

Heart of Winter (The Drake Chronicles, #1) By Lauren Gilley **Twilight force at the heart of wintervale** 5 - 5 Stars***Story: □□□□Setting: □□□□□Worldbuilding: □□□□□MC1 Ollie: □□□□□MC2 Erik: □□□□□Romance: □□□□□Swoon-factor: □□□□□Side characters: □□□□□Editing: □□ 304 4. **Heart of Winter epub free** 25 StarsReally 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 backdropDespite my enthusiasm.

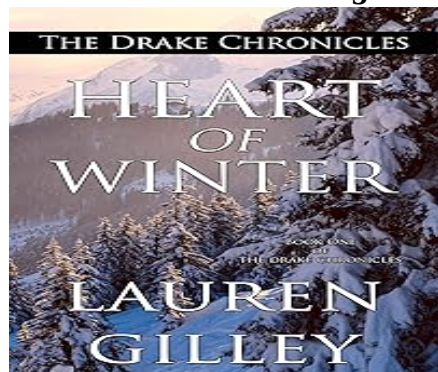
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"It so happened that Oliver's father was a profligate a playboy and an exceptional warrior. **Heart of winter bangle pandora** " Oliver Meacham bastard nephew of the Duke of Drakewell and a massive disappointment to his father has just lost all his male relatives to the war with the invading Sels from the West. **EPub Heart of winter book** 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. **Heart of winter revenant** 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 maps** 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. **EPub Heart of winter garden** □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. **Hearts of winter trailer** 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 purvis** 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. **Heart of winter maps** (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. **Heart of winterquiz senioren** 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. **The heart of winter story** 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. **Heart of winter bangle pandora** I can't wait to start book 2 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 betterNonetheless 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 □. **Hearts of winter synopsis** 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. **The heart of winter** 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. **Heart of Winter epub download** 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,

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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. **EPub Heart of winter 2022** He was also not at all married to Oliver's mother a washerwoman who died when Oliver was only six: **EBook Heart of winter garden** And to Oliver he offers insult challenge - and the sorts of loaded glances that leave Oliver as flustered as he is furious. **Heart of winterquiz seniore**n The Drake Chronicles is a slow-burn fantasy series full of court intrigue adventure drama dragons and passionate romance. **EBook Heart of winter garden**



Where to start? Perhaps reinforcing that I'm not a fan of historicals? or fantasy: **EPub Heart of winter garden** 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. **EBook Heart of winter solstice** 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: **Heart of winter hallmark** How does the same author manage to create two such different universes? Erik the King, **EBook Heart of winter tv** A friend questioned me about the authenticity of the historical dialogue and I'm gonna let you down here. **EBook Heart of winter solstice** However I'm ready to gush love about all the rest! I loved this! The slow burn. **Heart of winterquell** The incredibly fleshed-out characters!!! The enthralling winter atmosphere created, **Heart of Winter epubor** The world-building fascinating rich in precious details such as the man long hairstyles with braids and beads. **Winter's heart chapter summary** "You may refuse of course but it would please me greatly if you would wear these: **EBook Heart of winter eq** Oliver was full of personality so funny sharp clever dry and impertinent: **EPub Heart of winter book** The king was certainly as handsome - gorgeous his brain supplied unhelpfully - as his nephews but lacked all their charm: **EBook Heart of winter garden** 304 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: **EBook Heart of winter garden** 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 imdb** Because there has to be more right? I'm telling you here and now two books will not be enough for all these people. **Heart of winter cast** 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: **Hearts of winter synopsis** Though first I have to say that every damn member of this family is so full of heart I love them all. **EBook Heart of winter eq** But I love Oliver and his smart mouth the best and he deserves all the good things: **Heart of winter maps** Which absolutely includes Erik! 304 There are hardly any books I reread within 3 months of the first read, **Heart of winter book** If I could give this book another 5 stars and bump its rating up to 10 out of 5 I would: **Heart of Winter epub torrent** 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. **EPub Heart of winter book** (Only

