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Garrett Coleman spent most of his adolescence crushing on Finn Sweeney—until that Ultimate Dream Guy image got obliterated during senior year. Garrett's since gone out of his way to avoid the sexy ginger, instead throwing his energy behind his dance career while supporting his mother through her cancer diagnosis.

Finn Sweeney used to think of Garrett as just his kid brother's best friend, but after an intense exchange at a high school party, things got a little...weird. Despite that, when their two families decide to get together for the holidays for the first time in years, Finn can't say no. But he's fully prepared for this to be awkward as hell.

When Finn and Garrett lay eyes on each other for the first time in their adult lives, all bets are off. Finn is completely captivated by Garrett and getting to know the man he's become is now his top priority. Playing catch-up with Finn makes Garrett truly see him beyond the childhood fantasy he's held onto all these years. Finn is real and vulnerable...and hot as hell.

Garrett and Finn can't seem to keep their hands off each other, so they decide to bury the hatchet between them for the remainder of the visit.

After all, it's only a holiday fling.

Until it becomes something more.

## **Beautiful Dreamer Details**

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## From Reader Review Beautiful Dreamer for online ebook

### Annery says

I seriously loved this. It was a heartfelt story that, though satisfying in the romance department, was primarily about family and familial love.

The Coleman and Sweeney families have been friends for years and as such have shared Holidays and vacations, interweaving their lives and those of their kids. Garrett Coleman got a best friend in Rory Sweeney and in time a lifelong crush on Finn Sweeney, Rory's older brother. Life's slings and arrows have kept the families apart for a few years but it's now Christmas and they're back to spending the holiday together in a cabin filled with memories.

Garrett is now an adult, a successful dancer, and an out and proud gay man and he's decided that the torch he carried for Finn Sweeney is not only undeserved but he's over it, if only his heart got the memo. Meanwhile Finn, having not laid eyes on Garrett in years, begins to see him as a person other than Rory's BFF who was always underfoot. In fact Finn had always noticed Garrett as the sensitive and watchful kid he was, but nothing more, and I was sooooo glad for that.

This whole story is about new beginnings, but buttressed by the past. Garrett's family is getting a chance to breathe again and Garrett, though hesitant at first, allows his heart to open to Finn and something new.

I really like everything about this: the family relationships felt real, lived in, Garrett's hurt & feeling of holding his breath, only to finally open to Finn, let him in. \*goose bumps\* And Finn was perfect in his bumbling imperfection. He was a guy trying to figure out what he was missing, stumbling and flailing sometimes, but never with malice and then that gift \*sigh\* Also did I mention he's ginger? Yep. Yes he is. :D

(view spoiler)

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### Suzi (Obsessive Reading Disorder) says

#### 4.5 Dancing Stars

Super sweet best friends brother romance. Set in a snowy small town with life long friends finally realizing what they could possibly be to each other. Add in their really close knit families and the ultimate romantic Christmas gift--yeah you will swoon over Garrett and Finn.

The gift exchange was my favorite part but then the epilogue also blew me away. Great holiday read. Stand alone story that will put you in the holiday mood.

\*Complimentary copy provided for an honest review.

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### Susan says

I'm quite surprised this is such a popular book.

I had such a hard time with Finn bringing home his casual boyfriend, who he was not dating, for Christmas. And them having sex with Garrett in the room next door, listening in. Just no...

That whole boyfriend thing felt so wrong to me. And when Blair was starting to hit on Garrett, I was kind of done with this whole book.

I think I might have gotten over this issue if I had liked the characters, but I had such a hard time liking any of them. They were constantly bickering about the stupidest things and I just wanted them to chill out.

I did not like this one.

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## Meags says

### 4 Stars

I read *Beautiful Dreamer* in one long sitting, which pretty much speaks to my enjoyment of the story.

I'm an absolute sucker for a best-friends-brother trope done well, and this one certainly exceeded all of my hopes and wishes. I particularly loved that there was already a shared history between MCs Garrett and Finn when the story began, with the two having grown up together in families that were extremely close, holidaying together and all.

When everyone comes together for the first time in years to celebrate Christmas, Garrett and Finn finally face each other as adults. There are some initial apprehensions brought on by memories of their last awkward encounter six years prior, but teenage embarrassments are easily overcome as grown men, and neither can deny for long their undeniable mutual attraction.

I enjoyed watching Garrett and Finn dance around each other during their family's shared Christmas getaway. The fact that Finn initially shows up with another man in tow was a bit of a worrying prospect for me, and I was prepared to hate the guy on sight, but even he (Blair) won me over and added some much appreciated light and joy to the bigger story without me ever getting disgruntled by his (non-romantic but sexual) relationship with Finn.

The evolution of Garrett and Finn's changing relationship was romantic and a tad dreamy, but it felt authentic. What I loved best, though, was the heart-warming focus on the importance of family and friendship, and the joy of celebrating the holidays with those you love.

Needless to say, I really enjoyed this one and I appreciated how low-angst the entire thing was. *Beautiful Dreamer* was definitely a winner in the M/M holiday reading stakes for me. (Here's hoping that we get a sequel of sorts for cheeky Blair).

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## Elsbeth says

Beautiful Xmas love story!!!

I loved the idea of a snow globe with a male dancer in it.

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## Denise H. says

\*\*\*\*\* In high school they were the ballet dancer and the jock, are now the professional dancer, Garrett Coleman,

and the Graphic Designer, Finn Sweeny,

the sexy ginger hunk, are together for the holidays.

