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Even the simplest of touches between Will Frost and Lauren McLean are forbidden.

To share love will surely mean death.

Since her granddad's passing, Lauren has existed a few steps out of sync with the world. Desperate to feel the love only he offered her as a child, Lauren returns to the haven they once shared — a snow-covered cabin at the foothills of the Rockies.

It's not the memory of her granddad that warms her ice-cold, frost-bitten body after being caught in a blizzard, though. It's the man in whose bed she wakes.

Along with bringing life to her soul, Will stirs deep-rooted memories in Lauren and brings out the love she seeks.

What Will knows about himself — the secrets of his kind — he keeps hidden, forcing Lauren to search for answers, to question and ultimately put her life, and his own existence, in danger.

In love though, there is always a way.

Can Will get around the rules? Or will Lauren give up her life simply to have one last touch from Will Frost?

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Marisa says

I'm not sure if I read the same book as the other reviews did, but I certainly wouldn't give it 5 stars. It was a cute story, but quite unimaginative. The characters lacked definition and were quite one-dimensional. Actually, the Grandfather character was the most fleshed-out person there. For instance, if it wasn't for the main character explicitly stating that Jenna is her best friend I would not have guessed that from what was given in the story.

I've read a lot of PNR, and I'm used to characters falling in love at first sight but this story kind of pushed it. I didn't catch the point of attraction here. I was just presented with this girl, who is inexplicably drawn to this reluctant guy. I don't know.

The bare bones of the story were nice, I just feel that it could have used a lot more polish.

Aimee Laine says

I fell in love with Jocelyn Adams' work when I read *The Glass Man*, her debut novel released in October 2011. I have to say I was excited to know a novella would be coming out, even though the characters and story have nothing to do with *The Glass Man*. In that case, I wondered: could she suck me in? Would it be a race against time? Would I love the main character and hate the bad guy as much?

The answers were all 'yes' but in very different ways.

You see, in *Touch of Frost*, Jocelyn pens a completely different story. This one is more a true romance, a love story across the ages and (view spoiler)

Lauren has only this vague recollection of Willem, like when we stare at someone's photo on Facebook and go ... "Man, where have I seen you before?" and just can't pull it to mind. It's there, but it's not. And the story progresses until we learn just how she knows him and just what would come of their relationship if they were to give it a go.

Like all good romances, there are multiple facets that should tear them apart. Should, of course, because we all need a happily ever after, right?

The other part of this story that is so strong is the scenery. Set in the snow-capped mountains, I often got chills while reading and not from the plot or the hot main character. No, from the description of the snow and ice and the cold. It was powerful to be given such sensory feedback and to actually feel the chill bumps grow on my arms and for the back of my neck to shiver. The story really did do that!

That's what I love in a book. A story that takes me in and makes me feel like I'm there. I love that this one is short so it only took me one set on my treadmill to read. :) It has nothing of the pace of *The Glass Man*, but that's okay because in this, that's not needed. We need to feel the cold and the only way to do that is to immerse yourself in the story, one line at a time ... to let the frostbite take hold.

I might just have to go read it a second time, but next to a warm fire curled up with my man or my cat. ;) Just like Lauren.

Stephanie says

I enjoyed the characters and story and I was making predictions about what would happen and what other secrets would be revealed when the book was suddenly over! My only complaint is that this book felt like an introduction and I'm looking forward to more!

Julie (Manga Maniac Cafe) says

3.5 stars

I loved the premise, but had a hard time connecting with the characters. I felt that they were too inconsistent at the beginning of the novella. The ending was a bit too tidy, but I believe that Lauren and Will will have a HEA.

Full review soon at www.mangamaniacafe.com

Blakely says

My synopsis for TOUCH OF FROST by Jocelyn Adams:

Lauren McLean has never quite recovered from her grandfather's passing. Tired of the numb world she has cocooned herself into, Lauren ventures back to her grandfather's cabin looking for a spark of her former self, of something good and warm. Quickly, she is engulfed by a frozen lake and wakes in the arms of the man of her dreams. Or is he the man from her dreams? Their attraction is undeniable, yet Will Frost has a secret that may kill them both if they give in to their desires.

The downfalls:

There was not much time to acclimate myself to Lauren's world before I was thrust into the icy water with her. While I immediately bonded with Lauren and her grief, a little more character history would have done a story good. I'm still left wondering why she was so close with her grandfather to begin with. Just a close family? Absent parents? Only child enjoying the spoils of attention? A yearly winter treat?

