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Reformed cat burglar and orphan Nyssa Glass doesn't have many fond memories of Christmas. Her boyfriend, Ellis, however, is determined to make their first holiday together a celebration of a lifetime. Nyssa can't let him down.

Overwhelmed by decorations and shopping, Nyssa sets out to find the perfect present for Ellis. However, when a charming dance instructor decides Nyssa is what he wants for Christmas, Ellis's only gift might be a dose of holiday heartbreak.

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N.W. Moors says

Nyssa Glass's Clockwork Christmas is the latest addition to the series and a great selection for the holidays. Nyssa is celebrating her first Christmas with Ellis and Theo and wants it to be perfect, but what to give as a present to a man who can buy anything he wants?

This sweet story furthers the romance between Nyssa and Ellis in a story that is a little bit reminiscent of O. Henry's The Gift of the Magi. I can't wait to see what's next for the couple.

I received this as an ARC for an honest review from the author.

Christine Grey says

I read this story because I was curious. I had seen the Nyssa Glass series, but I wasn't entirely sure the Steampunk Genre was for me. I'm in my 40's (though I like to think I still have the spirit of a twenty-something), so Steampunk sounded outside my wheelhouse. I ADORED it! Some of the terminology was unknown to me, but I found that gave the story an exotic flair, not a confusing one, and I caught on quickly. I also really appreciated the fact that this was able to be read as a standalone and I wasn't completely lost since I had never previously met the characters.

Now, as to the story itself, I was immediately swept into the world. It evoked such wonderful feelings of nostalgia for Christmases gone by. As an example, here is a brief excerpt from the story. "Nyssa closed her eyes and tried to remember her last family Christmas. She focused on the taste of peppermint, sweet and tingly, coating her tongue. Her mother bustling about their tiny kitchen ... the scent of cinnamon and sage ... then a fresh, green smell. Pine boughs? Fir?" Tell me that you can't almost smell it, taste it, feel it! Marvelous! There was a definite sense of anticipation created, and I found myself eagerly flying through the story to see what would happen.

I have to stop now, or I will get carried away and ruin the story with spoilers, but this was a delightful tale, told with a light touch. It definitely makes me want to read more about the characters. I can see this becoming a perennial read for me. I will certainly reread it when the holidays get closer. Do yourself a favor, and escape to this charming world. You won't regret the slight detour from your day, and I think you will find that you are richer for the excursion.

Nyssa Glass's Clockwork Christmas is a gift you will want to give yourself over and over again. Unwrap it slowly, and savor every word of this sweet Christmas tale!

Patsy Hennessey says

This was a sweet addition to the Nyssa Glass franchise, themed for the Christmas season. In this installment, Nyssa, Ellis, Theo, and Mrs. H prepare for Christmas and try to figure out what it means to their little family. There are misunderstanding and discoveries, laughter and tears, and the spirit of the holiday shines through.

Like all of the Nyssa Glass books, this book is a nice, clean read that is suitable for all ages. Despite being aimed at the young reader, I love the series for being a relaxing, enjoyable read for adults as well. There is a blossoming romance for Nyssa and Ellis, but nothing inappropriate for any age.

The characters are all very vivid and three-dimensional, and it is easy to feel like you know them and to get invested in them. The underlying messages of each tale have been positive, and this Christmas installment is no exception.

I was given an advanced review copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. I received no other incentive of any kind, and my review is my honest, unbiased opinion.

Jennifer Kibble says

Nyssa and Ellis are getting closer in their relationship and each want to make their first Christmas together special. Of course this is easier said than done. Conflict at Christmas is never a good thing. I felt the stress of the season while reading! With hiccups along the way, I found myself yelling at the book and the author, H. L. Burke. Now, don't take that the wrong way. My shouting mostly consisted of, "no, don't you do that to them!". Nyssa and Ellis are great characters to read about.

I did find the last chapter to be a little rushed. Overall, I enjoyed it. Yet another great book in the Nyssa Glass series.

Kandi Wyatt says

Of the series, this was probably my least favorite, but only because I don't like to read about couples struggling, especially when it's of their own doing. Nyssa is trying to find the perfect Christmas gift for Ellis but doesn't want to tell him about it because it's a surprise. This leads to all kinds of misunderstandings.

