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Peter's been half in love with Luke Holland for as long as he can remember, but his best friend's very human brother has always been off limits, but when werewolves come to town this bunny shifter is going to have to decide whether he's ready to fight for what he's always wanted.

Luke Holland is tall, dark, and human. He's also off limits for daisy obsessed bunny shifter, Peter. But when werewolves start hunting Peter in the woods around New Hope he's going to need Luke's help to fight the intruders. Of course, when Luke discovers the truth about Peter he's never going to stop chasing his cottontail.

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Kristin says

I'll admit, I had to read a shifter book that wasn't about a predator: wolves, coyotes, lynx, cats, bears, cougars, you've probably read as many as I have. But, seriously...a BUNNY shifter! Not a wererabbit, as Peter is very quick to point out. How cool is that!!

This was a fun read. It starts off with Peter eating daisies and worrying about his hips, that worry becomes a true fear when he realizes the werewolves are in town and are looking for *him*. A whiskers escape leaves him stranded in a basement, where much to his indignation, he make his way to Luke's care and house. Peter's been friends with Luke's brother for years, but the quiet flame he's been harboring for Luke is about to become so much more.

Peter as a rabbit is a hoot. Some of the rabbit's personality comes through in the man, his shyness, nervousness, skittishness, and, yes, a rabbit's defensiveness. Rabbits can be quite vicious – and Peter, when provoked by the wolves, stepped up to the plate to defend what was his.

I also thought this was one of the better discussions of shifters and male pregnancy. *I'm* still not a fan of m-preg trope, but I thought the author handled it quite adroitly in the context of the storyline and character development. For those of you who are in the same camp as I, rest assured, there is only discussion. I won't say more, otherwise I'll start to get into spoiler land.

My one other complaint with the story was a scene where Peter was crawling into Luke's lap to have bunny snuggles as a full grown man. Unfortunately, this came across overly girly and felt a bit out of place with the character building that had come previously. I'm not sure what the fascination is with sitting in a lap, but *most* guys will tell you it's not very comfortable having a full grown person squishing their bits and pieces. Just sayin...

My quirks aside, I was delighted with the story. We have a bunny, big bad wolves, a tich of romantic angst to balance out the sweetness. I thought the m-preg was well presented and explained (a rarity), and I loved the humor, emotions, and longing interwoven throughout.

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A copy of the book was provided by the author/publisher in exchange for an honest review. Thank you!

Jenni Lea says

Cute bunny shifter story

This was pretty dang adorable. Always love a good bunny shifter story. Wish there was actually mpreg though. That would have made it even better.

Katherine says

Shy little bunny

A really sweet story in a new world of shifters!

Peter (yes Peter) is a rabbit shifter. He lives in the small town of New Hope and is hopelessly in love with his best friend's brother, Luke, but far too shy to make a move. When werewolves come sniffing around town Peter needs to run or hide. When he ends up in rabbit form getting caught by Luke and taken home as a pet it seems perfect. Until the werewolves come sniffing around Luke's door and he needs to protect the man he loves.

Luke is eleven years older than Peter, not that it matters, since he is certain Peter is afraid of him. A hunter and a wilderness store owner, he is a bit rough on the outside. Peter can never do anything more than stammer and hide around Luke. But his bunny Cottontail takes to Luke amazingly. When wolves come around everything changes.

Peter is a wonderfully sweet character. He likes his small town life and just wishes he could make a move on Luke. He says that he isn't brave but so many of the actions he takes really are. He is a little self conscious of his weight but otherwise confident in who he is. Watching him work through the situation with Luke and the werewolves really lets him show just how brave he is and it was a great story.

Luke is a very kind character. He has held back from Peter because he is sure his younger brother Benji, Peter's best friend, has a crush on the man. He takes finding out about the supernatural tremendously in stride and works hard to help out despite knowing little. The two paired together well.

With the introduction of werewolves and the mention of other shifters, an entire world is opened up in this book. There is some fascinating story potential brewing with the wolves and Benji and I really hope this will be the opener for a new series!

Susan says

3.5 stars

Despite me liking this cute bunny shifter book I'm still stunned this book is \$5 for only 108 pages. I really wanted to read it so I bought it anyway, but I'm not sure it was worth it in the end. Cute: definitely, mind-blowing: definitely not. I don't really get authors who let readers pay this amount for such short novellas.

But okay, on to the story.

We meet Peter while he is hippity-hopping around as a bunny, eating his neighbors flowers, when he is suddenly chased by werewolves. He is only able to get away by squeezing himself through a hole in someone's basement. But his luck runs out when he is found by the owner and put in a box.

When Luke enters the town's diner, he sees the cutest bunny sitting in a box on the counter. After some persuading from the diner's owner he ends up taking the cute bunny home with him.

After some amazing cuddling time Peter knows he has to come clean to Luke, the brother of his best friend, who he's had a crush on for ages, but he doesn't think that will go well.

