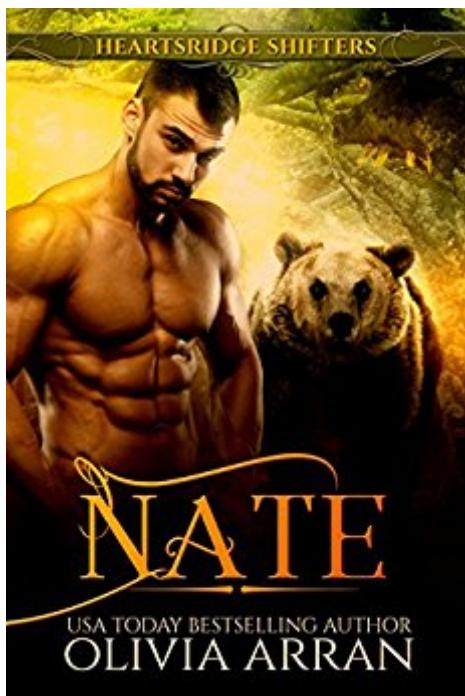


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# Heartsridge Shifters: Nate (South-One Bears Book 5)



## Synopsis

The final book in the South-One Bears seriesâ |Bear shifter Nate Dean is the joker of team South-One. The prankster. The one without a dozen skeletons hidden in his closet. He is what he is, and thatâ ™s always been good enough, until now. Now he needs to be more. To step up and be the person his fated mate needs him to be. He knows he can be the man to heal Heather's heart, to show her exactly how a woman should be treated and introduce her to a life filled with laughter. She needed time. Space. But he's willing to wait forever, if that's what it takes for her to realize he's not going anywhere, that he'd never, ever hurt her. That they're meant to be together. Heather Hastings is adjusting to life as a widow. A part of her feels guilty for not grieving her husbandâ ™s death, but after everything Toby put her throughâ "the years of abuse, not to mention the endless liesâ "she canâ ™t bring herself to miss him. In reality, the only thing thing she owes him is a huge thank you for bringing her to Heartsridge, somewhere sheâ ™d like to call home. She has real friends for the first time, her son is happy, and thereâ ™s a certain man who makes her toes curl and laughter break free from the void inside her chest. It's second chance at life. A chance to make her own decisions and carve a place in the world. Though she's only ever known the dark side of a manâ ™s love before, Nate is a man carved from honor and integrity. His large, muscular body and sinful eyes have all kinds of naughty thoughts popping into her head, often at completely inappropriate times. If she can find a way to let go, take another chance on love, she could have the life sheâ ™s always dreamed of. But is she willing to risk her heart again? When a friend is put in jeopardy and harsh truths are uncovered, the real danger to the town is finally revealed. Heather has some tough decisions to make and Nate has to come to terms with reality: he canâ ™t protect his mate from everything ... though heâ ™s willing to risk everything and try.\*\* You need to have read the previous books in the series to enjoy this story. The author highly recommends that the whole series be read in order due to the continuing storyline. Each full length novel features a different couple and their happy ever after. Also included: naughty language, fully realized love scenes, and big, burly bear shifters who only have eyes for their fated mates. \*\* ~ ~ ~ Heartsridge ShiftersItâ ™s a new world. Shifters are no longer a secret and theyâ ™re ready to fight for their right to live free. Everything is different. Six years ago, the Registration Act forced shifters out into the open and the world changed. Towns were created to provide a safe haven for those shifters who chose to follow the law, and those who didnâ ™t were declared rogue. Heartsridge is one of the few shifter towns in existence, guarded and protected by special teams of bears and wolves. Their job: to protect the right for shifters to live and love, and for the space to run free as nature intended. Because not all humans found the truth easy to acceptâ "that theyâ ™re no longer the dominant

species. Tourism keeps the town thriving, humans able to visit and stay for a week, but then they have to leave. It's the law.

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## Customer Reviews

She came to the shifter community on what she thought was a vacation with her abusive husband, a bear shifter meets her after her husband is killed, read there story it's good but best read in order to get the back story too.

