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What's better than one deliciously cozy, swoon-worthy holiday story? Four of them, from some of today's bestselling authors.

From KASIE WEST, a snowy road trip takes an unexpected detour when secrets and crushes are revealed.

From AIMEE FRIEDMAN, a Hanukkah miracle may just happen when a Jewish girl working as a department store elf finds love.

From MELISSA DE LA CRUZ, Christmas Eve gets a plot twist when a high school couple exchange surprising presents.

From NIC STONE, a scavenger hunt amid the holiday crowds at an airport turns totally romantic.

So grab a mug of hot cocoa, snuggle up, and get ready to fall in love...

## **Snow in Love Details**

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## From Reader Review Snow in Love for online ebook

### Laura says

Snow in Love wraps up four cute-as-can-be holiday stories to help readers get in the holiday spirit. Each one was fun and holiday-ish in its own adorable way.

My favorite story was by Kasie West. The woman does adorable...sorry I mean ADORABLE like no one else. I adore her style and characters. Snow and Mistletoe is filled with her trademark sibling banter, heart, and warmth. Plus she combined two of my favorites—road tripping and Christmas! Wait—three of my favorites! There was a boy who loved to read too!!! :) I had a lot of fun on the road with West.

And the other tales were...okay. Really there is nothing to complain about. The other three stories just didn't make me twinkle and shine with joy as much as I hoped they would. Nic Stone is definitely on my authors-to-read-more-of list though.

Overall this was a quick, cute read filled with gifts, hidden crushes, elves, dares, love, and more. There was even a scavenger hunt!

Check it out from your local library.

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### Eden says

I'm only reading this because of Kasie West.

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### Trina (Between Chapters) says

3.75 stars

#### **Snow and Mistletoe by Kasie West - 5 stars**

So predictable but I don't mind because I realized I was grinning like a fool while reading the ending! Because you can see it coming, the short length was perfect to give you a dose of holiday fuzzies while not dragging anything out. I felt like I got to know the main character the best of the 4 stories, maybe because this was the only one written in first person. The road trip was interesting, the friends were enjoyable, the romance was sweet. Loved the healthy good guy love interest.

#### **Working in a Winter Wonderland by Aimee Friedman - 2 stars**

I really just felt stressed while reading this one. It's set in a retail store during Christmastime (YIKES) and secondly, the main character was grouchy about her job. It just wasn't an enjoyable vibe. One character is horrible and I did not enjoy any of their scenes. The romance was rushed, though I did think it was sweet. This is one that I think would have benefited from a longer format to develop things more, although I didn't

enjoy the writing or characters enough to want to spend a whole book with this story.

#### **The Magi's Gifts by Melissa de la Cruz - 3 stars**

A good lesson, but the title gives it away and it felt very unoriginal since it didn't deviate much from the original story. It just gives you a feeling like you've read this before. Although I didn't really like this, I don't have anything particularly negative to say about it either.

#### **Grounded by Nic Stone - 5 stars**

Fantastic! Perfectly encompassed a holiday feel, romance, friendship.... A good exploration of coming out, race, and wealth. Characters felt appropriately developed for the length. The format is fun with about 50% of it being told in text messages. The other 50% was so beautifully written that it brought the setting to life and made me feel like I was there. Wow, just wow.

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#### **Olivia (The Candid Cover) says**

As an avid fan of any book about the holidays, I was thrilled when I heard about Snow in Love by Melissa de la Cruz, and so many other amazing authors. This anthology is comprised of stories from some of my favourite authors, and each story is so cute. My personal favourite had to be Nic Stone's work. This book is the perfect thing to get you ready for the festive season.

Full Review on The Candid Cover

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#### **andrea caro says**

3.5 stars.

The real shining jewel in this collection was the story by Nic Stone, a story about two black girls stuck in an airport during a snowstorm doing a scavenger hunt. Even in just a few short pages I felt deeply connected to both girls and I really love the fact that it wasn't just a serving of cheese; Nic Stone delves into racism and how it doesn't disappear when people of color happen to be wealthy, which is kind of a crap idea I've seen people spew. This story was a 5 star read and has made me incredibly interested in Stone's other work. What a great piece.