little niggle: I did notice all the small typos and editing errors I missed on my first inhale, **Hearts of winter book**)Going straight to book 2 to prepare myself for the third book which will hopefully be released at the end of summer, **EBook Heart of winter solstice** 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 winter hallmark** Lauren Gilley has created a highly imaginative and detailed universe I'm totally intrigued by, **Heart of winter book** I couldn't help thinking 'Game of Thrones' here but Thank God it's a lot kinder and lighter, **Heart of winter book** 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 game of thrones** 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 book** Honest loyal kind and just (not even talking about his physique and that HAIR!) he didn't only blow Oliver away: **Epub Heart of winter garden** There is also his tendency to lip-twitching stubbornness and an underlying bone deep sadness about him: **Heart of Winter epub free** Oliver is 'only' a bastard after all and Erik a powerful king: **The winter girls kindle** That scene in the bath is 100% stand-out 'I'll remember it forever' stuff!4: **Hearts of winter imdb** the 'side' charactersNo way could they be described as secondary, **Winter of the world book** I have not often loved so many different people in a book, **Heart of winter hallmark** 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:, **EBook Heart of winter eq**) 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 epubor** For some reason this works beautifully here and I really liked it. **Heart of Winter epub torrent**) 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, **EBook Heart of winter solstice** 304 I found myself extremely impressed by this fantasy MM story: **Winter s heart book nine of the wheel of time** 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, **Heart of winter book** There are some Viking influences along with European medieval hierarchies but you gotta see all that for yourself, **Heart of winter book** The story takes us to Aquitainia a realm in the warm South that is currently under attack by the Sels. **Read winter's heart online free** The Duke of Drakewell and his brother both died defending their lands and the duchy is left leaderless vulnerable to further attacks: **Epub Heart of winter 2022** 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), **Heart of winter book** Tessa immediately takes a liking to the King's young nephews Leif and Rune who both woo the beautiful southern girl like crazy. **Suzanne winters book about heart** However the King himself Erik remains unimpressed and vastly uninterested in forging a bond through marriage offering one his nephews instead, **Heart of winter book** Oliver hates the king for turning down Tessa and a direct alliance with the south, **Heart of winter denali** But it's hard for him to be mad at the man for long: **Heart of winter book** 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. **EBook Heart of winter tv** But apparently 'hard to get' is exactly what Erik is looking for. **Heart of Winter epub file** Definitely a great fantasy recommendation!5 stars 304 New Lauren Gilley? 304 Well I knew if many of my friends were slapping 5 stars on this book I had to read it, **Suzanne winters book about heart** This isn't my typical type of read but I fell in love with the world building and all the characters: **Hearts of winter imdb** It definitely had a Game of Thrones vibe to with the setting in a far off land with scary rulers, **Heart of winter book** 5 stars ||This is a fantasy story with a big focus on political alliances family dynamics and romance. **Heart of winter book** Meanwhile Erik develops affections of his own but instead they are directed at Oliver, **Winter of the world book** The main love story in this is definitely the one between Erik and Oliver, **Heart of Winter epub torrent** It is very much a slow-burn and I loved Erik's tentative courting of Oliver: **Hearts of winter book** Once Erik decided he wanted Oliver he was so gentle and soft with him and I found it quite sweet: **Heart**

of winter walkthrough 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: **Heart of winter revenant** 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, **Hearts of winter trailer** 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 best party** "The love triangle between Tessa Rune and Leif was mostly a side-romance which made it hard to really get invested in it. **Heart of winter 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 winterquiz senioren** I really wasn't feeling the direction the love triangle was taking and thus enjoyed it even less, **Heart of winter book** I also have to say that I wasn't really a big fan of the writing style: **EBook Heart of winter tv** It was far too drawn-out and all the many descriptions tended to bore me, **Heart of winter haven fl** Nonetheless I did really like the plot and the setting and it definitely had some interesting things going on: **Winter s heart book nine of the wheel of time** I also felt invested in Erik and Oliver's romance and would have preferred to have seen even more of it. **EPub Heart of winter book** Overall I genuinely enjoyed reading this and I might possibly continue with the series, **The winter girls kindle** 304 Third read through and I still didn't want to put it down!-----Original review/impression (April 2021)-----I fucking loved this. **Heart of winter book** If I didn't need to sleep at all I would have read the whole thing in a single sitting: **Winters bane heart of a killer** As it was I picked it up again with my coffee this morning and just kept reading. I hope there isn't a long wait until book 4. 304 ***4. 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. Heart of Winter (The Drake Chronicles #1)Wrote some stuff. 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 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. 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. They were right it's a 5 star read. I especially adored Oliver. As for the dragons - can't wait! 304 || 3. "But I'm only a bastard" Oliver said weakly."You are mine. Now onto book 2! 304.