When the werewolves come for Peter again, he has no choice but to shift to his human form to tell Luke these are not ordinary wolves....

I really liked how big protective Luke was trying to care for the cute Peter. Peter was simply adorable and Luke was such an alpha male, it was delicious.

What I didn't like was the brother, Benji. It's not that I didn't like him, more that I was having a hard time

with his feelings towards Peter. I really hope he gets his own book with his own love interest.

There is the mention of mpreg in this one, but no real mpreg yet..

A really cute bunny shifter book with a tiny bit of angst. Not a lot of background though, but since it's only 108 pages that was to be expected.

Mekiho says

[love each other for years too (hide spoiler)]

Daesy says

****GRammar****

This book was a surprise and also if short, made me smile and sigh like a teenage in love. I loved both the MCs and I can't wait to read the other books in the series, or more books from this author. I'm pretty sure that the next book will be about Luke's little brother Benji and the Alpha werewolf of Chicago, Mikhail Graves.

We don't know much about Peter's past or his parents, but the author tells us that he arrived in town when he was only 8 years old. He was running in the woods, when someone found him. From that moment he was part of the town. Soon after he met Benji and then his older brother Luke. From the first time he met the older boy he was in love, but he became aware of that, when he saw an almost naked 21 years old Luke, come out of the bathroom after a shower. Peter was only 12, and now with a crush of a mountain that will never leave him.

During the years, this crush only became worst.

Everytime he meets Luke he can't say more than 5 words to the man, thanks to his shyness.

The book starts with our cute and fluffy, 23 years old Peter, in his bunny form (damn I wanted to pat him so bad), eating the flowers he likes most and enjoying his free time, rolling around in the grass. All is good until he smells wolves and hears their growls. The thing is that the wolves in this book are really bad guys. They want Peter only for one thing, to breed him, bcs yes, male bunnies, can get pregnant and have more kids than any other shifter species. If they catch him, they will rape him, and since Bunnies mate when they have sex for the first time, Peter will be mated with the first wolf that will take him, and he doesn't want it, bcs the only man he wants is Luke, also if the other man, he is sure, doesn't feel the same.

He is SO WRONG.

Luke, is 32 and sexy as hell. He cares about Peter in a way no normal friend should do, the idea of someone else touching the younger man, makes him wanna puke, and if he was sincere with himself he would admit that he feels something more than friendship for his brother best friend. But that's the problem, the sweet bunny is his brother friend and he is pretty sure Benji isn't as straight as he always professed and loves Peter. So during the years Luke could only watch Peter grow-up and become beautiful and smarter, but never act on his feelings. At least not until he finds out that Peter is a bunny shifter, a virgin, and what the wolves want to do to him.

Peter was really brave, something we would not have expected from a bunny shifter. When the wolves come to Luke's house, he is ready to give himself up to them, to save the man he loves. Luckily this doesn't happen and Luke is the only man in Peter's life. (loved Luke's jealousy) I was so happy to see them become a couple and finally seal the deal (*wink* *wink*), that was hot. The only thing I missed in this book was an epilogue with our guys maybe some years later.....bcs....I WANTED TO SEE THEIR KIDS!!!!!! Imagine tons of little cute bunnies with blue eyes... awwwwwwwwwwww.

There was one thing that annoyed me, the fact that Benji didn't want to see his brother and Peter together, I can understand the fact that he loves Peter, but why u never told him anything? and if u love him so much(also if u don't admit it, we can see it), shouldn't u want to see him happy?. Benji knew since they were kids that Peter was in love with his older brother and he should have been a better friend.

To make this shorter. The book was nice, the writing good, I could feel the characters' emotions in every word they said, and I can't wait to see more of them. Maybe with more explanations about the other shifters and the supernatural world.

NEXT!

Aeren says

Si fuese 'objetiva' le daría un 3 pero la idea del wererabbit me ha parecido muy original y lo mas importante, me he reído mucho. Personajes monos y me ha dejado con ganas de leer el próximo. Si estás de humor para algo muy crack y fluffy, perfecto.

Joyfully Jay says

A Joyfully Jay review.

3.5 stars

A.R. Barley is a new to me author, but I took a chance on this book considering it had some of my favorite things. A non-traditional shifter, in love with the best friend's brother trope, and mating. While there were definitely places where the story could have been improved, it was a fun little romp.

I really liked that both Peter and Luke had feelings for one another, though they both had things standing in their way. For Peter, he thought Luke, who is gorgeous and eight years older than him, could never want a chubby younger man. Especially not with the big secret of his shifting abilities between them. Luke, for his part, thought he was too old for Peter, and more importantly, that Peter was in love with his brother. These guys were adorable in their longing for one another and I was rooting for them to get together. The characters weren't overly developed, and I felt I was missing a little bit as to their feelings and emotions, but they each had something about them that made me like them. And they worked together, though the chemistry could have used a bit more spark.

