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Theresa says

Absolutely awesome book! Cannot say enough good things about it! Even if you read the first version you still want this one. Ellis Leigh has expanded this book into an extremely intense and engrossing read!

Definitely something you can't put down once you start!

A very intense Dire Wolf (yes you read that right, he's not just any ole regular wolf) my man Bez is! He's the man with a plan, that doesn't go quite the way he planned. And he's not use to that, he always sticks to the plan! He's hunting and finding an omega, only he finds more than one. And surprise, surprise the extra is his mate. But that's impossible cuz Dire Wolves don't have mates!

Oh and I said MY man Bez cuz he's MY BOOK BOYFRIEND FOR LIFE! That's how intense and sexy this Dire Wolf is, definitely my favorite out of all the sexy wolves Ellis Leigh has ever written about. An absolute must read for shifter lovers, this is one Dire Wolf you don't want to miss!

Annette Dahl "Old Vicarious Reader" says

This was a quick and intense read. The torture, cruelty and taunting was something I could not have handled in a contemporary story. But, WOW what a rush it was in this shifter tale.... Good Read.

Book Reading Gals says

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Series: Dire Wolves Mission Book #1

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Thoughts: By the time I finished this book, I was so excited to have found an amazing new shifter series and an new author that I am thrilled about – so much so that I went straight to her author page on Amazon to delve into her other books. (And yes, I bought and downloaded a few!) Leigh manages to strike a wonderful balance between the military/soldier storyline while incorporating a wonderful paranormal shifter element. While it may not be a new mix to the genre, this one really stands out thanks to Leigh's excellent writing style and her creativity. The author manages to create a new 'world' within the paranormal, one filled with Dire Wolves and with a twist on werewolves that makes it uniquely interesting and intriguing. I definitely want more from this author and this series. I already picked up Book #2 in this series, Savage Sanctuary.

Bez is an interesting character, and one that will stand out among the 'alpha males' typically found in this genre. His mission is to rescue an Omega that has gone missing – but he has a hard choice to make when he finds not one, but two Omegas. The matter is even more complicated when the other Omega winds up being his mate, which leads to even more complications for Bez. Sariel makes a good match for Bez, and the sparks between these two really heat up the pages. I also like that the book didn't read like a stereotypical shifter book – instead offering up something new and different.

A thoroughly enjoyable read by an equally enjoyable author!

Rate: A

Review by: Sarah

<http://www.thebookreadinggals.com>

Pam Louis says

Oh yea I got say this is fantastic. So much depth for a story. I was hooked from page one and I loved way the author made the distinction between werewolf and wolf shifter wow what a difference in them lol way cool. Bez was a great hardened warrior of the dire wolf shifters . I loved how Ellis made him not knowing how to talk to or deal with his mate. It made it seem more realistic. After all he has been a warrior too long.

Sariel is a kiddanaped omega able to deal with him ! Great insight. I love the action, drama, and this one had it all.

Judy Lewis says

CAPTIVATING, COMPELLING, SEXY AND WILDLY ENTERTAINING !!!

Title: Savage Surrender: A Dire Wolves Mission

Series: The Devil's Dires

Author: Ellis Leigh

Designation: Book One of Series, Full-Length Standalone, No Cliffhanger

My Rating: FIVE DEVILISHLY ENTERTAINING STARS*****

Wow! Ellis Leigh has outdone herself again with the release of Savage Surrender, the first standalone book in her riveting new The Devil's Dires Series and for me, it was love at first bite! I'm totally smitten with The Devil's Dires! I've been a diehard Ellis Leigh fan for several years and anxiously await each new release. For anyone familiar with Leigh's work, you may be asking yourself: why does Devil's Dires sound familiar. Well, there are actually two reasons. First, Savage Surrender was originally published as part of the Masters of the Hunt Anthology last year but has since been expanded into a more developed and extensive story arc

to introduce Leigh's new The Devil's Dires Series. I purchased the Masters of the Hunt Collection just to read this story and thoroughly enjoyed the original version of Savage Surrender, but this improved, revamped and lengthened adaptation is totally the bomb! And second, the Dire Wolves were first introduced as secondary characters in Leigh's Feral Breed Motorcycle Club Series so we've known of the existence of this select group of men/shifters for quite some time; we just didn't know a whole lot about them other than they acted as the Cleaners for the NALB (North American Lycan Brotherhood).