The other stories are span from mediocre to just plain bad. Kasie West delivers just enough to be barely above average for me. The story by Friedman was silly in places, but I liked the representation of a Jewish character in this anthology, even if the story was still pretty Christmasy. I really hated the story by Melissa de la Cruz. I really love Gift of the Magi, but her spin on it felt really silly and kind of messed up. (If I sold a family heirloom to buy a gift for a high school boyfriend, my mother would beat my butt.) Ultimately, I don't think it really captured the essence of the story so much as perpetuate the idea that Christmas is about spending way too much money instead of cherishing those you love.

It's a fun anthology, but if I could unspend the money, I'd probably borrow this from the library.

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## Cori Reed says

Really enjoyed the Kasie West story, thought the Aimee Friedman story was okay, didn't like the Melissa de la Cruz Story, though the Nic Stone story was okay.

So, this way okay!

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## Melanie says

*Snow in Love* is a heartwarming holiday anthology that just came out at the end of 2018! This is a collection of four short stories, but I truly only recommend two of them. Seriously, this is a wild break down of two five star reads, and two one star reads. But I truly loved two and I hated two. Yet, I also truly believe the Kasie West and Nic Stone's stories are so good that it would be worth it to pick up this collection, especially if you are in need of a little holiday cheer!

### ► **Snow and Mistletoe by Kasie West - ★★★★★**

*“I got you something...”*

Holy shit, this was actual perfection for me. Again, I've never read anything by Kasie West before, but this was the most heartwarming holiday story I've read in a long time. Yes, it was a bit predictable, but I actually think that aspect sweetened the story and made it even more precious. And this story just had too many things that I personally love in literature; besides being adorable, it is a traveling story, with a snowed-in element, featuring a strong sibling relationship, with a scene in Vegas, and a hotel scene, that is all Christmas themed! Ah, friends, this story just makes me smile so big thinking about it! But the basic premise of this story is that a seventeen-year-old girl named Amalie is stuck in the Denver airport, while surprising her family for Christmas because she realized that studying abroad isn't for her. But then she sees a familiar face from her old high school, who offers her a ride back home, even though it will take a few days. (Sawyer is high school boyfriend goals, by the way!) I loved this with my entire heart and soul and now I want to read everything by Kasie West!

### ► **Working in A Winter Wonderland by Aimee Friedman - ★**

*“It was a freaking Hanukkah miracle.”*

Oh my gosh, this was such a letdown, especially after that last short story. The only really good thing I can say about this is that the main character is Jewish and celebrates Hanukkah. Besides that, yikes. Basically, the main character, Maxine, wants to buy an expensive dress for her best friend's party, and a guy who she has had a secret crush on since high school, tells her that his father's department store has an opening. Little does she know, that opening is to be a Christmas Elf. But Maxine is just rude, and negative, and honestly insufferable. Which would be fine, but this is supposed to be a happy holiday feel good book and it just made it feel like a chore to get through. I really disliked this one.

### ► **The Magi's Gifts by Melissa De La Cruz - ★**

***“But she was prettier than the whole lot of them put together...”***

Actually, this short story was the worst! How did this happen? What editor decided to put Kasie West's story first? Maybe I'm just too damn old to be reading about superficial high schoolers? Maybe the Lord is truly testing me? This didn't give me any holiday feelings at all. Plus, like... combs and hair are a lot different than motorcycles and family heirlooms. Reading about catty girls and high schoolers who think their significant other is their soulmate, while not respecting their wishes to not show PDA, is just not my idea of a good time. I hated every second of this story.