Kimberly Sparks says

What a sweet story...

What a sweet story. I'm enjoying all of these books. I can't wait to get started on the next book.

Denae Christine says

Too romance-y for me. I love Christmas, but both Ellis and Nyssa were overly worried about their gifts and were just acting silly.

The dancer guy was so mean. I wanted to smash his face (and I'm not a violent person!).

Laurie Lucking says

This one didn't have quite the same level of intrigue as the other books in this series, but it was fun to see Nyssa and Ellis trying so hard to make each other happy. I enjoyed getting to hear Ellis's perspective for some of this book, which seems like a good place to say that he has really established himself as one of my favorite romantic heroes - sweet, funny, protective, vulnerable, and super smart. *Happy sigh.* Fans of the romantic side of Nyssa Glass will really enjoy this story :)

Jen Morris says

Short But Sweet

Without being saccharine. This book is just right for holiday warmth without the tinselly fake-ness of many Christmas Novels. Recommend.

Kristen Kooistra says

A sweet addition to the Nyssa Glass series. It's Ellis and Nyssa's first Christmas together. And they're celebrating with Mrs. H and Theo in their new house/workshop. It's the perfect setup for one of the best Christmases, if not the best, any of them have seen.

I was thinking this would go along the route of the *The Gift of the Magi*, and in some ways it did, but it was a completely unique spin on it that ended up holding only the same idea of *The Gift of the Magi*. Giving what you can from the heart.

Like so many people, Ellis and Nyssa spend the final days until Christmas panicking over making everything perfect. And Nyssa's secret present for Ellis causes more trouble than she plans.

I love the lesson of being honest, trusting, and slowing down during the Christmas season to focus on what really matters instead rushing around like a chicken with your head cut off and then being too _____ to actually enjoy the time.

Christina Morley says

Nyssa Glass's *Clockwork Christmas* is a stand-alone novelette reminiscent of O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi." I've always loved that story and this one won't disappoint. H.L. Burke's rendition is full of steampunk references with a few surprises and plenty of interesting characters.

Nyssa and Ellis are both good at tinkering and creating new inventions. They also have each other's backs. This will be their first Christmas together and they both want to find each other the perfect gift. Things don't always go as planned and things go downhill before they go up.

I recommend that you read at least one other book in the series first to understand the main characters better, but it's not completely necessary. Some of the back story is scantily explained to help the reader follow

along, which is a good thing, because too much recapping can get tedious. This is an awesome steampunk Christmas story and I highly recommend it!

Len Evans Jr says

I really liked this steampunk Christmas story. The characters are interesting and charming. The relationships are endearing. The story itself is perfectly Christmas! I will definitely have to read the rest of the Nyssa Glass series!

Katy says

When I first began to read this book, I thought it was just going to be a sweet Christmas story about some of my new favorite characters, similar to O. Henry's The Gift of the Magi, but there was surprising depth and tension. In some places I laughed out loud and in others tears sprang to my eyes. If you like the Nyssa Glass series, you will LOVE this story. If you haven't read any of the other books yet, I highly recommend them! You can read this story without having read the others, but it will be even more satisfying to understand all the references. Nyssa and Ellis are two of the best-drawn fictional characters, so well done I no longer think of them as "fictional."

Emmy says

(Audiobook)

A cute holiday short opens with the younger cousin. But the opening paragraphs are slightly misplaced, so what is the common age for marriage and children these days? Did no one take in family members? Did extra family members not attend functions? The direct comment about parents in the audience kind of ... threw a wrench in the world building instead of expanding on it.

Amara returns to help with her connections and words of wisdom from her perch in society. Whatever happened to her husband, I wonder?

The jealousy angle seems too played out in books these days, although Nyssa and Ellis hit it head on.

A bit of adult themed conversations. And an year long engagement? Is this typical for this era as well?

Too many questions are raised that deter this from being a breezy read.

Narrator is still perfect for this series!

Lindberg says

A wonderful Christmas story

This is the best Christmas story I have read this holiday season. The characters are so believable and create the perfect setting for a Christmas family fantasy.
