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From New York Times bestselling author Thea Harrison

A Wolf on the hunt...

Wulfgar Hahn, better known as the Wolf of Braugne, is a man on a mission. Determined to avenge the murder of his brother, he stops at Camaeline Abbey to meet with the Chosen of Camael, goddess of the Hearth. Unfortunately, it appears the Chosen wants nothing to do with him.

A leader in disguise...

Captivated by the Wolf of Braugne despite herself, Lily poses as an unassuming priestess in order to learn more about this ruthless man. But things are not as they seem, and after foiling an assassination attempt, Lily must decide if Wulf is the destroyer from her visions, or the hero of her dreams.

A choice to be made...

As war looms on the horizon, passion sparks between them, but an enduring relationship between a soldier on the march and a leader who reveres hearth and home is impossible—or is it? Among the swirling snows of the winter Masque, the gods and goddesses of the Elder Races dance, and love will find a way..

The Chosen is the single title release of the novella that was previously published in the holiday anthology AMID THE WINTER SNOW in December, 2017.

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Shabby Girl ~ aka Lady Victoria says

I love this series, it was my start into the paranormal, and I do love the separate new direction, but I'm going to say I'm intensely disappointed with nothing about Pia and Drogos for over two years. Pia is pregnant, that's a big event, which anyone who follows the series knows, so it's sad to have it hanging out there for so long.

Danielle Gypsy Soul says

I'm a big fan of The Elder Races books but I think this can be read as a stand alone without much difficulty. Wulf was a wonderful character that I fell for and I loved that Lily brought out a softer side to him. Lily was strong but not necessarily in the traditional warrior way and she fit perfectly with Wulf. There was just enough action, humor and romance to make this a fantastic story. My only complaint is that I was hooked on these characters and wanted more!

Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

A nice story that has some ties to the Elder Races series but sits a long way outside. The characters are new and a different world is built. I liked both Wolf and Lily. They were complex characters who carried the plot and kept things interesting. There were some fun scenes between the two as rock met hard place. A story that adds to the series for fans but can stand alone as an introduction for new readers.

SheLove2Read says

I loved Wulf and Lily. They complemented each other perfectly, and gave exactly what the other needed. 4.5 stars

Treece says

Rating: 2 1/2 stars

Darn.

I wanted to like this extended long story more. As a huge Dragos and Pia fan, as a major lover of all-things-written by Thea Harrison, I needed to like the **The Chosen** more. Except something indefinable was missing.

Wulf and Lily were amazing, cute and sizzled with each scene. The world-building was grand, except I got

lost on the tour somewhere with the introduction to the world Ys. I felt as if I stumbled into the next door neighbor's yard and was detoured, though there are fun familiar surprises. The story ends with more room for a sequel than Rungrado Stadium. The external conflict is not quite resolved just yet and I am deeply curious about the antagonist, Varian, Wulf's nemesis and enemy.

Perhaps, the dots will all be connected once *Planet Dragos* is released on May 14th. Despite the brevity of my disappointment with **The Chosen** I am anticipating the return of Dragos, Pia, Peanut/Ian, Rune, Carling and anyone else that can be squeezed into the reunion.

Marta Cox says

I first came across this story in the anthology *Amid The Winter Snow*.

It's a story that connects to the Elder Races books but has a much stronger type of fantasy vibe. A woman protected by a Goddess has prophetic dreams concerning two very different men and knows that the time is coming when she will make a crucial decision but which choice should she make ? It's particularly difficult when one of those men brings his troops to her door but Lily is a wily woman with tricks of her own !

As I said this did feel more like fantasy but doesn't suffer because of that. A very strong alpha male in Wulf that is softened by Lily and my only niggle is I didn't want it to end ! I'm left bereft wondering what happens next but it was a wonderful trip back into the authors imagination and as a romance worked perfectly.

Lady Heather says

"5- The Best of all Dances Stars!"

Loved Lily and Wulf's characters, chemistry and story.

Their "dance" was a wonderful read, and an excellent addition to the Elder Races World.

Angela (Angel's Guilty Pleasures) says

*** *Previously read as part of Amid the Winter Snow*

I very much enjoy the Elder Race series and this novella was no exception.

Lily can see things and she's been having dreams about two men battling. Now that Wulf has arrived on her doorstep she must choose sides. One will lead to happiness, while the other will lead to despair.

