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Delta says

"Anzu, Duba, Beast" by Faith Hunter 3.5 stars

Jeanny says

Only read 1 story in this anthology.

Anzu, Diba, Beast by Faith Hunter. I rate it 3.5 stars.

I'm not reading the anthology as a whole bc the only author I'm familiar with was the reason for the purchase.

Michael Hanscom says

A quite enjoyable collection of stories about were-creatures beyond the old standard werewolf were all familiar with. From were-rats to were-sharks to were-grapevines (nope, not kidding there), the were-world is greatly expanded here. I got this through a Kickstarter campaign, and it was definitely worth the pledge.

Sharon says

Any anthology edited by Bray and Palmatier have become insta-buys for me. This is the third anthology from these two and, again, I was not disappointed. The first two anthologies are The Modern Fae's Guide to Surviving Humanity (sheep review) and After Hours: Tales from Ur-Bar (sheep review -Trivia: this was the very first review I did for I Smell Sheep). Were- was one I helped bring to life via the kick starter campaign. Bray and Palmatier manage to recruit some of the top authors in urban fantasy and science fiction. You really can't go wrong with any of these anthologies.

Back to Were-, the stories range from 5 sheep to 3 1/2 sheep, most on the high end of the scale. And as the title suggests, all the stories are about were-creatures. But not the ordinary kind...these are unusual weres: crows, possums, wasps and some I won't mention because they are surprises. All the stories are fun (you can tell the authors had a good time playing with this theme) and some do have slight dark edge to them, but they all the werecreatures have happy endings.

Were- starts out with a bang with "Best is Show" by Seanan McGuire. The story is a fun detective story with a were-twist. Beast from Faith Hunter's Jane Yellowrock series is as cheeky as ever and David Coe writes about some naughty little bears. Belmond's "The Whale" addresses the issue of mass differences between a person and their were form that I've always wondered about. These are just a few of the great stories.

4.25 "were" Sheep

<http://www.ismellsheep.com/2016/10/bo...>

Steven says

Just reading this for the Seanan McGuire and Faith Hunter stories for now. Next year I'll come back for the rest. :)

Best in Show by Seanan McGuire

A little predictable, other than that one extra twist! I was a little confused when Thea's named changed to Fiona partway through. 3.5 stars.

Anzu, Duba, Beast by Faith Hunter

I love Jane Yellowrock. I love the world, the mythology, the characters, the magic. 5 stars.

Emily says

I got this for the Hunter and McGuire stories, but was really enjoyed the others as well. Overall a well-written anthology and a fun read.

Becky says

I bought this book mainly for the Faith Hunter story which was great as always, but you need to make sure you have read the series to really get all the nuances. I was disappointed in most of the other stories. Some of them are too short to even be called a short story.

Jen says

I really enjoyed this collection. As always, some stories are better than others, but overall enjoyable.

Tal says

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unusually, i liked all the stories in this anthology and the vast array of were-creatures on offer (i think my fave is the were-starfish)

Larisa says

One of those rare amazing anthologies that I read every single story, and enjoy them enough to reread a few of them.

Andrea says

I really quite enjoyed this dip into the fantastical world of urban fantasy with a twist, I mean we've done werewolves to death and werecats and well Anita Blake has "done" most of the weres. This book celebrates the lesser thought of weres - rats, birds, the only were-whale in the world, and even a were-horse in a collection of funny, sad, and poignant tales.

An enjoyable read for a rainy winter day, an easy escape from the usual sterotype of the alpha werewolf.

Heather says

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This story were ok. The ones I liked the most were Seanan McGuire's story. The story I liked the least was Mike Barretta's. There were several other that were cute and a few that were forgettable. I did not read the Jane Yellowrock story as I am reading that series and not yet to that book. I will come back and read it when I have gotten to it in the story line.

Rebecca Baldwin says

I'm giving it 4 stars; as with most anthologies, some of the stories are 5s and some are 3s.

Stephen Yturalde ii says

Great series of shorts...so many Weres!

As with all anthologies...some stories are better than others but all are satisfying in their depictions of weres

outside of the typical conventions.

And...two stories of were-sharks!!

Very fun read.

Marianne says

I purchased this anthology for the Jane Yellowrock novella and skipped the rest. For that reason, I don't feel comfortable rating the anthology as a whole. I give Jane's story a 3.5 rating.

I much prefer the stories where Jane interacts with Bruiser- or the vamps. (Edmund or Leo in particular.) Though Leo plays a small part in this particular story I'm not much of an Anzu lover, sorry big bird!
