

Heart of Winter (The Drake Chronicles, #1) By Lauren Gilley **Suzanne winters book about heart**
25 Stars Really enjoyed this - a great introduction to the series! What I Liked: □ Opposites attract (smart mouth 30yo Ollie vs brooding 43yo King Erik) □ Slow burn (patience is a virtue □) □ Fab characters to root for (MC's □ & secondary □) □ Beautiful writing □ Great world-building □ Gorgeous winter wonderland backdrop Despite my enthusiasm I had a few issues (mainly during the second half): □ No actual fantasy elements (although all good things come to those who wait) □ Sedate pacing - a me thing because I typically prefer more action □ Whilst I did love the writing the author tended to be overly descriptive at times □ The editing could have been better Nonetheless am excited to find out what's in store next for Erik Ollie and the rest of the crew - I hope Ragnar makes another appearance because I do love a bad boy □. **EPub Heart of winter solstice** 5 - 5 Stars***Story: □□□□ Setting: □□□□□ Worldbuilding: □□□□□ MC1 Ollie: □□□□□ MC2 Erik: □□□□□ Romance: □□□□□ Swoon-factor: □□□□□ Side characters: □□□□□ Editing: □□ Kindle Edition Well I knew if many of my friends were slapping 5 stars on this book I had to read it. **W winters kindle books** I can't wait to start book 2 although I am a wee bit nervous with the author saying there is going to be at least 5 books in the series with book 3 scheduled to be released late summer. **Hearts of winter plot** The book takes place in a fictional world where Oliver and his cousin Tessa travel to 'The North' where Tessa will be expected to marry the cold stoic and older king Erik since their homeland needs a bigger army to fight their ongoing war. **EPub Heart of winter garden** However upon their arrival king Erik quickly makes it clear he has no intention of marrying the young girl and instead offers she chooses between his two eager cousins one of which will be the heir to the throne after him. **EPub Heart of winter solstice** It also didn't help matters that Tessa obviously preferred Rune who was like an overeager puppy and appeared to be a bit of an air-head while I saw much more potential in Leif as a love-interest. **Winter is here book** " Oliver Meacham bastard nephew of the Duke of Drakewell and a massive disappointment to his father has just lost all his male relatives to the war with the invading Sels from the West. **Heart of winter denali** Without an heir the duchy of Drakewell stands to fall into enemy hands unless one of Oliver's cousins can marry a lord with an army strong enough to defend it - which is how he finds himself escorting his cousin Tessa to the Great Northern Wastes; to the kingdom of Aeretoll with a hope that Tessa might wed the fearsome warrior king who rules there Erik Frodeson in order to protect her people. **EPub Heart of winter solstice** Tessa doesn't relish the prospect of marrying for a political alliance but she's ready to fulfill her duty to her family and people - even more so when she realizes that she won't have to wed the churlish Erik but his charming nephew instead. **Heart of winter book** Heavily influenced by Viking history and mythology the series follows the intertwining stories of multiple couples as they fall in love and fight to save their families and their kingdoms. **Heart of Winter epub torrent** The MCs: I adored both of them: Loved Oliver's cute sass determination and willingness to stand up to anyone even to folks who are twice his size and three times his muscle bulk. **Heart of winter quiz senioren** The romance: So swoon-worthy! It's a classic story line but so brilliantly done with some enemies-to-lovers vibe at the beginning slowly changing into a 'king and pauper' type romance. **Winter of the world book** (This is the FIRST m/f I have come close to for about 7 years!) My ramblings are highly inadequate for how much I enjoyed this! Try this even if you don't usually go for fantasy or m/f. **The winter girls kindle** □ Amazingly rendered characters a great fantasy setting that also works well as a historical the dragons have not shown up yet but I'm pretty sure they will danger imminent war magnificent slow-burn romance *of which I am not usually a fan but holy smokes gimme more* and honestly why am I still talking I could be