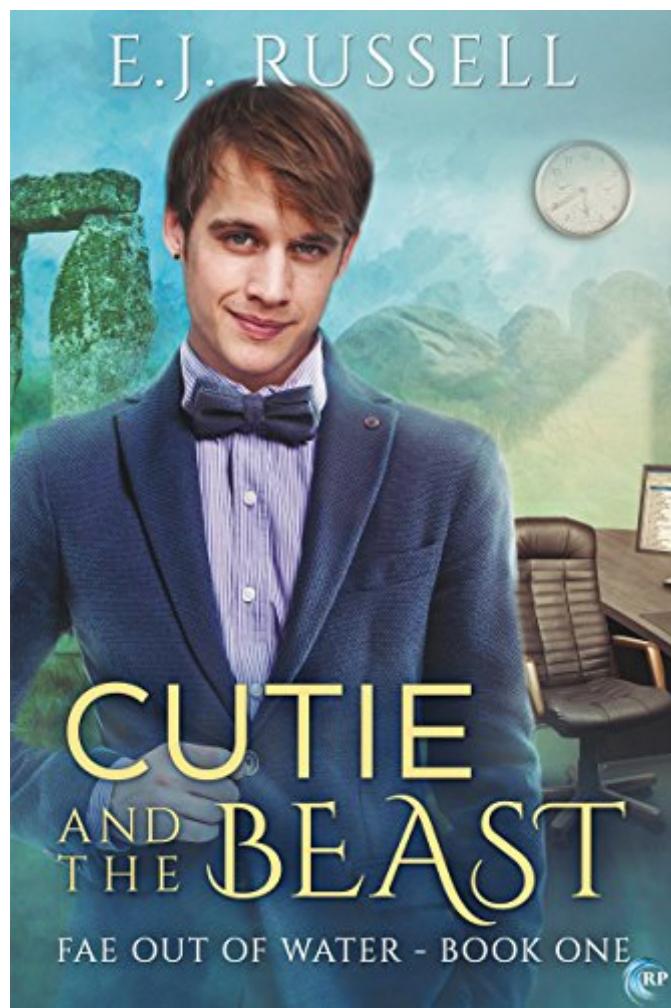


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Cutie And The Beast (Fae Out Of Water Book 1)



Synopsis

Book one in the new Fae Out of Water seriesTemp worker David Evans has been dreaming of Dr. Alun Kendrick ever since that one transcription job for him, because holy cats, that voice. Swoon. So when his agency offers him a position as Dr. Kendrick's temporary office manager, David neglects to mention that he's been permanently banished from offices. Because, forgiveness? Way easier than permission.Alun Kendrick, former Queen's Champion of Faerie's Seelie Court, takes his job as a psychologist for Portland's supernatural population extremely seriously. Secrecy is paramount: no non-supe can know of their existence. So when a gods-bedamned human shows up to replace his office manager, he intends to send the man packing. It shouldn't be difficult • in the two hundred years since he was cursed, no human has ever failed to run screaming from his hideous face.But cheeky David isn't intimidated, and despite himself, Alun is drawn to David in a way that can only spell disaster: when fae consort with humans, it never ends well. And if the human has secrets of his own? The disaster might be greater than either of them could ever imagine.Word count: 76,300; page count: 303