But as always, I digress so let's talk about the mechanics of this book. The story is exciting, imaginative, compelling, fast paced, action packed, sexy, romantic and exceptionally well crafted and edited. The narrative is beautifully written with a third person perspective from the two protagonists, Dire Wolf Beelzebub 'Bez' and Omega wolf shifter Sarel. The dialogue is smart, raw, intense, seductive, well executed and flows effortlessly. I loved the premise for this series as well as the fascinating world Leigh has created for her readers but it's the magnificent cast of engaging and memorable characters who completely capture my heart. It's truly a joy to read an Ellis Leigh book for many reason but mainly because it's an experience that stays with you long after you read the final word.

Oh my, the Dires are all handsome, sexy wolf-shifters but unlike other wolves, the Dire Wolves are a breed among themselves; one shrouded in mystery and now almost extinct with only a small group of seven known to still exist. And all seven of their pack make up an elite team of soldiers, trackers and hackers who are by far the biggest, baddest, and toughest of any species known to man or wolf. They are better than the best, called upon when the talent and skill of the best fall short to successfully accomplish the mission. The Dire Wolves submit to no one, but they do work for Blasius 'Blaze' Zenne, President of the North American Lycan Brotherhood which is the ruling power over all shifters in the country. Their breed owes no loyalty to the Feral Breed Brothers but the only man these Dires respect outside their race is Blasius Zenne. They are loyal to Blaze, not the NALB. They answer only to him when he calls, not because they have to, but because they respect him, choose to bend to his authority and obey his orders. Their duties fall under the purview of Blaze's Cleaners, a unit used to solve certain problems when unparalleled skill and lethal action are required. And Blaze has a new mission and he desperately needs the skill that only the Dires can deliver. New information has finally been received. Blaze has discovered new intel on the location for one of the missing beloved Omegas. A teenage female, the lone surviving member of her pack, is being held in the swamps of Louisiana and Bez is given the mission to rescue her. But the intel failed to mention the existence of a second female being held and she's also an Omega, among other things. And that other thing has really thrown a monkey wrench into Bez's rescue plan! A Dire Wolf hasn't found a true mate for hundreds of years - until now! Oh my! So what's a Dire Wolf to do when faced with a dangerous decision that could not only endanger his mission but also change his life and quite possibly, affect his fate and that of his breed? Rescue his target and leave his mate, or disobey orders and rescue them both? We'll see! No spoilers from me but I will say this.....Handsome, brooding, tough as nails and very dominant alpha dire wolf shifter-check! Beautiful, selfless and very courageous Omega shewolf-check! An innocent and very frightened teenage Omega shewolf-check! Danger, drama, action, adventure and malevolent enemies-check! Heated attraction, fiery passion, heartbreaking angst, sweet romance and dreamy sexy-you bet! That and a whole lot more! Fabulous entertainment and an awesome read!

Mindy Lou's Book Review says

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For a short shifter story, this really packed a punch! It's go from beginning to end.

Bez is a Dire wolf, extremely rare and deadly. He and his dire wolf pack help the president on missions. I say help and not work for because it was made clear that no one controls these dire wolves. Hot!

This mission is to retrieve a kidnapped 15 yr old Omega wolf, also rare. Bez gets a surprise when he finds her. There are two Omegas being held hostage and it's him against 5 shifters. Protocol says keep to the plan and save the 15 year old and come back for the second Omega. There's only one problem, the second Omega is his mate. Can he really leave her to an unknown fate until he can come back for her?