The story itself is pretty straight forward. The wolves want Peter for one very good reason, though I won't tell you what it is, and they are going to stop at nothing to get him. Luke sees the threat to the man he cares about and will do everything in his power to protect Peter. And Peter finds a little backbone and is willing to

do whatever he has to in order to keep Luke safe. A little craziness ensues, and it ends with an HEA. I wasn't expecting for this story to be ground breaking. But I would have liked a little more development. Things move a very fast pace and each plot point isn't given enough time to grow. I think if there had been a little less going on, then perhaps I would have enjoyed it a little more as things would have been drawn out and more fully explained. I think the fast pace was also a bit of a detriment. As much as I enjoyed the misunderstandings and conflicts not being drawn out for far too long, had they been given a little more time, I would have been more invested in the story.

Read Kris' review in its entirety [here](#).

Meep says

It's really cute.

I liked the novelty of a bunny shifter but started to lose interest once his identity was revealed. It's all fantasising, burgeoning cocks from there and the switching equally lovelorn povs was too much for me.

Also bunny-shifter = MPREG - don't know how much impact that has on the later story. Which while I've read some good fanfics with it, generally it isn't a story device I get. To me there was no reason for Peter not to be a girl bunny, wasn't clear why a male bunny had more appeal. (view spoiler)

Not for me, I quit halfway, but I do think lots will enjoy it.

Nina Schluntz says

I'm all for reading books that have a unique twist on them. So when I learned this book was about shape-shifting bunnies... that are gay. Yeah, I was on board. The first half of the book was exactly what I hoped it would be. A timid little bunny who is in love with his best friend's brother. Oh, and he's being hunted by werewolves. I mean, this stuff just writes itself. Add in the classic names, Peter, Benjamin, even a gardener named Mrs. Gregor.

Then... it was revealed that male bunnies can get pregnant. Yeah, this plays into a whole new plot twist, which I will not divulge. But, to me, I was thrown out of the book. And I couldn't get over the fact that the author could have just made the bunny a girl and then there would be no need for this weird extra layer of fantasy. Sometimes for a plot to work out, the gender of the characters is important. I played this novel out in my head with Peter being a girl, and it played out the exact same.

My personal bias with the gender and pregnancy business aside, this novel is as people say. Cute and adorable. It's a quick, easy, read, but is very well written. The ending was a bit rushed, and the story could have gone on for a bit longer, but meh, it worked. I'll def read the next one, if for nothing else than to read about how this male pregnancy works. Maybe the next book will make me realize why Peter needed to be a man.

blub says

[(i.e. the bunnies reproducing, making them wanted commodities among the wolf shifters) (hide spoiler)]

Rachel says

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Rachel Emily says

GAH! This novella was ADORABLE!

Cute bunny shifter named Peter, (of all things), and OMG he's just adorable in the beginning. Werewolves are after him, so he hides as a bunny with Luke, the human who he has a major crush on. Of course, Luke finds out, demands to know what's going, and is determined to help Peter.

I just can't. It was super cute, and I'm begging for more because although there isn't actual mpreg in this, it's definitely discussed and definitely gonna happen between them. I'm wondering if the next book will still be about Peter and Luke or new characters, like Benji.

Lissa says

[Benji's feelings for Peter kind of came out of left field for me (hide spoiler)]

Love is Love Book Reviews says

(Originally posted on Love is Love Book Reviews)

It's cute, fluffy, and about a bunny who falls in love with a hipster. If that one sentence doesn't sell you on this book, nothing I say will sway you.

Peter (What else?) is the bunny shifter and I loved the way the bunny personality dialed way up when he's in bunny form and was more muted, but still there, in his human form. I also appreciated the fact that Peter wasn't a skinny twink. Luke, on the other hand, is a gun-toting, wilderness store-owning, alpha-male human who seems a little lonely and vulnerable when he cuddles with the "pet" bunny he brought home. It was endearing. Secondary characters were generally good, even if Luke's brother and Peter's BFF, Benji, came off a little "Danger Mouse", flipping between snuggling with Peter on the sofa and being this wolf-hunting super-soldier dude. Benji definitely has his own secrets to tell.

The plot follows the best friend's sibling trope without a lot of surprises. This isn't a bad thing since there is plenty of other stuff going on to keep the story moving. Chasing His Cottontail is also laugh-out-loud funny at times, which is always a bonus.

My only major criticism of the book is the incomplete world building. I never felt like I understood how the shifter world worked or how the different groups related to one another especially when it came to the wolves. The same is true for how Mpreg and mating worked. Some of that stems from Peter not knowing, but it felt like the author didn't know either. If you're not an Mpreg fan, you should be okay with this story. The Mpreg is more theoretical than actual. It will probably play out in later books, but not here.

The cover definitely stands out among the normally bombastic covers of shifter books. The softness of the color palette and typography fits the story well. My only niggle is that Luke's beard is a little too strong, but that's not enough to keep me from loving it.