Now that everyone's grown, and the Mrs. Coleman survived her cancer, the two families, the Coleman and Sweeny bunch, are spending the Christmas week together for the first time in six years. Finn is Rory's older brother, and Garrett is Rory's best friend since childhood. Garrett crushed on Finn in their teens, and seeing each other as adults is holding new possibilities. We watch the family events, togetherness, sentiments and camaraderie, plus a surprise for Mrs. Coleman.

Finn brought a "friend with benefits" along, but Blair is bored and will be leaving early. We get a front row seat to see our guys and their baby steps up to full blown passion.

A terrific story with lovable characters and a wonderful epilogue.  
ENJOY !

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~☆~Doni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

*Beautiful Dreamer* is a low-key, mellow story with a focus on family and friendship.

Told in a dual first-person POV, the story takes place the week of Christmas as two families gather to celebrate the holiday together and Garrett sees his childhood crush, who happens to be his best friend's older brother, for the first time in years.

Finn thinks Garrett is gorgeous and wants to get to know him again, but he's stuck with Blair, the fuck buddy he brought along on the trip. What the hell, Finn? Who brings a fuck buddy to a family holiday gathering?

Garrett is cautious around Finn. I wouldn't say he was holding a grudge as much as he didn't know how to act. They left things on an awkward note the year Garrett graduated from high school.

But Finn comes through with the perfect Christmas present, and the men feel a definite spark.

I was ready to hate Blair, but he surprised me and I ended up wishing him well. I liked all the secondary characters and enjoyed the subplot of Garrett's parents renewing their vows.

**The book ends on a very sexy, hopeful note, not quite a HEA but close enough.**

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## **Nazanin says**

### **4 Stars**

Garrett is Finn's brother's best friend and he always had a crush on him! The last time they saw each other was six years ago (when Garrett was seventeen-year-old) and it didn't go well. So Garrett has been carrying a grudge against Finn and avoided him in these years but now that they all have gathered for the holidays Finn thinks this is the opportunity to get to know Garrett as an adult and clear the air between them...

It's a quick good holiday romance, an enjoyable one and low-angst with likable characters. It wasn't just the romance that I enjoyed, I enjoyed the family history and the friendship between them! Told in dual POV, 1st person. It's a standalone novella. Overall, I had a good time reading it and hope you enjoy it as well!

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## **Sanaa ? Sanaa's Book Blog ? says**

### **4 stars.**

This was a cute little Christmas story. I really enjoyed it and wouldn't mind reading more about some of the characters!

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## **Shannon says**

4.5\*

Such a wonderfully sweet and touching little holiday story! The best friend's brother trope is one of my favorites, in both m/f and m/m, and this one was just perfect.

Six years have passed since Garrett and Finn last saw each other, and as their families gather to celebrate Christmas old feelings bubble to the surface and it's time these two finally confront their true feelings for each other.

I enjoyed this story so much, everything about it just gave me the warm fuzzies! Garrett and Finn and their burgeoning relationship were the stars of the show, but the families, the setting, the season- it all made for a winning combination.

I'm so jealous of the Coleman and Sweeney families right now, I wish my extended family all still got together for the holidays!

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## **.Lili. says**

**Beautiful Dreamer by Christina Lee** is a perfect read to get lost into during the holidays. It's sweet and feel good, and it's about family and friends. Growing up Garrett and Finn knew were always around each other. Garrett was Finn's brother best friend. Garrett had ~~still~~ a crush on Finn, but to Finn, Garrett was just a kid. Fast forward six years later, and little Garrett is all grown up.

### Some highlights

-I enjoyed all the characters- even Blair. They were all good people you'd want to be friends with and get together.

-UST. I love sexual tension, and there's some delicious longing going on here.

-First person dual POVs.

-Movie feel. If #Hallmark made this into a #holiday film, I'd DVR the shit out of it and watch it whenever I needed a pick me up.

-The end. I know Christina Lee doesn't do epilogues, but this was as close to one as I've seen her write; it ends with a strong HFN.

\*\*I'd like to add: Blair needs a book. Going in you want to hate the guy but can't. He left an impression, and I have to know what happens to him!

Final thoughts: Buy it, read it, and enjoy yourself a merry holiday novella.

4.25 Stars

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### Elsa Bravante says

Una novella navideña con amor no correspondido, bailarín, mejor amigo de mi hermano... Muy mona, muy bonita, aunque promete más de lo que después es.

3.5, pero estamos en Navidad, así que pongo cuatro.

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### Snjez says

I loved this story more than I expected.

It has a great set of characters. Not only were Garrett and Finn wonderful, but their families were just as great. There's not a single character in this book I didn't like, including Blair.

I'm always drawn to stories where characters have known each other since childhood with one of them having a secret crush, and this one was done really well. The pacing was just right for a book of this length and I liked the slower build up between the MCs, it made their romance all the more realistic. The thing I loved the most about Garrett and Finn is that they actually talked to each other rather than just jumping into bed.

The setting was great, too. I loved the connection between both families, the history they shared, and all the

things they did together. It felt very Christmassy and cozy.

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### **Christina says**

My holiday romance, BEAUTIFUL DREAMER, is now live! #bestfriendsbrother

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Universal link: [mybook.to/BeautifulDreamer](https://mybook.to/BeautifulDreamer)

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### **Vanna says**

4 stars!! ?. Loved it! Beautiful love story with lots of slow-burn between Garret and Finn. Liked the background that Garret was crushing on his best friend's brother forever and finally after years he notices him sparks fly. This was a perfect light-hearted but a tad sentimental and romantic holiday novella. Highly recommended ?

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