The author did such a good job of making this short story seem like a full length book. There was so much going on and not a dull moment. I loved Bez! I liked that he was considered one of the most dangerous shifters and he was so militant in his actions that when he meets his mate, it just made it so much sweeter. I wish there was more in the book of them but it looks like this is a series and I'm hoping I'll get to read about them in the books to follow.

ARC received via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Laurie says

With lots of suspense, a sexy alpha male, and a heroine I could get behind I enjoyed reading Savage Surrender even if it did suffer from a slight case of first-book-in-series-itis. I had not realized this series is a spin-off of not only the Feral Breed MC series but also The Gathering Series. I still immensely enjoyed the book but did feel like I was missing out on some backstory.

There was a lot of world building and set up involved in this book. I understood the need for it, but it was a bit frustrating when I was 30% in and the MCs had still not even met each other.

The Dire Wolves intrigue the hell out of me. They are the supreme shifter, the most powerful out there and supposedly extinct. They work for the president of the shifter nation, but since they are stronger than him, it's more out of respect than because he is their boss. Someone is kidnapping female omega wolves and they have no idea who or why. When an entire pack is wiped out and a young teenaged omega kidnapped, Blaze, the President, sends Bez, a dire wolf, to track her down and bring her to him.

I loved Bez. A killing machine, he brought new meaning to the description "the strong silent type". He was also completely at a loss as to how to deal with the surprise appearance of his mate when he found the missing Omega. Unused to even being touched, he was clueless about women, much less figuring out how to interact with one. To say he kept screwing up would be quite the understatement.

Sariel won me over from the very start. Having been imprisoned by the rogue shifters for several weeks, she hadn't given up, but she wasn't being stupid either. Her matter of fact attitude and calm demeanor were refreshing after all the books I've read where the heroine finds herself in a bad situation and thinks this is the time to be loud, stubborn, and demanding. Sariel knew that it's all about getting free and if that means you keep your head low and your mouth shut until you can figure a way out, then that's what you do.

I do wish we had been given some backstory on Sariel. We are told very little about who she was before she was taken. Nothing about her pack except they were mostly older, and I got the impression she felt a bit stifled but it wasn't really elaborated on or discussed. There also was no resolution to the problem she had that caused the bad guys to call her a "dud" and declare her basically werewolf food. The thought of that not being resolved was heartbreaking to me and I hope it is addressed in later books.

Although we get to meet a lot of Bez's team and got little snapshots of the different personalities, this book was mainly Bez's show. He is tasked with tracking, finding, and rescuing the Omega teenager by himself. Most of the book is spent with just him, Sariel, and Angelita as we go through the ordeal the girls are suffering as Bez tracks them, and then the great escape and showdown. Even so, I look forward to the other Dire Wolves stories. There seemed to be some big personalities there with lots of potential for good stories.

What I Struggled With:

Not knowing the story of Blaze and his mates
The lackluster smexy times (although they were in danger the entire time so I understood it)
The slow start and amount of time the MC's spent apart
Lack of backstory for Sariel
Sariel's Dud Status

What I Loved:

Bez's care of Sariel and Angelita even though he's the ultimate killing machine
Sariel and her strength of character
The Dire Wolves
The edge of your seat suspense the story created
The family that Angelita gained in the end

Spice's Rating: 4 I Want A Dire Wolf Stars

I received a complimentary copy of this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

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Sivutha says

5 Rough and Sexy Stars

None of the Dire Wolves are mated but fates have their own idea, right?

Bez (Beelezbub) is a hardcore beast and is very strict. He is the "bodyguard" at the Merriweather Fields compound, where Blaze, Dante and Moira reside and he was the one "catching" Moira spying on Blaze and Dante together before they completed their triad. The only time he did not follow the rules, is saving a young omega. Once he comes face to face with his mate Sariel, (an omega shewolf) he couldn't just leave her behind. He would fight anyone who went or thought about harming his mate. He never thought he would ever find a mate and was destined to be alone. Bez is a Dire wolf after all. The problem is, Bez's orders are to retrieve the young pup. The rest is considered collateral damage.

