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Chasing Christmas Past: An Airship Racing Chronicles Short Story Prequel (The Airship Racing Chronicles)



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Synopsis

Top Ten Finisher, Best Steampunk Short Story of 2014Preditors & Editors Poll, Second place prize awarded to Chasing Christmas Past by Melanie Karsak***6,000 word short story prequel to The Airship Racing Chronicles***Christmas Eve 1820. At Rose's Hopper, a popular London tavern frequented by airship jockeys, all is merry and bright--except Lily Stargazer. Lily and her crew are set to run the Christmas Day Yuletide Airship Race from London to Calais, but not before spending the night swimming in mulled wine and longing for absent lovers.Even the prospect of a Yuletide win can't convince Lily that this Christmas will be better than any that came before. But Lily is about to find out that there really is a Father Christmas. Join Lily Stargazer in this steampunk romance short story, a prequel to the steampunk romantic adventure series, The Airship Racing Chronicles.

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Customer Reviews

I received a free copy of this book from an author newsletter. I voluntarily chose to review.I love steampunk! It is an imaginative world and full of people I would have never thought to put together

for all sorts of adventures. This short story is a prequel to The Airship Racing Chronicles, a series written by Melanie Karsak.The writing is excellent; the atmosphere, goals of the heroine and her crew clear; background information on characters provided; a love interest makes an apppearance; the race well-plotted, and it has a Christmas theme, as well. It is a solid foundation for the beginning of whatever Karsak has planned in book one. I hesitate to guess what the story arc may be, but I am going to read further to find the answer.I enjoyed this prequel. It was fast-moving, fanciful, yet meaty. A super intro!

This is my first Melanie Karsak book, but it definitely won't be my last. She's done a great job setting out a steampunk tale about an airship crew and Christmas race. I love a good steampunk, though they're much rarer than I'd like. This is a very good one. The "science" and "engineering" in this story just feels right, and indeed the whole world created for this story (and the ones to follow in the series, of course) had a great realistic feeling. Add to that an excellent plot and really strong lead and supporting characters. The result is a wonderful tale that makes me want to dive right into the series. Highly recommended.

That's right. Melanie Karsak has given us a short story about my favorite airship crew on Christmas Eve. It is an excellent little short and a great introduction to the series if you haven't started it yet. We get to meet the full crew gearing up for the annual Yuletide Airship Race and see how some of our favorite relationships began. I love these little short stories in between publications; they keep my excitement from fading and the series on my mind.This is seriously one of my favorite series. Earlier on my blog, I reviewed both Chasing the Star Garden and Chasing the Green Fairy so read through those if you are curious about this great series. I am also very much looking forward to Chasing the Fog next year.

This is the first book I've read in this series and it is great! I love a good steampunk story and I especially love a good Christmas story. This delivers on both.This is a nice novella with characters that were all brand new to me. They were quirky, so terrifically developed you could tell they were well loved characters, and a whole lot of fun to spend their Christmas Eve/Christmas morning with. I won't give the story away but there is a race, an almost missed chance, a few dots on the horizon, and a Santa character with a surprise. A short story that packs a big punch may be a good way to describe this one. I'm interested in going back and reading the other books by the author.Excellent book that takes you on a quick, fun holiday trip. I really enjoyed it a lot.

I loved this story- it ended too soon! I would have happily kept reading had it been a full fledged book. I will be reading more from this series and I'll look at other series by Melanie Karsak. Great characters, believable plot- just great writing!

~ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a Christmas short story with a steampunk setting. How can ya go wrong?~Airship captain, Lily Stargazer, is a likable character. She struggles to make financial ends meet and keep her shipÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s crew together. She believes, but it has been a long time since things have gone favorably for her. This is that special season when many wonderful and almost magical things can happen.~ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a fun, little Christmas story, than makes for an enjoyable eveningÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s read.

It is a very short story, a bit too short to get a good idea. There is some character development that is interesting and some hints that did make me want to read more. I am not very fond of first person story writing so that is the first thing that did put me off. The story is fast-paced but nothing much interesting is happening. I love Steampunk and Victorian settings and that was well captured in this story. It was mostly the 2 chapters from the Chasing The Star Garden that made me stop wanting to read more. The way she writes about the use of drugs and alcohol made me feel very uncomfortable, it is excessive and romanticized. The romance part is not very romantic at all and not very convincing. I would not recommend this book for young readers.

Chasing Christmas Past is a short story. It serves to introduce us to the crew of an airship and one other person. Due to the constraints of length, of course, we do not become intimately acquainted with anyone, but do become enamored with the captain of the ship and wish to know her better.

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