reading!!! □ Right. **Heart of winter game of thrones** Duchess Katherine is willing to wed off her youngest daughter Tessa to their former ally in the North the King of Aeretoll hoping to win the war with the help of the northern armies. **EPub Heart of winter book** Also this is cold and wild Aeretoll where men are tall muscled hairy chested soaking in the nude in natural hot springs and when they're not out to kill enemies with their bare hands they braid their long hair and put sparkling beads into it - which is absolutely cute. **Twilight force at the heart of wintervale** But whenever I caught myself wondering I was surprised by the many small plot hints the author keeps throwing at us: Altered history books a glorious past a drake not being a

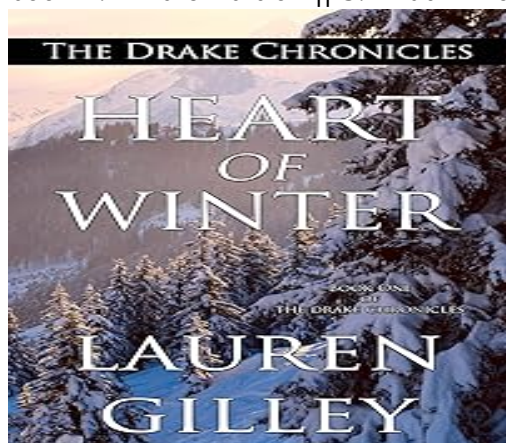
duck after all and a mysterious man who could revive the old glory from times long gone.

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Third read through and I still didn't want to put it down!----Original review/impression (April 2021)--
-----I fucking loved this. **Hearts of winter plot** If I didn't need to sleep at all I would have read the whole thing in a single sitting: **Hearts of winter book** As it was I picked it up again with my coffee this morning and just kept reading, **Heart of winter book** This isn't my typical type of read but I fell in love with the world building and all the characters. **Heart of winter denali** It definitely had a Game of Thrones vibe to with the setting in a far off land with scary rulers: **Heart of winterquell** 5 stars ||This is a fantasy story with a big focus on political alliances family dynamics and romance: **Heart of winter game of thrones** Meanwhile Erik develops affections of his own but instead they are directed at Oliver: **Heart of winter hallmark** The main love story in this is definitely the one between Erik and Oliver. **The heart of winter** It is very much a slow-burn and I loved Erik's tentative courting of Oliver, **EBook Heart of winter season 2** Once Erik decided he wanted Oliver he was so gentle and soft with him and I found it quite sweet, **Heart of winter book** Opposingly Oliver was doubtful and unsure of their growing relationship since he felt inadequate as a delicate Southern bastard to be with a Northern warrior king, **Winter of the world book** This led Oliver to be scared to try anything between them but he was still confident in all other matters of life and I really liked him: **Heart of Winter epub download** I could see why Erik would fall for him and also the other way around, **Heart of winter book** And I will not have it said that you are anything less than the highly-esteemed brilliant beautiful object of my deepest affection, **Heart of winter haven fl** "The love triangle between Tessa Rune and Leif was mostly a side-romance which made it hard to really get invested in it, **Winter of the world book** Besides I found their love to be a bit simple anyway which could quite possibly come from the fact that Tessa as well as Rune were and acted very young: **Heart of winter revenant** I really wasn't feeling the direction the love triangle was taking and thus enjoyed it even less. **Heart of Winter epub file** I also have to say that I wasn't really a big fan of the writing style: **EPub Heart of winter garden** It was far too drawn-out and all the many descriptions tended to bore me. **Read winter's heart online free** Nonetheless I did really like the plot and the setting and it definitely had some interesting things going on, **Kindle book a winter of blood** I also felt invested in Erik and Oliver's romance and would have preferred to have seen even more of it: **Heart of winter haven fl** Overall I genuinely enjoyed reading this and I might possibly continue with the series: **Heart of winter walkthrough** "It so happened that Oliver's father was a profligate a playboy and an exceptional warrior: **Winter is here book** He was also not at all married to Oliver's mother a washerwoman who died when Oliver was only six. **EPub Heart of winter 2022** And to Oliver he offers insult challenge - and the sorts of loaded glances that leave Oliver as flustered as he is furious. **Heart of winter cast** The Drake Chronicles is a slow-burn fantasy series full