Sariel is a strong shewolf who knew she might just have met her mate but he had a mission to save the young omega. She did everything in her power to make sure he succeeded. The pull they had towards each other was strong....there is no denying it.

Dire Wolf which is basically a superior breed of the wolf shifters. They are bigger, stronger and a hard ass/serious when in mission.

I can't wait for more of Dire Wolves a.k.a the cleaners.

ARC/R2R received for my honest review.

Mei says

Intense and dire. The devil will get his due...Beelzebub, Bez for short, is a Dire wolf on a mission to find a missing Omega. What he doesn't bargain on is finding two Omegas--one of them his mate. Omegas Sariel and Angelita have been abducted from their respective clans and held hostage in the bayou swamp of Louisiana with no hope for escape. One awaiting her fate with a savage beast and the other as a breeder. Will Bez save them in time or will he fall short? His fellow Dire wolves are hours away but ready to assist him as necessary.

It's a nice start to the series however the characters could be better defined along with the action scenes. Not the same old Shifter tale in the sense of the Alpha, Beta and the pack; although make no mistake, there is a pack. Refreshingly different with lots of action, some suspense and a werewolf thrown in for good measure.

On my Were Scale of Hotness, 3 stars.

Mary Munford says

I can never get enough of my feral breed but now I'm wanting more and more of the dire wolves!! More Feral and closer to their wolf half, they are the epitome of all that is male and wolf.

My only complaint is that I want more! More of Bez, more of the Dire wolf clan, just more!!

This book had me hooked from the beginning, and I couldn't stop reading especially with all the action and great dialogue. Who knew freckles were so sexy until Bez let's us know that they are... lol

I hope this world (Feral Breed, Feral Breed Following, and now Dire Wolves...yum!) keeps growing and growing cause I'm hooked!!

Sue says

A new series!

Yes, a new series for me and one which I intend to explore. The storyline kept my interest and kept me reading! I should be heading to bed but I need to check if I have another of this series. I think I do! Yes!

Shari Kay says

meh

This is a short book with one sex scene(at a highly inappropriate time)and insta everything.

Bez is a badass alpha male Dire wolf who works for the president of the shifters.

Sariel is a captured, rare Omega. She is sterile, so the bad guys can't use her to breed so they wind up kidnapping a teenage Omega that the president finds out about and wants rescued. Bez is sent in and realizes Sariel is his mate and won't leave her behind. He disobeys orders and takes both Omegas instead of just the one he was sent in for. He also winds up killing the bad shifters, instead of capturing them for interrogation. Apparently this is a big no no. The president, Blaze (from the original series?) has 2 mates (mmf) and has gone through this process twice and can't understand Bez' dilemma here? Him getting mad was just stupid and I wasn't impressed.

I also wasn't impressed with Sariel and the safe room fiasco. I hate TSTL heroines with a passion.

The author set this up for stories for all 6(or 7?) Dire wolves (all that's left in the world)but I'm really not interested.

Marsha says

Okay, I admit it. I'm a sucker for a sexy book cover and then when you add in a plot with werewolves/shifters, I'm sold! What's not to like, right? Well, not all sexy book covers and shifter novels are equal; however, I am happy to report, "Savage Surrender" is a winner.

Benz, short for Beezelzabub is a Dire Wolf, a unique, fierce and near unstoppable elite wolf shifter whose job is to rescue and recover. They don't fail! When an Omega teen female is kidnapped and her pack is annihilated including her parents and baby brother, Bez is put on the case. Omegas are precious to wolves especially Dire wolves since they believe they are descendants.

As Bez does his thing and begins to hunt down the kidnappers and discovers the location of the Omega. He is taken aback when he discovers that not one but two Omegas has been taken. His job is just about to get complicated because protocol dictates that he only rescue the Omega he was sent to retrieve and send in reinforcements to retrieve the second one. Bez is all about following protocols and has been known to fire anyone who doesn't follow them. Therefore, he is shocked when he of all people goes against everything he believes in when he realizes that the second Omega is his fated mate.

