

*Shiver*

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*Shiver* is a novel about two teenagers who fall deeply in love each other under odd circumstances; Grace, a 17- year- old girl who loves wolves and the outdoors, and Sam, an 18- year- old werewolf. When Sam is a wolf every winter, Grace watches him and his yellow eyes as he watches her, both very interested in each other. When Sam turns human, he can never conjure up the courage to speak to her. One day, when a human shoots Sam, he turns back into a human and goes to Grace for help. Grace helps him survive, and they become inseparable. Both quickly fall in love and perfect for each other, keeping the other one grounded. Grace discovers a lot of new information about werewolves and Sam, and they wonder why Grace did not turn into one herself when she was bitten quite a few years ago. She has some qualities of a wolf, such as hearing and a sixth sense to know when things are happening. Grace and Sam discover new clues about new wolves of Sam's kind, while trying to spend every moment together they can. Neither can bear to think about it, but it is Sam's last year of being a human. In less than two months, Sam will transform into a wolf and stay that way forever. They struggle to find a way to be together while still keeping each other safe.

This book is a depressing love story about two people who are trying to figure out how they can be together. They are not like an ordinary couple, for one of them is an animal. It is full of action, but romance and happiness as well when the young lovers are together. It can also be dark and depressing at times, however, especially in the scenes regarding the wolves and Sam's past. Stiefvater, however, does an excellent job of making the novel a page turner. She makes each chapter a cliff-hanger that makes the reader wanting to know what will happen next.

I really enjoy the chemistry between Sam and Grace, and how easy it is for them to be around each other. It is a cute love story, but also has the elements of survival and animal instincts. However, the book got a little slow at times in the middle of chapters. I sometimes wondered why a certain chapter was needed. It is a good, but it also seems like a very similar version of *Twilight* in the sense that there are young lovers and werewolves and the couples have to find ways to be together. I would recommend it to those who are fans of *Twilight*. I would also recommend it to teenage girls, because most other age groups and males would become easily bored by the story and not appreciate the book. Maggie is a good writer who displays her impressive vocabulary in the book. All in all, I would suggest that teenage girls and even adults read this book.