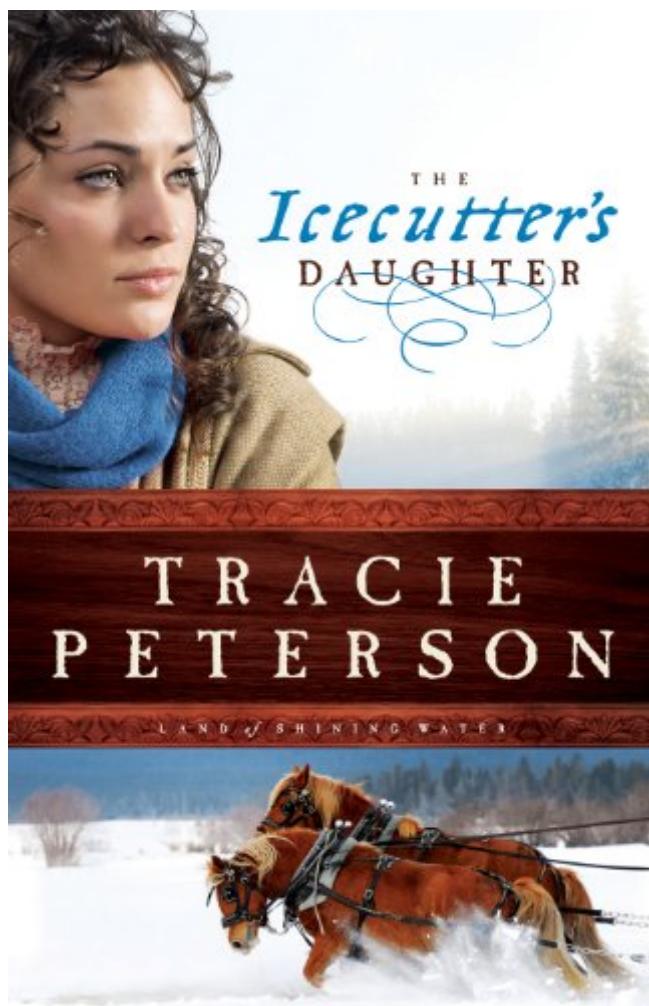


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The Icecutter's Daughter (Land Of Shining Water Book #1)



Synopsis

Bestselling Author Unveils New Historical SeriesMerrill Krause longs for a family of her own, but she's bound by a promise to her dying mother to care for her father and older brothers until they no longer need her. She enjoys being part of the family business, harvesting ice during the brutal Minnesota winters. Merrill actively takes part, possessing a keen ability to work with the horses--despite the advice of her good friend, who disapproves of her unladylike behavior. When Rurik Jorgenson arrives in their small town to join his uncle doing carpentry, he soon crosses paths with Merrill. But unlike other men, who are often frightened away by her older brothers, Rurik isn't intimidated by them or by Merrill's strength and lack of femininity. As he thrives under the mentorship of his uncle, Rurik dreams of inheriting the business and claiming Merrill as his wife. But while he is determined to start a new life, the past is determined to follow him when his former fiancee and her brother show up in town. Soon Rurik is put in the center of a major scandal that may damage his relationship with Merrill. Can they learn to trust God--and each other--and embrace the promise of love?

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Customer Reviews

I love this story. He came quickly engaged in this sweet story of people who loved to worked hard and loved even more serving their Lord. Set mostly in Minnesota at the end of the 19th century. A simpler time in America when the electric light was still a scarcity in most towns, The horse was still king and everyone knew that the thing called a Horseless Carriage was just a fad and would never replace the horse. In this quaint setting the author introduces Merrell. At 20, she's the youngest in her family and the only female. Her dear Mother died when she was just 10 and Merrill grew up with her seven brothers who fiercely guarded her and in doing so, chased away all suitors. While in Kansas, a strong, handsome, and tall swede, received a letter from his favorite Uncle Carl requesting that he come and help him run his business for a while because he was ill. Rurick came from a farming family and was expected to become a farmer himself. However he had learned how to make furniture from his uncle Carl when he was a child and dreamed of having his own company making Furniture one day. Following an old tradition of arranging marriages for the strengthening of families Rurick was betrothed to a girl named Svea since his childhood. However he finds it he really doesn't love her as a husband should and thinks that time apart would be beneficial or both. But when Rurick tells Svea that he plans to go help his uncle in Minnesota until his uncle gets well again Svea throws a temper tantrum and breaks off the engagement. So off he goes to Minnesota to help his Uncle Carl and to learn more about the furniture business. One of the first things he does for his Uncle Carl when he gets there is go help cut ice at the lake for a family that just happens to have the beautiful Merrill as part of it. But dressed in men's clothes I'm twerking working hard right along all the men, Rurick doesn't even realized that she is a woman until all the workers go back to the Cross is home for a hot meal and Merrill changes out of work clothes so that she can serve everyone a delicious meal. So begins this charming love story. Full of twists and turns, will these two young people find love in spite of all the problems that come up? I highly recommend reading and finding out for yourself. You will be highly rewarded.

Rurik lived under an arranged marriage to a spoiled young girl he really didn't want to marry. He wanted to marry for love, but struggled with his parent's choices for him. Svea petulantly didn't want to let go of the arrangement until she felt insulted by Rurik's truth about not wanting to marry because he thought of her as a sister. This all happened when Rurik was planning on moving to Minnesota from Kansas in order to help his ailing uncle. Rurik had already been trained in the

woodworking by his uncle, so helping him with his business was a godsend. While there he offers to help his uncle's friend with the ice harvest, since it was far too taxing of an activity for his uncle to do. There he meets the icecutter's daughter and is immediately smitten. Don't you just know, it can't be that easy. Circumstances bring Svea and her brother to Minnesota to bear a false accusation against Rurik and a demand to marry her. Pretty good book, especially for young adults or new readers.

I read this book a couple of months ago, but didn't review it immediately. It says a lot that I had to read the blurb to remember what it was about. In other words, it wasn't memorable. It was a good read, but it moved slowly--I skimmed a lot. I knew it was an inspirational romance when I downloaded it, but it was more preachy than I prefer. I didn't understand how Rurik could be so dense about his best friend and his ex-fiancee, or why he didn't tell Merrill about his broken engagement. On the positive side, I learned something about icecutting, the book seemed well researched, and it was an easy read.

The Icecutter's Daughter was a very good read! I'm actually surprised that I loved it so much, as I didn't expect to going in. This is definitely a book that lived up to its cover (which I LOVE!). I loved the characters, the little bit of mystery as to why Svea was doing what she was doing, and the ending. Parts of the book were sad and yet others were so sweet. All in all, I loved it and recommend the book.* Disclosure of Material Connection: I received one or more of the products or services mentioned above for free in the hope that I would mention/review it on my blog. I was not required to give a positive review, only my honest opinion - which I've done. All thoughts and opinions expressed are my own and I only recommend products or services I use personally and believe will be good for my readers. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising.*

Four stars for a slow beginning and an anticlimactic ending. Almost put it down, but grabbed my interest a few chapters into the story. The middle of the book was stronger. This book needed more aggressive editing. That said, this author has written oodles of published books. She evidently satisfies her readers. I'm just not among them. Didn't like having the second book in the series automatically downloaded. I immediately deleted it. Won't be buying any more by her.

A bit of mystery concerning why good friends would lie. Christian forgiveness and healing comes

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