And I have to say that certain exchanges between Lauren and Will Frost did not translate well. Odd word choices left moments that should have been awkwardly endearing in a girl-meets-boy kind of way, well, just awkward in a missed-the-mark kind of way. It made it hard to focus in on Will's character. Sometimes he was a tough yet sensitive mountain man. But then, out would peak a gawky teen rather than a hot beefcake that simply lacks finesse.

As for the plot, it is not very elaborate. Not to say that is all bad. But if you are a reader looking for action, read elsewhere. However, if you like those indulgent moments when two characters spark that flame, TOUCH OF FROST delivers.

The goodies:

Adams definitely knows how to enthrall readers. With little action to propel the storyline, TOUCH OF FROST could have easily melted away into oblivion. However, driven purely by two characters in a small cabin, their combustible lust and love prove momentous. At times I swore I could hear Lauren's heartbeat thrumming faster every time Will glanced her way.

Though Will's character was a tad obscure at times, the majority was loud and clear. If I ever end up in Will's cabin, there's no way either one of us is leaving. *wink, wink*

And, of course, the cover art is fabulous. Between that entrancing stare and a great synopsis, I was hooked, even though I rarely read a love story that doesn't involve weapons, ballsy women, and dead (-ish) things.

Bottom line:

TOUCH OF FROST offers the intense attraction found in TWILIGHT, and a divine heartache paralleling CITY OF ANGELS. Adams' characters resonate. There is a certain serenity achieved in this snowy, isolated world that might leave you as revived as Lauren.

I was touched by Frost and I liked it.

Rebecca Hart says

I was one of the lucky few who managed to get on Ms. Adams' beta reader list, so got a look at this one before it released to the masses. As usual, I am in awe of Jocelyn's ability to weave a compelling and romantic tale.

I would highly recommend this novella to anyone who loves a good romantic read. If you have a zen for fairy tales, then this one is a can't miss.

Danielle Smiley says

This was a wonderful story. Connecting with Lauren was easy; she was very likable. The author has a way of bringing you into the story to where you are experiencing everything as Lauren does. You mourned. You felt the relaxing calm of nature. You froze. And you fell in love. Will was an amazing character. I loved the mystery of him. He was such an intriguing character and his rescuing a lynx cub and raising her endeared him to me immediately.

There were a few things that I thought that could have been better done. Word choice was sometimes an issue for me, despite the authors amazing ability to engulf me in the story. This was especially so for the sex scene. The story was so emotional and I felt the sex scene would've been better done focusing on the emotions. The verbiage fell flat for me here.

Overall, a very enjoyable way to spend a winter's day: cuddled on the couch, cup of hot tea, fire going, immersed in this story.

What can I say about the cover art? This is such a beautiful cover! The model is perfect (I like that the story doesn't tell us a lot about what Lauren looks like, but the cover gives us a visual to use) and her blank stare makes you wonder about Lauren's well being. The snow and spectrum of blues hint to the story without

giving too much away. The composition is well balanced and the words are easily read. A flawless cover!

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Wendy says

So good, I read it twice in 2 days!

With so many great books on my “to read” list, very rarely do I read a book twice. Jocelyn Adams’ Touch of Frost was one of those rare occasions.

I read Touch of Frost in one sitting and went to bed with images of Willem in my head. The story kept going through my head and actually kept me up thinking about it. I knew Will was a supernatural but was surprised at the “big reveal”. I ended up going back and reading it again with my new knowledge. Sure enough, all the clues were there, I was just trying to put him into MY supernatural world and Ms. Adams created a whole new one!

Brenda Demko says

Touch of Frost was an excellent story about the tragedies and possibilities of forbidden love. It takes place in the snow covered rockies. Jocelyn Adams describes the scenery in a way that transports you there. You can easily envision every beautiful detail!

We begin the story with the main character, Lauren, reminiscing about her Grandfather. This is the first time She's been to the cabin that they shared since he passed away. She is sad and missing him terribly. He had been the male influence in her life. She decides to take a hike in the snow like the two of them used to do. She gets caught in a massive blizzard and the story really takes off from there. I could say so much more, but I don't want to give anything away!

This was not just a story, but an emotional adventure. Ms. Adams has an amazing ability to make the story seem personal. You can't help but feel what Lauren feels and she goes through many emotions.

