely uninterested in the rules and regulations of shifter lore. But he’s extremely interested in Samuel. Samuel, aka Mr. No Emotions, finds such interest highly suspicious. Samuel may have trouble keeping his eyes off Korban, but he mistakes this for distrust. Korban confuses him and rather than deal with it, he assumes his discomfort stems from hatred, which is much more understandable than anything else he may imagine.

And therein lies the problem; it never occurs to Samuel that he may be feeling a more pleasant emotion. Samuel knows only facts and it’s a fact that males only mate with females. It’s simple shifter lore: men are more in touch with their shifter side and so must “tie” (sexy times) with a female shifter, who are more connected to their human side. It’s how shifters retain both their humanity and their shifterity (that’s right, I just made that up). He’s never seen any proof that two males may tie together and therefore the possibility doesn’t exist for him. Which makes it even sweeter when, after a series of dramatic events, Samuel finally realizes that what he’s feeling is love. That Korban is in fact his mate.

The feelings were already there—locked away, hidden, but there....[Korban’s] kiss led them out from the darkness where they were buried and showed them the light of day....For the first time in my life, I was where I was meant to be, who I was meant to be. I was whole.

If that doesn’t make you go aww... as you melt into a puddle of syrup I don’t know what will.

What I like most about this whole series is the way Cardeno deals with the ever popular shifter mates theme. As I stated above according to the shifter lore found in this series there is only one correct combination that makes up a mating; males and females. But Cardeno shows that not only can two men love each other, two men, even two species within the series, can complete each other. Wake Me Up Inside features a shifter and a human, Until Forever Comes features a shifter and a vampire and in this book we have two alpha shifters. Cardeno uses the *Mates* series to show that there's more than one way to be "correct." As Zev from the first books says (he makes a brief appearance by phone):

Tying isn't about males and females. It's about connecting with someone who can better you, someone who can give you what you're lacking, someone who can fulfill you and make you whole....We tie with our mates on all levels—physical and emotional—so we can become the best versions of ourselves. That's what makes us complete, and then we're stable enough to bind both our forms—wolf and human.

We may not live in the *Mates* world, but this is still a lesson the world needs to learn and a lesson we should take to heart in our own lives.

The only problem I have with this book is that I want *more* Samuel and Korban together. They have a few interactions early in the book, but they only start really communicating about halfway through. It's even further on that we finally get to the smex. Once they do it's wonderful but I need MORE time with my boys. Especially Korban. He's a great character, absolutely loveable, but I never get to know him as well as Samuel.

Other than that tiny complaint, this book was the fluffy, romantic & sexy good time you can expect from a Cardeno C. book. Now I can't wait for the next one. This time I may be willing to give up 2 fingers.

This book was provided by the author for the purpose of providing an honest review for Because Two Men Are Better Than One!

Sophia Triad says

I knew I would love this book from the first line:

The first thing I hated about him was his smile.

And a couple of lines later:

My clearest memory about him was of his eyes.

Samuel Goodwin is the son of the Alpha from Yafenack pack.

Korban Keller is the son of the Alpha from Maincarem pack, their neighborhood pack.

They met when Samuel was eight years old and Korban was eleven. Samuel knew that there was something wrong with Korban straight away. Korban was too friendly, too happy with Samuel and this could not be right. They were supposed to be the next Alphas. They had to be serious, reserved, and level headed. They had to stay with the adults and learn, not play around and have fun. However, they played together.

They met again after a few years and Korban was still outgoing and friendly, while Samuel just didn't know what to do with that. However, they played together again.

Their story is told by Samuel. I really missed Korban's POV. But when they are finally together, after a tragedy, Korban will explain everything to clueless Samuel.

Samuel's mind is a funny place to be. His desperation and his ignorance made him a cute puppy when he was a kid.

When Samuel becomes an adult, you know that there is something coming for him and you may smile with his desperate attempts to prevent it.

As in all the books in the series, there is a lot of sex in this book as well – especially at the second half of the book. This does not prevent the story to unfold in the just right pace and to keep me interested until the last page.

There were moments of sorrow that I could feel my heart breaking and moments of angst that kept me awake to finish the book.

Finally there were glorious moments where Samuel and Korban's relief and acceptance made me a happy girl.

Meags says

4 Stars

I'm at the end of an intense week of reading, which has been solely focused on devouring Cardeno's Mates series. I just finished. So, the question is – now what do I do?! I equal parts hate and love being so into a book (or series) that upon completion I feel a little lost. I love that it happened and that I was consumed by the storytelling, but I hate that it stalls me from moving on to new books, because my mind is still living in the previous stories world. This is the ultimate booklovers conundrum. *sigh*

So, here we have Samuel and Korban. They are shifters, and are both prospective Alphas of their respective packs. They initially meet as young boys while accompanying their Alpha fathers to Interpack meetings. Samuel, our narrator, takes an immediate dislike to the fun and carefree Korban – or at least he deciphers his intense feelings for the other boy as dislike, because what else could it be??... Hint: LOVE! Mmm, the “true mate” feels are in full swing here and I loved it!