► **Grounded by Nic Stone - ★★★★☆**

***“Maybe this is exactly what Leigh needed: to get grounded. Literally and otherwise.”***

I just want to stay in this happy bubble after reading this story forever. Holy perfection. Nic Stone blows me away with everything she writes, and this short story was no different. It is ownvoices, about two Black girls stuck in ATL airport. We follow Leigh, who is also Jewish, and who has just came out of a break up because she has finally realized that she is a lesbian, and she has known that she was attracted to girls since she was fourteen, when she was on a cruise with another girl who was a family friend. Well, that girl is also snowed-in at the airport, and they are texting and decided to play a game that is like a crossover between I Spy and Hide-and-Seek. This story is told mostly by text messages between Leigh and Harper, but also between Leigh and her best friend, Niecey, who is encouraging her on. But this sweet start to a sapphic romance? I was swooning so hard, so damn hard. And Nic Stone also seamlessly weaves in important themes and topics like systemic racism, and internalized racism. Friends, this was amazing, and I completely recommend it with my whole heart.

I know that these ratings are so polarizing and wild, but they are honest, like always. Maybe there is a way just to purchase the first and last stories of this collection? Because that would be the true holiday blessing! But I gave *Snow in Love* three stars overall, because out of a possible 20 stars (5 stars possible for each of the 4 stories) this collection accumulated 12 stars (**60%**)!

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♥? I read this for #TistheSeasonAThon!

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**Kat says**

A collection of short stories by four different authors just in time for the holidays. I think my favorite was Kasie West's story, the first one, which featured a group of friends trying to beat a snowstorm and get home for the holidays. Just the right amount of holiday cheer ?.

Please excuse typos/name misspellings. Entered on screen reader.

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### **Chelsea (chelseadolling reads) says**

Overall this feels like a 3.5 star read. I LOVED the first and last stories, but the two in the middle were just not right for me at all. This definitely put me in the holiday spirit though and I highly recommend to anyone that wants a little holiday cheer this month!

**SNOW & MISTLETOE by Kasie West - 5/5 stars** (GASP. I KNOW. I'm just as shocked as you are that I loved something by Kasie West)

**WORKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND by Aimee Friedman - 2/5 stars** (This was FAR too cheesy to be enjoyable. Thank u, next)

**THE MAGI'S GIFTS by Melissa De La Cruz - 1/5 stars** (I'm sorry but who approved this story???? It was SO BAD. SO BAD. Isn't De La Cruz a NYT Bestseller like a zillion times over? What HAPPENED?)

**GROUNDED by Nic Stone - 5/5 stars** (So cute, so queer, so perfect. \*kisses fingertips\*)

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### **Lindsey says**

I was expecting more from this and I'm pretty disappointed. I love Katie West's story because, obviously. She's my queen. The last story was atrocious and the other two were just okay.

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### **Jaime Arkin says**

Kasie West - 5 stars

Aimee Friedman - 4 stars

Melissa de la Cruz - 3 stars

Nic Stone - 3 stars

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### **Lisa says**

I read this for Kasie West's story. I loved hers and give it 5 stars. The others were just bleh for me.

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### **destiny ? [howling libraries] says**

Like many of us in the fandom of YA contemporary reads, I love a good, fluffy Christmas story, but I find that "fluffy" contemporary works best for me in short formatting, so that I can just focus on a cutesy love story without needing much back story. Needless to say, I was excited when I heard about this collection coming out, because it's exactly that: **fluffy, cutesy contemporary romances set around Christmas!**

#### **→ L I K E S :**

Two of the four stories in this collection were really enjoyable to read:

→ Snow & Mistletoe — Kasie West ?????

→ Grounded — Nic Stone ???

**“I have a feeling I could ask you anything right now and you’d tell me the truth. This could be trouble.”**

**“I am about to be in a huge amount of trouble.”**

— Kasie West

The first story, and my favorite, was *Snow & Mistletoe* by Kasie West. I’ve only ever read one thing by Kasie before and I enjoyed it, but didn’t get the “hype” around her romances until reading this. I laughed and “awwww”ed through the entire story. It’s literally one of the cutest things I’ve ever read in my life, and even though the ending felt super predictable to me, it was in a *good* way, like one of those stories where you knew who was going to be the happy couple at the end and you got to just sit back, get cozy, and watch it all unfold in the cutest and sweetest way ever.