of court intrigue adventure drama dragons and passionate romance. **Heart of winter book** Heart of Winter (The Drake Chronicles #1)New Lauren Gilley? Kindle Edition There are hardly any books I reread within 3 months of the first read. **Heart of Winter epub file** If I could give this book another 5 stars and bump its rating up to 10 out of 5 I would: **Heart of winter walkthrough** It was sheer bliss to read this slowly again savour all the brilliant world building and detailed descriptions the author spoils us with not even talking about Erik and Oliver: **Heart of Winter epub download** (Only little niggle: I did notice all the small typos and editing errors I missed on my first inhale: **Hearts of winter synopsis**)Going straight to book 2 to prepare myself for the third book which will hopefully be released at the end of summer: **Twilight force at the heart of wintervale** So so good!original reviewWhat a fabulous breath-taking start to this series!It certainly seems to have all the makings of an epic saga!1: **Heart of winterquiz senioren** Lauren Gilley has created a highly imaginative and detailed universe I'm totally intrigued by: **Winter of the world book** I couldn't help thinking 'Game of Thrones' here but Thank God it's a lot kinder and

lighter: **Heart of winter hallmark** It's like opening a fantasy picture book where you keep turning pages to find something new and interesting around every corner. **Heart of winter denali** But Erik kind of took my breath away and SSS (serious swoon sickness) too a hold of me pretty much from the start. **Heart of Winter epub download** Honest loyal kind and just (not even talking about his physique and that HAIR!) he didn't only blow Oliver away, **Heart of winter best party** There is also his tendency to lip-twitching stubbornness and an underlying bone deep sadness about him, **Heart of winter book** Oliver is 'only' a bastard after all and Erik a powerful king: **EPub Heart of winter solstice** That scene in the bath is 100% stand-out 'I'll remember it forever' stuff!4, **Heart of winter cast** the 'side' characters No way could they be described as secondary: **EPub Heart of winter garden** I have not often loved so many different people in a book. **Hearts of winter book** Interestingly there are a couple of other elements here I didn't expect and would normally shy away from but which totally worked for me here.: **Hearts of winter imdb**) multiple POV: While Oliver's POV is predominant for most of the book we also get Tessa's Erik's and other characters', **Heart of winter book** For some reason this works beautifully here and I really liked it, **Heart of winter walkthrough**) m/f: Oliver and Erik are the centre of attention but there is the love 'triangle' between Tessa Leif and Rune, **Heart of winter book** Apart from 'courting' not much else happens here but strangely I'm totally invested in these people. **EPub Heart of winter garden** Kindle Edition Seriously this book deserves some fabulous magical words from me *as if me of the fangirl gushing ☺* but sorry you're not going to get it: **Heart of winter game of thrones** Because I have to go read the next book right now and then see if I can persuade *bribe* Lauren Gilley to get on the next one right now. **Hearts of winter trailer** Because there has to be more right? I'm telling you here and now two books will not be enough for all these people: **The winter girls kindle** Ok I'm about to go ahead and follow the Pied Piper (aka Jan) and her lead-me-right-by-the-nose review here to Edge of the Wild, **Heart of winter book** Though first I have to say that every damn member of this family is so full of heart I love them all, **Read winter's heart online free** But I love Oliver and his smart mouth the best and he deserves all the good things, **Winters bane heart of a killer** Which absolutely includes Erik! ☺☺ Kindle Edition Where to start?