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The Snow Globe (The Winterhaven Chronicles Book 1)



Synopsis

By day, Sondrine Renfrew works at Cimmerian's Curio Emporium, her aunt's apothecary and antique shop in London, 1875. By night, she weaves fire, water, and air into both inanimate objects and living creatures. When a hooded stranger offers Sondrine a snow globe in trade for medicinal herbs, she accepts, enchanted by the castle, forest, and sea encapsulated under the glass. Her enchantment fades, however, when her deceitful aunt betroths her to one of London's wealthiest men—a complete stranger. Determined to escape the marriage, Sondrine trades her corset for trousers and decides to run away. With one foot out the door, she falls down a veritable rabbit hole into Winterhaven, the haunting world inside the snow globe. Sondrine soon discovers her arrival in Winterhaven is no accident. There, she meets Shân, a man who broods more than the darkened sky above. Turns out Shân is not to be trusted. Not only is he the man who sold Sondrine the snow globe, he is a bounty hunter employed by the king. The beginnings of a sovereign war have been set in motion and an Immortal queen, one who uses fire as a weapon, is set on destroying Winterhaven. Because of her Elemental gifts, only Sondrine has the means to stop the queen. If Sondrine refuses the king's request, he will behead her. If she rises to the challenge of killing the Immortal queen, her death is just as imminent. After all, an Immortal queen cannot be killed. Or can she?

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Customer Reviews

I must admit: this is the first fantasy novel I've ever read. This isn't my genre. So why did I choose to read it? Well, I've had a love of snow globes all of my life because I have always been mesmerized by what appeared to be an enchanting world inside of them, a glorious escape from the life's tough realities. When I saw this beautiful cover and read the synopsis, I was intrigued. The Snow Globe exceeded my expectations. Jenna Nelson is a superb wordsmith. From the very first page, I was captivated by Sondrine Renfrew's life "working in her aunt's apothecary and antique shop in Victorian London. My initial fascination for this story never left me, but I did learn that anything can and will happen in the world inside the snow globe "and it isn't always pretty!! I don't like writing reviews that are mere synopses. The synopsis above gives a wonderful overview of the book. What I do like to write about is how I feel about a book. I loved it! This author is a brilliant wordsmith. Her words flow effortlessly, the scenes she describes come to life in my mind's eye, her characterizations are distinct, and her humor is wonderfully placed throughout. The story completely engaged me; it was not only insanely imaginative, but brought one delightful surprise after another. It was a true joy to read and without a doubt, I will read the sequel to this book when it comes out. Just really good!

There are very few times that I can give a debut author a 5 star rating. It takes most authors time, experience, heartache and hundreds of re-writes to get to a solid book. Then you quietly stumble across a born storyteller. That's right, storyteller NOT writer. They create the story you feel part of. Character bios? Yes, but somehow you must have already known these characters. Backstory? Yes, but it flows naturally and the reader seems to be part of it. Plot building? Yes, but that should happen next...it's what the I (the reader) would have done too. Cliffhanger? Moan!, but yes, I'm committed enough to wait. That commitment is saying a lot from me (this reader). I've given up on (grown apart from) so many series waiting for the next installment. I won't on this one! There's absolutely NO WAY I can go on with life without reading more. Also, I don't usually re-read books! There are too many new books out there waiting. BUT DON'T BE SURPRISED if you hear about me re-reading this one...it holds so much that I figure a second dose would be just as magical. PS

#CoverSnob It's that cover appealing? You bet your *** it is!***** 5 stars *****FTC guidelines require me to disclose that I received a copy of this novel for free. All review comments are honest and my own.

The Snow Globe (The Winterhaven Chronicles Book 1) Jenna Nelson Set in 1875 London, Sondrine Renfrew works at her Aunt's apothecary and antique shop. One day a stranger appears and wants to trade a beautiful snow globe for medicine, she accepts. Then she finds out her Aunt wants her to marry a wealthy (strange) man. Sondrine is upset and decides to run away. but she finds herself in a strange land, Winterhaven. She meets Shan and realizes he sold her the snow globe and this was all planned. Sondrine finds her destiny is to overpower the Queen who wants to destroy Winterhaven, if she refuses she will be beheaded. This will not be an easy task, for she learns the Queen is immortal. Sondrine is very likable, she is frustrated with her life, then finds herself in danger and on a mission she can't refuse. The story is very original, the characters are well developed, the attention to detail bring you into the story. I really enjoyed The Snow Globe and feel those who love a great fantasy will enjoy it as well. A true five-star read! The cover is beautiful, and captures Winterhaven perfectly. *This book was given to me as a gift

I thought this book was so cool! No pun intended, I do love Winter and Snow and this was just perfect. I loved all of the characters. I thought the main character, Sondrine was just snarky enough. Sondrine decides to run away because her aunt is going to marry her off to this guy and she's having no part of that. So when she heads for the door to run away, she ends up in the snow globe world. I thought this was a great adventure, I have never read a book set in a snow globe before. There is an evil King and on the other side and evil Queen and all kinds of stuff going on in between. MY FULL

REVIEWS: http://melissa413readsalot.blogspot.com/2016/01/the-snow-globe-by-jenna-nelson_6.html <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show/1428728290>

I was drawn into Winterhaven immediately. Loved the story and characters. Sondrine is an amazing character. Her adventure into the snow globe was amazing. I kept rooting for her and Shan, hoping they survive. Could not put this book down. Absolutely loved it and can't wait for the next adventure

I really enjoyed The Snow Globe! The writing was wonderful, and Nelson's world was truly magical. I found myself sucked in for many chapters at a time, immersed in the beautiful imagery,

exciting plot, and the characters I felt very well connected to. The is a truly beautiful book!

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