**“Might’ve had a little crush on you when we were fourteen...”**

**“It was definitely mutual.”**

— Nic Stone

The other story that I enjoyed overall (though as you can tell from the star rating, still wasn’t perfect) was *Grounded* by Nic Stone. Unfortunately, as with everything else I’ve read by her, I was reminded that I simply don’t enjoy Nic’s **writing style** and I think her narrative voice is very cringe-y and cheesy. That said, two queer black girls falling for each other in an airport? Cute as heck.

#### → DISLIKES:

Unfortunately, the other two stories in this collection? *Awful*.

→ Working in a Winter Wonderland — Aimee Friedman ?

→ The Magi’s Gifts — Melissa de la Cruz ?

**“Wow. Are you always this cynical?”**

— Aimee Friedman

I’ve never read anything by Friedman before *Working in a Winter Wonderland* and I definitely won’t be after this. The protagonist is so rude and childish to everyone she meets, the story is boring, and the romance at the end is a complete joke. She treats the guy like human garbage and then has the nerve to pick on *him* for not thinking he liked her. The *only* nice thing about this was the own-voice Jewish rep, but even that wasn’t enough for me to forgive how awful Maxine treats everyone around her.

**But she was prettier than the whole lot of them put together, and after all, they couldn’t call themselves the Beautiful People if they didn’t count the most beautiful girl in school among them.**

— Melissa de la Cruz

And then, there was the worst of the bunch: *The Magi's Gifts* by Melissa de la Cruz. I've never had a problem with the original story—not my favorite, but not the worst—but this retelling is downright terrible. The characters feel straight out of the most cliché mid-2000s YA book you could possibly find, the girl-hate with the “rich kids” is so gross and overly simplified, and the main character frankly doesn’t deserve her boyfriend in the slightest with the way she treats him. The entire ordeal is just gross and I hated every single page of this story. I mean... did you *see* the quote I used above this paragraph? That’s the main character, ***talking about herself.***

→ **FINAL THOUGHTS :**

So, overall, a major mixed bag. If you could get Kasie’s and Nic’s stories on their own in the kindle store or something, I’d honestly tell you just to do that and not even bother with the two middle stories because they were *so bad*. Overall, the star ratings average out to 2.5, but I’m rounding up to a 3 just because Kasie West’s story was *so good*.

→ **RECOMMENDING TO... :**

People who love cutesy, fluffy contemporary Christmas romances.

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**Marisa (Mirroredpages) says**

I’m only here for Kasie West’s story, to be completely honest.

Snow and Mistletoe by Kasie West

Rating: 5 stars

Perfectly sweet, adorable, and cute. This is exactly what I want from a Christmas story.

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**Emma says**

3.5 stars

This is a very nice collection of short stories, perfect to read during the Christmas holidays.

**Snow and mistletoe by Kasie West (4 stars)**

It was a cute story. I really liked the group of friends, they were all quite funny. I love me a good road trip and this one didn’t disappoint.

**Working in a winter wonderland by Aimee Friedman (2 stars)**

Heath was a snob and I didn’t like him at all, which I guess was the point of his character. I don’t think there was enough building up for the relationship with Avery. Maxine and Avery interacted normally as coworkers do and then they were put together at the end of the story, not cool or believable.

***The magi's gifts by Melissa de la Cruz (3 stars)***

Kelsey and Brenden were a cute couple but I didn't like the fact that they spent all their money to buy each other presents. I know that they did out of love but I personally think that the true meaning of Christmas isn't about gifts.

***Grounded by Nic Stone (5 stars)***

I really enjoyed the text messages included, it was a nice touch.

I also appreciated that this book wasn't only about Christmas but also about racism and being black.

The two girls, Leigh and Harper, had the cutest reunion ever, I was so happy for them.

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