A wonderful series Can not wait for more. Read them from the beginning and you will not be disappointed. Love

It's always a bittersweet moment when a series reaches its finale story. Oh, we know that there will be more from Heartsridge, we'll move on to other characters just waiting in the

wings for their stories to be told. Yet this wraps up the South-One Bears portion of what will be connecting series, and IÃ¢Â™m sad to see them go. Heather has come so far from when we first met her. An emotionally abused wife, now a widow, single parent and a woman coming to terms to the man who was her husband. The guilt, self-imposed that she carries is a heavy burden and she no longer trusts herself in judgement calls about people, especially men. SheÃ¢Â™s made solid friendships among the women, and tentative steps toward liking their mates. The one remaining single male in this team definitely has her attention. But sheÃ¢Â™s scared, she tells herself sheÃ¢Â™s not ready for a relationship. That wonÃ¢Â™t stop her fated mate from being near her, helping where he can and hoping that one day Heather will see him in a different light. Nate has known Heather was his almost from their first meeting. He also knew the hell sheÃ¢Â™d been through with her now dead husband. He wouldnÃ¢Â™t push, but heÃ¢Â™d be there a part of her life, enjoying time with her son, Jack, and doing everything he could to make her life easier. One day, when she was ready theyÃ¢Â™d have a life together. He could be patient, he might be the comedian of the group but he knew how to wait for what was most precious to him. Heartsridge Shifters: Nate is a powerful story with a lot going on. Some things will be wrapped up, others will emerge taking us into a new direction. Danger, secrets, action and sexy momentsÃ¢Â| yeah, this is one series finale that youÃ¢Â™re going to want to pick up. IÃ¢Â™ve enjoyed my time in this world, and IÃ¢Â™m definitely looking forward to what comes next for Heartsridge. This is a series that needs to be read in order. Story themes, characters and events flow from one novel to the next.Ã¢Â“ going back to the beginning is no chore because theyÃ¢Â™re all amazing stories. But if youÃ¢Â™ve not read any of these stories yet, please read them in order. IÃ¢Â™d recommend this story and this series to any Paranormal Romance or Shifter Romance reader. I read this title through my Kindle Unlimited subscription.

Nate has always been the joker of the South-One Bears squad. But he has reached his limit when it comes to widow Heather and her young son Jack. Heather is widowed because her husband Toby was found to be an assassin mingling among the town of Heartsridge; unbeknownst to Heather. Nate knew she was his mate but he just trying to give her the independence she craved because she never had it with Troy or even her very rich father. Jack was her life and she was dedicated to making his life as stress free as possible. Who knew that Nate also loved Jack. In fact, Nate even liked that to Jack he was just plain "Ate". How cute is that! In fact Jack even had a mispronounced name for Jake, "Ake". There is so much going on with the city's nemesis The Purists and the imminent threats they throw at the Heartsridge population that the reader is advised to read this

series in order to understand where everything is coming from. Appearances from characters in the first four books make their appearance and the HEA ending strongly hints at more stories will be coming. I look forward to reading more and especially reading about the results of Harper's shifter calendar and where Carter and Grace will end up. For the ARC I received I wrote this review voluntarily and freely.

I really like this series. Not only are the romances hot and the characters totally likable, but the story line is really fun to read. There has been an over-arc throughout the five books and it seems that at least part of that could be carried on in another series following more shifters from this same Heartsridge location, and/or the world the author created to encompass it. And I DO really like to 'world' Arran created, one where shifters are known to humans and there is a lot of government rules/potential for drama not on an inter-personal level, but on dividing line of socially important lines of 'species relations'. I guess the commonalities between fiction and the actual world are kind of obvious; a small group has desire to spread hate, destroy good people and create havoc... It's nice to be able to escape into this series and read about characters that do the right thing - standing up for each other, being decent to one another, no matter what 'species', fighting for what is right and being willing to befriend, help and even love anyone - is just a nice change of pace from what actually happens around us so often in the news these days. I'm really looking forward to the next part of the Heartsridge series.

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