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Synopsis

Having long wondered what lives beyond the ice shelf, nineteen-year-old mermaid Ersel learns of the life she wants when she rescues and befriends Ragna, a shield-maiden stranded on the merfolk’s fortress. But when Ersel’s childhood friend and suitor catches them together, he gives Ersel a choice: Say goodbye to Ragna or face justice at the hands of the glacier’s brutal king. Determined to forge a different fate, Ersel seeks help from the divine Loki. But such deals are never straightforward, and the outcome sees her exiled from the only home and protection she’s known. To save herself from perishing in the barren, underwater wasteland and be reunited with the human she’s come to love, Ersel must try to outsmart the God of Lies.

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Mermaid. The Seafarer’s Kiss took my breath away." --Heidi Heilig, author of The Girl from Everywhere."A beautiful Norse retelling of The Little Mermaid, featuring a young mermaid desperate to break free and a shieldmaiden bent on revenge -- dark and romantic, and definitely recommended." --Laura Lam, author of Pantomime and False Hearts

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I adore this book so freaking much, oh my gosh I just finished it and usually I wait a little bit to do a review because thoughts but I don’t want to wait. I need to tell you all how much I love this adorable little book. It’s a little mermaid retelling with a Norse mythology twist to it, Loki is an androgynous villain using they them pronouns who is so fun to read. I loved the main character Ersel and her will to survive and keep her dreams no matter what the king and the other merpeople believe. Ragna, the female love interest of the story is a super strong fighter woman who is out for revenge and we need more of her in all stories. I don’t know if you caught it but it is a f/f love story, that was so fun to read. It is a relatively short book, 200 or so pages and I loved every single one of them. I love mermaid everything so it was already right up my alley, if you have any more mermaid recommendations I am here for them! I loved how characters got to redeem themselves and the mother daughter relationship portrayed. Overall it is a new favorite for me. Also if you didn’t know every book this author writes has a fat character and it isn’t just about her being fat, it is just part of who she is. I find that honestly wonderful because fat stories done right are few and far between, especially ones that don’t center the fatness. It was exactly what I wanted, a fun perfect read, and even though it is set in the nasty cold weather I think it was perfect for summer because mermaids will always mean summer to me.I forgot one thing I wanted to point out, there was a moment in the book where Ersel and Ragna hit each other. I am never okay with domestic violence and I didn’t like reading it in a book I had loved so much so far. I have issues with this but it doesn’t spoil my whole view of the book. I am just giving you a warning of it. Violence in any relationship is so often ignored especially in books so I just want it noted I did not ignore it, I did not like it, I am choosing to not let it ruin a fun and good book for me.Also some people are really sensitive to infertility and that topic and it is a big part of the story. It was discussed as being apart of life and I think it was handled very well, though I know nothing about that myself.Just to add those 2 thoughts for an overall very

positive review for a book I do really love.

Finally!!! A mermaid book thatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s definitely worth the read! After reading many amazing reviews, I had very high expectations and was not the least disappointed.This book is only 212 pages, therefore this review will be short. The SeafarerÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s Kiss was a wonderful read filled with action and self-acceptance. We meet Ersel right on the first page with her fondness of human goods that lay deep in the ocean. She collects these things in secret and holds them dear to her heart. I have read that this is The Little Mermaid retelling and although it holds true in some aspects, I loved The SeafarerÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s Kiss for itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s own beauty of the characters and world. I also loved how Norse Gods (trickster Loki) and pirates were incorporated within this book and again, although short, the book was definitely to the point.Ersel is trying to get away from a fertility grading that happens every year and when escaping, she meets Ragna the shield-maiden who so happens to be human. Ragna who was left to fend for herself now has ErselÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s help, to save not only herself but something else. However, when ErselÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s long time best friend sees Ragna and Ersel together, things start to unfold. When these things unfold, thatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s where the trickster God, Loki, comes into play and you will be left on the edge of your seat for the rest of the book.My only tad bit of a problem with this beautiful book was that I wish it was longer and extended some of the scenes more. I loved how each and every character played an important role in ErselÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s life. And not only was this an f/f retelling but it was also about personal growth. Julia Ember delivered an important message throughout the book and was inclusive with sexuality, gender, and body. Now, the reason why I am being so vague here is because I feel like the synopsis tells a lot of the story and the events.

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