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This review was originally posted on the Goldilox and the Three Weres blog. I'd been looking for m/m romance book with Beauty and the Beast elements for a long time when I saw All Things Urban Fantasy post a review of Cutie and the Beast. I was sold and I immediately went to see if it was still on Netgalley. Thank heavens it was! I probably gave my mouse whiplash because I requested it fast after that. And I'm happy to say that it did not disappoint my high expectations! I loved it! It was fun and cute and just plain lovely. David Evans is a mess. He seems to be a bit unlucky. Wherever he goes, chaos follows. Like riot and drunken fist fight chaos. It gotten to the point where he's been banned from actually working in an office by the temp service he works for even though he's more than qualified to do so. Thanks to an awful flu virus is going around, he gets an assignment he was never meant to have... being the office manager for a psychologist. And not just any psychologist. He's going to go work for Dr. Alun Kendrick, the doctor he's had a crush on since hearing his voice at a medical transcription job. The thing is Dr. Kendrick is not your normal psychologist. He's a fae lord who treats members of the supernatural community and the occasional supernaturally traumatized human. Alun Kendrick has been dealing with a 200 year curse that has transformed his once perfect face into that of a beast's. Despite being barred from the Seelie Court because of his ugliness, his deformed face works well for him as a therapist. His paranormal patients get to see that everything in his world hasn't been perfect. I felt for Alun during the whole book. He's one of those characters whose guilty conscience has convinced him that he's not worth being loved. Then in walks David Evans into his life and he turns everything in Alun's life upside down with his caring ways. Poor Alun has no idea what to make of him. David is awkward and he knows it. He has long since accepted it and embraced it. Despite said awkwardness, he is kind and sweet and only wants to help people. He figures as long as he isn't hurting anyone, then it's more than okay to be awkward. It seems to work because he seems to have a natural affinity for making all sorts of supernatural creatures comfortable despite being human. The book was fun and incredibly creative. It takes place in our world where no humans know that the supernaturals exist. I loved how diverse the supes were in this book! There's the fae both Seelie and Unseelie, vampires, druids, and shifters of all kinds. I also loved the mythology that surrounded this series's version of Faerie and I can't wait to learn more about it. This book is one I've added to my kindle collection since I've read it and I'm excited to reread it in the future! I loved the heck out of it and I can't wait to

get my hands on the next two books that feature Alun's brothers, Mal and Gareth! I need more of the Kendrick brothers in my life!

The first 50% was great, but then things began to get tiresome. The will they-won't they ? get together aspect of all romance stories was answered quite quickly and without that tug of war, things got boring. After reading other people's reviews I don't believe the following will spoil anything. Towards the middle of the book, the story turned to adventures in magical lands and this is when the story fell flat for me. I wasn't interested in the politics or people of these Fae lands. I love fantasy/fae fiction, but the introduction of so many new characters with little back story just started to bore me with chapters that dragged on. The title of the story obviously lead the reader to believe this would follow along the plot of -Beauty and the Beast. It failed in my opinion. David, our cutie, falls instantly for the Beast and spends most of the book trying to remake the Beast into a nicer and more extroverted guy. That could have been done in a humorous and skillful plot. For me it was not and that is where the author failed. The book also bored me because there was so little sex or sexual tension in the book. That can not be blamed on the author, but more on my unfounded assumptions that a m/m romance would be filled with some racier moments. Sexy times, not so much! I can't fault the author for choosing not to include that in their book. It's their story after all.

I loved this book, it was funny and fun and I especially loved David. Snarky twinks are my favorite kinds of characters. I never became bored and found it hard to put down. I like reading a book that I can laugh out loud at and this definitely qualified. The author also threw in lots of odd ball references to movies and popular culture which were fun. My favorite was a sly reference to the 1956 Danny Kaye movie "The Court Jester" (which, by the way, Leonard Maltin lists in his movie & video guide as one of the best comedies ever made). When David is handed a tankard of mead with a stylized dragon handle in Faerie, he mutters "the pellet with the poison's in the flagon with the dragon". Most people probably wouldn't get it, but I almost fell off the couch laughing. I almost didn't buy this book because of one negative review, but I'm so glad I did and this is saved in my queue to read again.

Lord Alun is cursed and living in the human world. His hideous face hides the beauty of a High Fae Lord. His temper is stretched to the limit when the temp agency sends him a human to run the front office. David is the ultimate optimist and decides that Alun needs a little color in his life. Definitely Beauty and the Beast with many twists and turns. Brilliant idea. Paranormal, m/m romance.

This was an enjoyable start to the series.... Alun was annoying tho.. I can't get with unnecessary guilt... And to have to deal with that thru out the whole book was a strain on my nerves.... I did like David and Mal ... I also laughed out loud at the humor in the book... I will definitely continue the series.....

A new look at the supernatural world meets the modern human world. I loved the characters and how they kept evolving as the story continued. The cultural and technology references that were over Alun's and other sups heads were hilarious. A great reads for anyone looking for a emotional comedy.

It is such a pleasure to read a romance that is so charmingly crafted and well written. The characters, main and secondary alike, are well drawn, fun, and beautifully connected and interactive. I look forward to more in the series. Thank you, Ms Russell!

I loved Davey's story so much, The references to Celtic mythology, particularly Welsh. How three-dimensional the character are, how exciting the story, but particularly the interaction between our world and the fairy world. Highly recommended.

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