Wolf is a bad and good man wrapped up in one. He's formidable and honorable too. Lily is the Chosen and leader of her people. I liked Lily and Wolf. Both knew the hardship of being leaders for their people and living with choices that may not always turn out. Their chemistry together was wonderful, these two complemented each other, and their romance was enchanting.

The Chosen is a magical story full of confrontation and desire.

Rated: 4 Stars

***Disclaimer:** *I received a complimentary copy of Amid the Winter Snow provided by Thea Harrison with the sole purpose of an honest review. All thoughts, comments and ratings are my own.*

Sunny says

ARC Review

THE CHOSEN is a shot of Elder Races-world goodness. How Thea Harrison manages to create such a vivid world in a short story is beyond me. The CHOSEN is clever, gut-clenching, and entirely too romantic. I really enjoyed the struggle Lily goes through as the Chosen for her kingdom. The mantle of leadership can be heavy at times, but the way Wulf shows up for her is just right. I really hope Ms. Harrison choses to continue this story as there is so much more to be mined.

I am reviewing this book voluntarily. I have made no promises to anyone and haven't received any type of compensation or gift in exchange for the review.

Shari Kay says

3.75 ★.

I liked it. I liked Lily and Wulf. The attraction between them was pretty instantaneous (novella), but I was okay with that and liked how Wulf knew fairly early on that he wanted Lily forever. I loved the balance Ms. Harrison found in making Lily a strong heroine without being a bitchy one.

Lily and Wulf have a lot of responsibility on their shoulders. A war is coming and Lily's home is stuck right in the middle of the brewing conflict. She needs to make a decision on which side her priestesses will fall as there is no staying neutral.

TC was connected to Ms. Harrison's world but can be read as a standalone. The ending was a bit abrupt, Lily stepping in to prevent a very idiotic but sweet gesture by Wulf. The relationship ends in what I'd consider a HFN, but the ongoing arc of war is left hanging.

I will pick up the next book in the series.

Sophia Triad says

Wulfgar Hahn and Lily

"You make me want to be better than I am. So I was trying to be a better man."
"I didn't fall in love with a better man," she whispered. "I fell in love with you."

Loosely connected to the main Elder Series, this little gem is worth-reading.

The hesitant, almost forbidden love story between the Chosen priestess who needs to protect her small town located far far away at the Other Lands (Ys) and a warrior who seeks revenge for the death of his brother.

Stephanie says

I really loved this fantasy romance novella, which perfectly mingled the fun of medieval-style romance with the joy of watching a smart, magical and wonderfully competent heroine grow into her own political power. The setting - a medieval-type society in one of the Other lands connected to contemporary Earth - felt genuinely unique, rich, and well-thought-through, a lovely link into Harrison's Elder Races series that also felt fresh and new. (And you definitely don't need to have read any of her other books before reading this one! It's quite distinct in its setting and characters from any of her other work.)

I loved the chemistry, shifting power dynamics and final partnership between the hero and the heroine. I also loved the real sense of wonder associated with the magic in this story, and while this was a perfectly satisfying romance on its own - a perfect novella-length story - I would really love to read more stories set in this part of Harrison's larger world.

Stacie says

3 1/2 Stars!

I was lost for a little bit. I couldn't figure out where these characters fit in with the main Elder Races series. I never did figure that out; conclusion... It's a standalone novella. ?

"He had already recognized he wanted her, but that was the moment Wulf fell in love. Because he might take her, and she might give in to him, but he knew he would never succeed in conquering her." ~Wulf

"I didn't fall in love with a better man," she whispered. "I fell in love with you." ~Lilly

Anywho once I got over that ^^, I liked this one a lot! Both main characters are very willful. They will make a great/passionate team! There was the problem. Just when it was getting good, it ended. I am very much hoping Wulf and Lilly show up in some upcoming stories. They were great! Plus, I'd love to know how this war goes. I wanted more... Happy reading!

Megzy says

3.5 stars

♥? Dorsey aka Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says

4 Other World Stars!!

As always, Thea Harrison weaves a fabulous other world story with an enduring couple, some action and an enjoyable story line. Even if you haven't read the ***Elder Races*** series, which I highly recommend "The Chosen" can definitely be read as a stand-alone.

* Narrated by the talented Sophie Eastlake who, as always did a fantastic job.