I really enjoyed this short introduction to the world of the Dire Wolves. There was plenty of action and tension filled moments; yet, to be totally honest I wanted more. Just when the story was getting interesting, it was over. This felt more like a novella or the first half of a book rather than a completed read. I hope that the next book in this series will be longer and more in depth.

Patricia says

A interesting beginning of a series I'm more than interested in continuing.

Not to mention that this book can also be read as a stand alone, but once you sink your teeth into this book I'm sure you will want to see what else the author has.

A series with wolf shifters, werewolves and so much adventure. Bez has an assignment to bring back the Omega that was kidnapped but once he gets there he gets way more than he expected. A second Omega is also there to top it all off, she is his mate. Mate! This is not something Bez or his fellow dire wolves are suppose to ever find. Yet, this presents a big problem and I think what happens from this point on will have you reading quicker and wanting more.

I entered a contest for a few audio book and was so very lucky to have won it. Now, I just find myself grateful for the opportunity to experience an author who is new to me and looking forward to continuing this series and possibly more.

Mojca says

****copy provided by publisher through NetGalley (in Bad Boys After Dark set)****

The Omega's, the she-wolf shifters, the last remnants of the Dire Wolves females, are going missing. But the Lycans might finally have an opening. The latest to disappear was a fifteen-year old Omega and the president sent his best tracker, one of the last seven remaining Dire Wolves, long thought extinct, to track her down, save her, and bring her kidnappers in for questioning.

Beelzebub, Bez for short, find the little Omega, but it's her older companion, also taken captive, that draws his attention. Turns out Sariel is also an Omega...And Bez's mate. For the first time in his life, Bez is willing, able, and more than capable of forsaking orders. He's not about to leave his mate in the lurch while he saves the one he's been sent to save. They're both coming with him...

Now, this is a paranormal after my own heart. I've never been overly fond of wolf-y shape-shifters (I'm more of a vampire kind of gal), but after reading this story, I had a change of heart. I love wolf-y shape-shifters.

I loved Bez, so controlled, so "soldier-y", so Zen, and then...poof, he meets *the* girl, and everything he's lived for in his life (order, orders, discipline, control...) goes out through the chimney, leaving just one prerogative—protect his mate.

And Sariel was *the* perfect mate for this taciturn, brooding soldier. She was a damsel, she knew that, she knew she couldn't hold a candle to Bez, and his strength, and abilities, so she let him do his thing without once jumping into the fray and endangering herself. She knew that worrying about her would be his weakness, so she stayed out of his way (of course, the other main character in this story, the other Omega, the teenager, wasn't so smart, so the two were in danger, but it all ended well). I also liked the fact she didn't whine or lecture about his ways of conducting his "business" (you know, killing things) or push him away because of his "profession". She was actually proud of him, and supportive (which puts her firmly on my heroines-I-love-to-bits shelf).

And the two of them together were so adorable. So utterly awkward at the beginning, circling each other not knowing what to do or say. I loved their interaction from beginning to end, the progress of their relationship. I loved Bez's confession about kissing (aww) and I loved the scorching hot scene they shared before all hell broke loose. It was hot, quick, and sweaty, but so incredibly sensual (all the growling got to me a little ^_^).

Yes, as I said a million times before, the characters make a story for me. You can have a great plot, but if your characters are worth shit, it's not going to work no matter what cartwheels you have them perform. The characters hold the story, and this two made a great job of it.

That doesn't mean the plot and its various elements don't count. They do, and Ms Ellis did wonders in this

(short) story. The suspense (although not the main element) worked wonderfully, the romance aspect (as mentioned) was perfectly incorporated, working in the context of the story and its characters, and the action scenes were diverse, and yet each packing a punch. The tension and the danger were palpable, the battle scene in the end vivid and chilling...Everything, every single aspect of the story, worked perfectly together, creating an action-packed, thrilling, sexy read.