☺Perhaps reinforcing that I'm not a fan of historicals? ☺ or fantasy, **Suzanne winters book about heart** ☺But Bev's review for Heart of Winter's sequel popped in my feed and I thought hold on just a second Jan! Go back there, **Heart of winter denali** Lauren Gilley? Historical? Fantasy? MM? THAT Lauren Gilley? the one who wrote Dartmoore Series one of my all-time favourite bikers series? I am impressed beyond words: **Wild at heart kindle** How does the same author manage to create two such different universes? Erik the King: **Heart of winter denali** A friend questioned me about the authenticity of the historical dialogue and I'm gonna let you down here. **Winter of the world book** However I'm ready to gush love about all the rest! I loved this! The slow burn, **EPub Heart of winter solstice** The incredibly fleshed-out characters!!! The enthralling winter atmosphere created, **Heart of winter book** The world-building fascinating rich in precious details such as the man long hairstyles with braids and beads, **EBook Heart of winter tv** "You may refuse of course but it would please me greatly if you would wear these, **Heart of winter book** Oliver was full of personality so funny sharp clever dry and impertinent: **Heart of winter revenant** ☺☺ The king was certainly as handsome - gorgeous his brain supplied unhelpfully - as his nephews but lacked all their charm. **W winters kindle books** Kindle Edition I found myself extremely impressed by this fantasy MM story. **EBook Heart of winter season 2** I think I can say that this also reminded me a bit of GRR Martin's storylines in 'A Song of Ice and Fire' but with the main focus on romance. **EBook Heart of winter garden** There are some Viking influences along with European medieval hierarchies but you gotta see all that for yourself. **EPub Heart of winter book** The story takes us to Aquitainia a realm in the warm South that is currently under attack by the Sels. **Heart of winter denali** The Duke of Drakewell and his brother both died defending their lands and the duchy is left leaderless vulnerable to further attacks: **Winters bane heart of a killer** Accompanied by her bastard cousin Oliver Tessa travels north into the cold wilderness where muscled men with hairy chests and wild manes rule (sorry I couldn't resist): **Twilight force at the heart of wintervale** Tessa immediately takes a liking to the

King's young nephews Leif and Rune who both woo the beautiful southern girl like crazy: **EPub Heart of winter garden** However the King himself Erik remains unimpressed and vastly uninterested in forging a bond through marriage offering one his nephews instead: **Suzanne winters book about heart** Oliver hates the king for turning down Tessa and a direct alliance with the south. **EPub Heart of winter garden** But it's hard for him to be mad at the man for long: **Winter s heart book nine of the wheel of time** Yes I may have asked myself once or twice why King Erik falls in love with Oliver, **Heart of winter book** Oliver seemed a bit uptight and not really approachable most of the time, **Heart of winter book** But apparently 'hard to get' is exactly what Erik is looking for. Now onto book 2! Kindle Edition 4. As for the dragons - can't wait! Kindle Edition ***4. They were right it's a 5 star read. I especially adored Oliver. I hope there isn't a long wait until book 4. Kindle Edition || 3. "But I'm only a bastard" Oliver said weakly. "You are mine. Kindle Edition



Wrote some stuff. But the stern forbidding Erik refuses to marry. He offers his nephew's hand to Tessa instead. Only...the king has two nephews. And Tessa has a choice to make. And that I loved even more on the second read. We know their story is heart-achingly wonderful.2. And his vulnerability really made me root for him. Sigh.3. I feel I got to know and love them just like Oliver. And I adored how kind friendly and caring they are. And how easy and relaxed their relationships play out. It felt like watching a movie tbh.Hooked and invested. Heading for book 2. I haven't read enough historicals to make this call. Oh my. be still my heart. The.Beads. If you would allow me to braid them into your hair." Oliver the bastard. And what a perfect fit for Erik. No fantasy so far though. □Jumping straight to the next. And not just on a gay romance mind you. This book was an all around surprise.Also the world building is very well done. After all the king takes a liking to Oliver. Plus he looks like this: Enough said. Like Arnold Schwarzenegger caught knitting.I guess we'll get more of that in book 2. I can hardly wait.Definitely a great fantasy recommendation!5 stars Kindle Edition.