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Enter a world of elemental magic, forbidden romance, and betrayal in this prequel to New York Times bestselling author Danielle Paige's upcoming *Stealing Snow*.

Young Nepenthe is half-princess, half-mermaid. Though she longs for the sea, her father wants her to stay on land. But only love can make a mermaid give up the water, and Nepenthe doesn't love anyone the way her mother loves her human father. She wants to live as a mermaid and become the River Witch, like her mother.

Then Nepenthe meets Prince Lazar, the son of the all-powerful Snow King of Algid, and she can't help but fall for him. After a horrible tragedy strikes, Nepenthe joins forces with a young fire witch named Ora to save Lazar and protect the kingdom. But it soon becomes clear that Ora loves Lazar just as much as Nepenthe does... And now Nepenthe must decide: inherit the power of the River Witch, or betray her friend to be with the boy she loves.

And Nepenthe's role in the prophecy is only just beginning. . . In the future, she is destined to cross paths with a girl named Snow, who will have the power to change Algid forever-for better, or for worse.

Before the Snow Details

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Patricia says

I just totally lost myself in a book. This series is going to be epic

Pamela says

I really liked this novella and I think that I am going to love this series as much as I love Dorothy Must Die one. This seems to be cross between two stories The Little Mermaid (but she seems to be a octopus so I thinking more like Ursula) but whatever she is the River Witch now and a male version of Elsa from Frozen, who can turn thinks to snow. I can't wait to read the second novella and then in a few weeks the first book in the series is out. This author did a ton of novellas for her first series and I liked that a lot because it really broke up the time between when the next book comes out. I look forward to read every book she writes.

Caitlyn says

The prose was absurdly horrid.

Sheena-kay Graham says

I have been reading more fantasy short stories/novellas this year and none has given me as much joy to read as Before the Snow. Now Danielle has impressed me before with her Dorothy Must Die Novellas. But this one is just different yet also apart of her amazing ability of not just writing a story but telling it. Storytelling is an art not everyone can master but Danielle has tapped onto something special that keeps you glued to the page. Every page has something you need to know, to absorb and by the end I knew I had read one of the best stories I have this year and beyond. With or without the fantasy elements this would still be a captivating story. A young girl has to make a choice that is both filled with beauty and danger all at once. But most all responsibility. A fact that is sometimes thrown to the wayside in young adult fiction. Sure there are things to learn but as teenagers you need to drink, party and go off on wild adventures first. But not here. Our MC wants to be responsible and make choices that enhance her life not just to flit about in a dream world and recklessly run amok. This novella captures the teen that is often forgotten, the one who wants to make the right choices in life and live one of her own choosing. Being reckless is not what makes us who we are, it's our choices. And at the end of the day the reigning theme in this novella is choice. We all have it whether with love, life and everything else. Danielle knows this and shares it in a lovely little package for all ages to enjoy. Remember the choices you make, they are 100% yours. Even if you have to make hard ones.

Em The Reading Challenge Challenge says

An interesting bit of background but not particularly engaging. Hopefully I'll like Queen Rising a bit more :)

Jennifer says

3 stars is extremely generous but the ending drew me in a bit. so I will read stealing snow but I wasn't too thrilled that this was pretty much an ariel and elsa love story.

Drew says

This took me 3 days too read it. And it was pretty good!:(

Valeriesworld says

3/5?

I really enjoyed this novella and i'm looking forward to read Stealing Snow. Nothing was predicable, if you think this is the umpteenth Little Mermaid's retelling than you are wrong.

Mith says

Ugh. The writing is god-awful! How the hell did the editor clear this garbage?

Justicereads says

I had no idea what to expect with this novella, because it was my first Danielle Paige novel. I had seen post after post on Twitter about Stealing Snow and was totally getting hyped up everyday that I signed on! So when the Before The Snow novella was revealed and available on Amazon, I was all about buying and reading that!

I am so glad I did!

Nepenthe is the daughter of Princess Ariel and Prince Eric and though her father wants her to remain on land, she feels the calling of the sea, talking to her. Oh, she feels you guys! And then of course, a young charming prince makes his debut and eventually, Nepenthe must choose between her natural calling and her heart's desires. Oh, and BIG PROBLEM, her sister Ora, loves the same prince! With betrayal, friendship, and magic, this novella surprised me constantly!

Danielle has a keen sense on providing vivid imagery for her readers. I felt like I was being pulled into the story, to stand side by side with Nepenthe as she goes on this trying journey. I can only imagine what Stealing Snow has in store for us, and I will be in the highest state of anticipation waiting for this read!

This is a must read for any fantasy+magic+romance+fairy tale lover!

Denise says

New series from Danielle Paige! I loved this prequel novella. It sets up the series beautifully and made me do something I almost never do -- preordered book 1.

Rebecca says

Absolutely awful.

Following her success with the updated Wizard of Oz novels, Paige's publisher decided to put out some scribblings the author produced in middle school. I have no other explanation for how something this bad got into print.

Nepenthe is a mermaids with tentacles--wrap your head around that for a moment. Nepenthe is the daughter of the River Witch who governs a freshwater system populated by salt water creatures. After the death of her parents, Nepenthe joins the coven and develops a complicated relationship with the prince who's a male version of the queen in Frozen.

The writing is bad, the characters are one dimensional, the plot is boring and the editing is nonexistent.

Clearly, Bloomsbury press has nothing but contempt for their customers and the evidence is how they charged money for this piece of trash.

Kelli Santistevan says

I enjoyed this book and I'm looking forward to reading the other books in the series.

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[We also learn that it is Lazar's father who

Nele says

I enjoyed this very much. I found this an unexpected novella, just because of the character.
