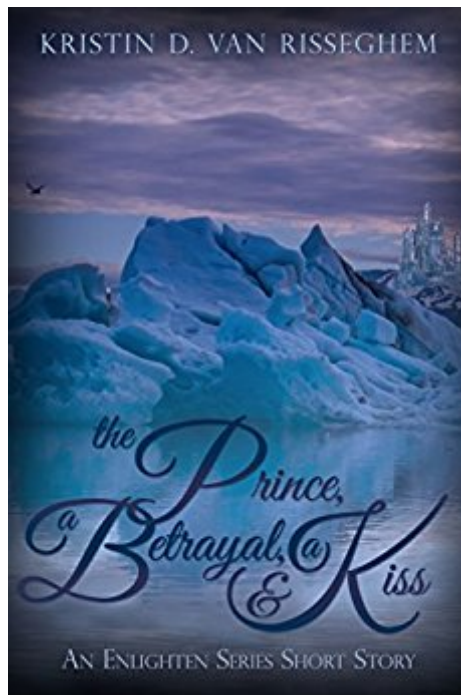


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The Prince, A Betrayal, & A Kiss: An Enlighten Series Short Story



Synopsis

Like most Winter fairies, Finnegan is one of few words, but he fulfills his princely duties without too much protest. That is, until he meets Sidelle—a Summer fairy princess. For the unlikely pair, it seemed their meeting was destiny. But their forbidden bond is discovered and torn apart. Now, Finnegan must escape his mother's clutches to find his love and apologize, beg forgiveness, and show her the depth of his feelings. But instead of finding Sidelle, Finnegan befriends a dark stranger who leads him down a troubling path, tricking him into becoming someone he despises—exactly how a Winter fairy should behave—one who Sidelle may never trust.

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Customer Reviews

My main issue with this story was that it didn't feel complete. The story felt like it was building up to one thing, then switched to a different track near the end. Then it ended. The change was fine. It didn't feel too out of place. But the story never jumped back to its original focus. I haven't read the other books in this series, but was told that it could stand alone well enough. With that said, it feels like this is just a few chapters within a bigger novel, instead of a story in itself. There are previous

events alluded to, which helped a little with setting things up. But it feels like I'll get the unfinished story in the book that comes next. I also felt that the characters were a bit flat. Even Finn, the main character, didn't feel fully developed. This might be due to the story mostly telling instead of showing. Things just sped on through, as I read, without taking the time to flesh out the story. This is a short story. There are limitations due to the length. But instead of using those words effectively, things just felt rushed. Despite this, I do think I will try one of the main books of the series. I think Risseghem has some good ideas for this world she's trying to build (even if the world building, and setting in general wasn't up to par for my tastes). I want to see what the author can do without the limitations of a short story. Maybe given more room to flesh out characters, setting, and plot lines I could find this to be a great series.

I enjoyed the fairy world depicted in this short story, the winter and summer and forbidden love between two fairies of opposing realms. I also liked the descriptions in the story, made me picture the surroundings and feel as if I were part of Finn's world. I wasn't too sure about Finn's character though and what he really wanted. But I'm guessing this is a prequel or a first book to a series where we find out more about what will happen to Finn and Sidelle and where he can redeem himself. :) All in all, I enjoyed it but wish there was more (although I think that's the goal, right? Of any good story!).

This is a quick but fun read giving a little bit of back story into the Enlightened Series. It introduces you to Finn, the fairy winter prince and how he met Sidelle, the fairy summer princess. It briefly mentions the quest for the redeemer which is the tie in with A Guardian, A Sword, and Stilettoes. It paints a vivid picture of the fairy world which we don't get to see in the series (at least not so far) and fairy politics. I'm typically not a fan of such short stories as I feel like the narrative doesn't get fully developed, but as a companion to the series, it's definitely worth the read and leaves you wanting to know more!

A short novella in the author's Enlightened series that I think is set just before and during the first book in the series. It gives us more information on Finn and Sidelle's relationship and a glimpse into the working of the Winter Fairy Court. It is an entertaining story that adds depth to Finn's character and makes you hope for the author to write another novella about their original meeting and island adventure that precipitated the changes in Finn. It will be interesting to see what will happen in their relationship and how the changes in Finn might affect both the winter and summer courts in the

future. I received this book at no cost from the author in exchange for an honest review

One of the best parts of getting invested in a book series is getting to explore secondary characters in one-off stories, and that is what fans will get when they read *The Prince, a Betrayal, & a Kiss* by Kristin D. Van Risseghem, a short story in the Enlighten series. Getting to explore a character's backstory that was only touched upon in the first Enlighten book, fans will be delighted to get this fun look into the Winter faerie realm and a deeper look into a forbidden romance. First, the synopsis: Like most Winter fairies, Finnegan is one of few words, but he fulfills his princely duties without too much protest. That is, until he meets Sidelle—a Summer fairy princess. For the unlikely pair, it seemed their meeting was destiny. But their forbidden bond is discovered and torn apart. Now, the Finnegan must escape his mother's clutches to find his love and apologize, beg forgiveness, and show her the depth of his feelings. But instead of finding Sidelle, Finnegan befriends a dark stranger who leads him down a troubling path, tricking him into becoming someone he despises—exactly how a Winter fairy should behave—one who Sidelle may never trust. Blending the elements of the first Enlighten book with some historical context and an in-depth look into the other side of the complex relationship between Winter faerie Finnegan and Summer faerie Sidelle. The action is very fast paced and in just a short amount of time we get some great character development and get to see another side of this complex war brewing between the various realms, and who is siding with who. The grand mythology in the Enlighten series is expanded upon greatly here, and gives fans a look at where the characters may be heading in the future of the series. Be sure to pick up this fun read *The Prince, a Betrayal, & a Kiss* by Kristin D. Van Risseghem today!

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