Touch of Frost has everything I look for in a good story. It has adventure, a little suspense, and romance all wound together in a wonderful plot. The characters were believable and the the scenery was breathtaking. I was enthralled with the story till the very end.

I would recommend this to everyone who wants to read a great romance. This is not a story that you read, it's a story that you experience!

J.C. Martin says

The story starts with Lauren at her late grandfather's cabin. After hitting a funk in life, she's escaped to her childhood retreat, and is out hiking when a snowstorm blows up. Next thing she knows, she wakes up in a stranger's bed, only that the stranger, a hunky mountain man named Will Frost, seems very familiar

somehow. And Lauren is determined to find out why he stirs such feelings within her, even if it means putting her life in danger.

I like Will Frost's character. In fact, I adore him. A handsome, mysterious, rugged stranger possessing immense powers, yet he is reduced to a stuttering wreck in front of the woman he loves, because he fears his secrets would endanger her. How he cares for Lauren and nurses her back to health is sweet, and his talent with charcoal drawing reveals another softer layer to his character. And what can I say? Any story featuring a charismatic animal character is a winner in my books! :) In this case, Will Frost's lynx companion, Calla, steals the show on more than one occasion.

Sadly, I don't feel as much of a connection with Lauren. After a string of failed relationships, she returns to the cabin feeling jaded, and upon feeling Will is "the one," refuses to let him go without a fight. With the latter, her stubbornness and directness with Will belies her strong, willful character, and that I like, yet I couldn't help feeling that the opening scene, where she broods over her lack of love and purpose in life, makes her out to be a bit whiney and woe-is-me. Most of all, I don't appreciate how she treats her supposed best friend, brushing her off when she clearly wants to try and help make her feel better.

One person I'd have liked to learn more about, is Lauren's grandfather, whose influence is present throughout the book. The wood carving of a lynx, the cabin, the suggestion that he may have known of Will... I would've enjoyed it if Adams had elaborated on this kind but absent old man.

All in all, the story is unique and intriguing, and the ending, although predictable, is definitely satisfying. However, I would have liked to have seen more investments in character development.

Terri Rochenski says

What a great book to curl up on the couch with!! A bit too short IMO -- I never want a good story to end, but it satisfies like *The Glass Man*, Ms. Adam's debut novel. She has an unbelievable ability to weave words and create vivid images in one's mind, thoroughly engaging a reader's senses.

Lex says

Quick read. It's pretty good. What is Willem Frost? It's a lot better than what I expect or imagine. I thought he's a wolf or Ice Beast or something. This reminds me of the books I've read here in the Philippines. I mean published here. It's like a pocketbook with only less than 100 pages. So it didn't take me a lot of time to read *Touch of Frost*.

I could say that this could be a good series if decided to make it as a trilogy. But given the ending, I'm happy at how it ends. Mixed feeling about whether it'll be good to make a trilogy. Cause it might just dragged the story down. So yeah, I guess just leave it as it is.

I want a lynx! :) Calla is a pretty good name. If I had to name something I'll name it Calla. :)

J.A. Belfield says

Totally different to Jocelyn Adams' The Glass Man, Touch of Frost doesn't drag the reader straight into action but into a streamful of emotions from the mc, Lauren. She's still reeling over the loss of her grandfather, who just happened to be the most important man in her life. For the first time since his death, she drags herself to his cabin (beautiful scenery with luscious-loads of snow). However, she's also supposed to have taken her boyfriend with her for a double-date kind of weekend with her best friend and her guy, and possibly would have done had she not dumped him before she left. Waiting for her friend, however, means time alone in the cabin and time alone with her grief and memories--to the point she heads out into the (masses of) snow ALONE ... and that's when everything starts to happen.

As I HATE sharing spoiler if at all possible, that's as much of the plot as I'm going to share. What I will say is that this book is written almost like a fairy tale and scene after scene has such a surreal, dream-like quality to it that, whilst there is some pretty good stuff happening to quicken your pulse a little, it left me feeling somewhat relaxed and totally content. It's not a massively long read, only a novella, so I'm betting there's a few who would quite happily fly through this in one sitting. If you're one of those who do, then I'd recommend reading this cutie in bed: it'll deffo make sure you drop off with a smile on your face.

Final words: Willem *sigh*

That is all.

Oh, and yes, I did get my hands on a mega-advanced copy. *giggle*

Rachel says

Sweet quick story :)