The thing about Samuel is that he's intellectually brilliant, but socially awkward. He's studied his ass off to learn everything there is to know about pack lore and what it takes to be an awesome Alpha, but unfortunately for him, he doesn't quite know how to interact with other people. He'd rather be anywhere but in a social situation, and when he is thrust into unwanted interactions, he always seems to say the wrong thing. His character was equal parts frustrating and endearing. I often alternated between thoughts of, “you condescending little shit!!” and “aww, poor awkward Alpha!!” But, ultimately, his problem was that he needed his mate to balance him out. Cue shocking revelations of “*OMG, I have a true mate and it's a dude*”. It's not a revelation to us, or Korban – who has been beautifully aware of what they meant to each other since he was 11 *swoon* - but Samuel is on the slow train to happy realisations, so we can't fault him for this mental and emotional blunder. Sidenote: I'm pretty sure Samuel has a mild case of Asperger's Syndrome. The evidence is in abundance, people. Just saying.

Some pretty dicey situations arise in this story - none of which I will go into here because it's a spoiler-free

zone of goodness - causing an explosion of feelings to pour out of me, including, but not limited to: annoyance, shock, outrage, sympathy and, finally, pure delight! It wasn't quite as riveting as the previous two stories, but it still had a little something that added to the shifter world that Cardeno has created within this series. I'm ultimately a fan, and I definitely hope there is more to come...

Fun Fact: I wrote this review with Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes" playing in the background on repeat – God, what I wouldn't give to have John Cusack standing outside my window serenading me with a boom box held high *sigh* – so it's safe to say I LOVE this book title!

Amy says

Maybe I was just in the right mood, but I absolutely loved this story. Samuel and Korban were so perfect together. I have a big smile on my face and my heart is happy. Highly recommended!!

R * A Reader Obsessed * says

If you've gotten this far in the series then you know the basic premise - werewolves finding their "true mate" is a rare and beautiful thing. I admit that I wasn't so sure about this in the beginning, especially since it seemed 8 year old Samuel had the biggest chip on his shoulder. He was defensive and unfriendly and it took awhile for him to grow on me. However, one just had to realize that he didn't know how to process his feelings when he came across openly effusive Korban.

So you have MC Samuel, destined to be alpha - needing order, control, facts and rules to function. He's lacking a bit in social skills and empathy, always having difficulty connecting emotionally with others. This inability was at times frustrating but also endearing. I felt for him his lack of understanding, but his oh so earnest intentions came from the heart as he always wanted to do right and be a great alpha to his pack.

Korban was like rubber. Everything terse and uncomfortable Samuel said and did just bounced right off him. He was steadfast in his patience and commitment to his mate, giving new meaning to unconditional love.

So there was definitely some conflict and angst of course, but this was also a sweet, tender tale of destined mates (with KNOTTING) showcasing really how these two together were stronger than apart; their two selves making a whole.

Jewel says

Now I'm ready for book 4. Bring it!!

-----Original 30 Nov 2014-----

In Your Eyes is the third book Cardeno C.'s Mates series. The story is told from Samuel's POV and thank goodness, because otherwise I don't think we would have been able to distinguish him from a robot. He had a wee bit of a problem processing and understanding emotion and interpersonal connections.

Samuel was raised to someday take over as Alpha of the Yafenack pack. He has spent all his time studying

history and pack law and though he has an excellent example of a leader, in his father, Samuel is clueless as to how to actually relate to people and no matter how much his father tries to explain interpersonal relationships and duties to Samuel, he just doesn't get it. Seriously, I don't think I have ever wanted to shake a character as much. Samuel was just that frustrating.

Samuel met Korban when he was eight years old and Korban was eleven. Korban is also the son of an Alpha (Maincarem pack), so he is at events sometimes when the various pack Alphas meet. Korban has always been outgoing and friendly and Simon just doesn't know what to do with that. Korban unsettles Samuel something fierce and Samuel is sure it's all a ruse and comes to resent the effect that Korban has on him. Being completely socially inept, he doesn't recognize his feelings as being attraction at all. Korban, though, seeks out Samuel at every gathering he and Samuel are both attending.

It takes a serious tragedy for any headway in their relationship to actually happen. And that progress was fought tooth and nail by our Samuel (and left me with a headache from beating my head against the wall). Once he FINALLY got it, though, he and Korban are both hot and inseparable. And Samuel finally gets a personality. Thank you Korban!

So, be patient with this story. The journey is fraught with frustration, but the destination was so worth it! I am hoping for more in this series, specifically to deal with the issue of (view spoiler).
