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The Mountain's Shadow (Lycanthropy Files Book 1)



Synopsis

One bad choice cost me my job. Another one could take a bite out of my heart. I was about to solve the puzzle of the latest childhood disorder du jour – Chronic Lycanthropy Syndrome – when my lab went up in flames, my job went down the tubes, and my lover went back to his ex. When I found out my grandfather left me his multi-million-dollar estate in the rugged Ozark Mountains in his will, I thought my luck was turning. But my inheritance came with a few problems that go way beyond layers of dust and creaky floors: kids in the area that go missing during full moons, a mysterious death, and a band of werewolves who consider the property their own private hunting ground. I'll have to do more than face my research again to solve the mysteries of Wolfsbane Manor and stop a horrific epidemic. I'll have to risk love, friendship, and the only true family I have left. And possibly doom myself to the fate that killed my twin brother. Warning: Contains a sweet romance with just the right touch of naughty, and calorie-free food that'll feed your heart, not your waistline. ***This is the second edition of The Mountain's Shadow, originally published by Samhain Publishing in October 2013***

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Customer Reviews

Not the usual Lycan story. Well done. This book starts like getting to the movies 10 min late and feeling the need to catch up because things were rolling. Plot lines galore including trauma, income problems, relationship failure, kidnapping and disappearances of children and other ages, inheritance and I only read 22%. Great best friend. Action, intrigue, villainous corps and some romance kept me engaged to the end. Great entertaining book

I enjoyed this story and at the same time felt it had a lot of scientific backup. I wondered if the author had any type of research/science background. The story is well written and engaging. Characters are very multi-dimensional and believable. I was saddened by the ending. It was a sorta HEA, but I felt like things were not "neatly wrapped up". I think that everyone in the book needs to have their own HEA.
Edit: I didn't realize this was a three book series. So some of the loose ends are in the following books.

I loved this book and Joanie! This is a really interesting mystery that holds your attention because of how unique it is and how much of a good read it is. One of the things that I love about it is that it defies genre. It's part medical mystery, part suspense, and part romance - with a good chunk of hot werewolf for good measure. Seriously, there are a lot of hot werewolves. Joanie is an incredibly well written and sympathetic character. Throughout the novel, you are left on the edge of your seat worrying over her fate. Joanie is a down-on-her-luck scientist who inherits a huge mansion. Of course upon occupying the mansion, she is met with a mystery of disappearing children and a pack of werewolves. There's a lot of suspense as she tries to solve the mystery and tries to figure out which werewolf to choose. It's a gripping narrative, but a little hard to review without giving away spoilers. There are so many twists and turns. I stayed up way past my 9:30 pm bedtime in order to finish it.

An excellent read! Complex and interesting characters - both an urban fantasy and a mystery complete with creepy mansion and family mysteries. I'm interested to see where Joanie takes things next! I'd also like to find out whatever happened to Andrew...

I like literary fiction, some historical fiction, narrative and straight non-fiction, along with lots of

poetry. Mainly I like a story. But I'd never read very much fantasy, science fiction, horror--except for the master, Edgar Allen Poe. I found "The Mountain's Shadow" a witty, fun, and sophisticated read. Cecilia skillfully and in an entertaining way skips through the clinical backstory--her main character IS, after all, a PhD psychologist studying lycanthropy--and into a tangle of romance, professional disappointment, sexual fantasy and mystery. Paranormal romance? Fantasy? Finally on her publisher's webpage, I received the name: urban fantasy. It was fun to read, and I got into werewolves, too! The story makes you feel empathy for the victims, the werewolves themselves, and by extension lots of other victims of life's isms. Cecilia weaves together several plot lines (there are lots of dead bodies!), all of which converge in a thrilling and revealing ending. You feel catharthis, thrills--and you've learned something along the way about the close connection between "reality" and fantasy. Cecilia's released a sequel, "The Long Shadow," and is working on a third in the trilogy. I recommend them!

I usually only read historical novels, but decided to try something different. This genre was way off my normal radar for reading. I do like a good mystery, but paranormal and werewolves were not my preference. I must say that I was pleasantly surprised and could not put the book down. It is full of mystery, romance, suspense and keeps you guessing. Just when you think you have something or someone figured out, you find out that you were wrong. I cannot wait to continue on with the trilogy to see how it all turns out. Although medical terms are used, Cecilia Dominic's style of writing makes it easy to understand and their connection to the story line. The book is well written, fast paced and keeps you on the edge of your seat. I highly recommend that you pick up a copy and get hooked.

Ms. Dominic is to be commended for her successful effort to merge the paranormal with the scientific in a fun, natural manner. Lycanthropy as one of the many potential psychological issues a patient might face, and a therapist might treat, might sound arch, but Dominic does an excellent job in creating a believable scenario. The prose is smooth, the characters well-developed, the story brisk. I was especially taken by the numerous descriptions of food and drink in the novel: it has an epicurean feel that lends story and scene an extra dimension. Highly recommended.

I bought this book for my wife for Christmas and she could not put it down. She had me order the next book in the series before she was even 50 pages in to the book. Luckily for me the second book arrived the day she finished this one. Then she proceeded to tell that I would not see her for a few days while she read the second book. P.S. I went ahead and ordered the third book immediate.

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