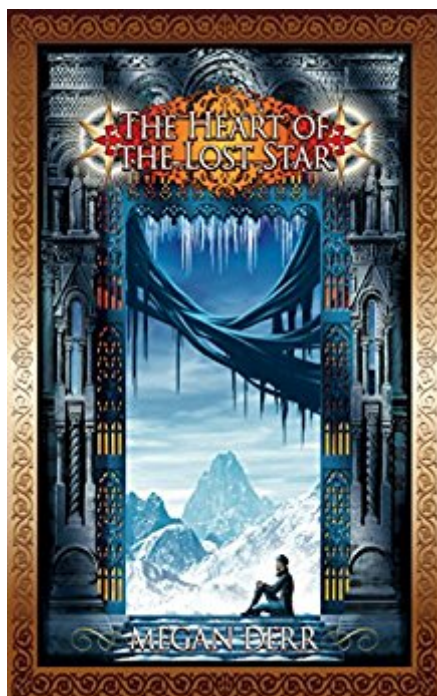


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# The Heart Of The Lost Star (Tales Of The High Court Book 3)



## Synopsis

Kamir is on the verge of losing everything. Knowing full well he can't meet the ultimatum his parents have issued, he instead finally puts in motion his plans to live completely independent of them. His plans are interrupted, however, by the unexpected return of his despised ex-husband and thrown even further into upheaval when he ends up comforting the man he's secretly loved for years. Jader may not know where he comes from, but he knows where he belongs and what he wants until he helps rescue some stranded Bentan travelers, one of whom looks almost exactly like Jader, throwing his life and everything he thought he knew into tumult. Scared and overwhelmed, Jader flees and lands unexpectedly in the arms of a man he's always seen, but never really noticed.

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## Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed this book, but then I also loved the first two books in this series, The high King's

Golden Tongue and the Pirate of Fantoms Deep if you have not read this books get you won't regret it. In fact LOL I ended up buying The High King's Golden Tongue twice once on Less than Three and here on . JUST BUY THE BOOKS YOU'LL LOVE THEM.IN FACT BUY ALL OF MEGAN DERR'S BOOKS SHE IS A FANTASTIC WRITER!!

As has come to be expected of Megan Derr, this book is a rollercoaster of emotional upheaval and political machinations. Characters we believed would do no wrong turned out to be human and could make mistakes. And characters we took for simple plot devices turned out to be deeper than the cruel veneer their past painted them as.I look forward to the next book in this series....now excuse me while I go reread the book...

Loved this book so hard!!! Cannot wait for Chass's story. And any other in this series! Recommend to all

Definitely even better than the last. I loved the characters and the plot. A strong engaging story, I highly recommend!

This book was a lovely read, like the sweetest little hug and suddenly I feel all better again. It has a world I can sink happily into, with high fantasy court intrigue, powerful figures, decadent clothing and plenty of political intrigue. It also has wonderful characters.I love Jader. He's both an outsider and an insider all at once, because on the one hand his Islander upbringing has met with racism and scorn throughout his life, while his friendships with the royals and his position as High Commander have made him a figure of envy and respect. The fact that he isn't an Islander by birth and looks noticeably different just makes everything that little bit more complicated. Yet Jader himself is a pretty straightforward man. I loved how vain he was, though never in a pretentious or arrogant way. He likes pretty things and jewelery and is so appreciative of what he has. He's strong but decent and I really like him.I loved Kamir too, even though he's completely different to Jader. He's soft and sweet and quiet, and I just wanted to protect him, because he's faced so much hardship in his life. His family are awful, the court scorn him and his ex-husband is a rat. But Kamir is strong too, because he has had to be. Yes, he shakes and cries when bad things happen, but then he pulls himself together and finds a way to sort things out, because his children need him and if he doesn't protect them all, no one else will. I

loved his quiet strength and the way he handles himself. There's nothing flashy or showy about him, but he's so endearing. How can anyone be mean to him? (He's also transgender, but as gender is a personal choice in this world rather than assigned at birth, this is not a concept these characters would understand. It does, however, explain how men sometimes end up pregnant.) The romance itself is pretty slow, primarily because Jader is in another country for a lot of the book. He and Kamir do come together fairly early on, but they don't know each other too well at this point. The majority of their romance is played out in letters, as each of them find comfort and support in writing when the rest of their lives are riddled with problems. I love an epistolary romance and found theirs very sweet, even if I wish there had been a bit more time together at the end. However, there's a lot of other stuff going on beyond the letters, so it never gets boring. I'll admit I did find Kamir's side of things to be a lot more interesting, partly because I loved seeing Kamir show his strength, even as I wanted to punch certain people (Sarrica), while poor Jader spent most of the book completely out of his element and I wanted to bang a few people's heads together to get them to back off. I also felt things ended a little abruptly on his side, but since it meant he got to come home, I didn't mind too much. So overall, I really enjoyed this. It's sweet and romantic, with a little bit of sensual heat and lots of political and familial intrigue. But mostly it was the characters as always that made this so lovely for me. Cute and comforting, another great addition to this wonderful series. I can't wait to read the next one! (ARC provided by the publisher via NetGalley.)

I love the world building in this series, most especially that jobs and ranks can be held no matter what someone's gender is. A child chooses around age 4 whether they are a boy or a girl, no matter what their birth gender is. Kingdoms that don't adhere to this are considered backwards. As I was reading this book, I thought of those ridiculous bathroom bills currently being put forward in several backward states and I wondered how long it will be before real world society accepts the simple truth gently stated in this story. The story itself was well done, with a few editing errors that were noticeable but didn't detract from the story. I would have liked a longer story that shows us where they end up living and other spoiler things I won't mention.

\*I received an ecopy of this book from the publisher. This has not influenced my review.\* This book was so sweet and cute! Just like the others, but maybe even more so. Definitely a comfort kind of

read for me. My favorite thing this time was Kamir. I adored him, and I even related to him in some ways because of some of his struggles and just because of some of his quirks and personality traits. For example, the way he rewrote multiple times the erotic letter he sent is totally something I would do. Not that I have ever sent an erotic letter through the mail, but, if I did, you can bet I'd end up rewriting it multiple times until it was perfect, haha. Or the way he saved the receipt of Jader paying his fine just for the memories---I too have saved strange things like that for the memories. Even the way dyeing his hair pretty colors was the one little pleasure he allowed himself during the tough times is something I can relate to. But I also loved how he kept his head up and kept trying despite all the struggles he had to deal with, despite feeling very alone in dealing with them sometimes. That is what I consider a strong character. And I admired him for his strength. But even though this book was overall a cute, light read, it still managed to cover some more serious topics, like racism (Jader was an Islander who didn't look like an Islander, so he got some prejudice for that, but Mainlanders looked down on Islanders, so he got prejudice from them too), emotional and physical abuse (Kamir's parents and ex-husband), and what it actually means to be family (both Kamir and Jader had entirely different family-related issues they were dealing with). I also have to admit that I feel foolish because I hadn't realized until this book that this society doesn't assign genders at birth according to body type. Instead, once each child figures out what their gender is, they declare it, and that is that. So by our standards, Kamir, and many other characters in this series, are trans men and women (or non-binary people), but to them, that concept doesn't even exist. They just are what they are, and their body parts are irrelevant except for the fact that some people can give birth and others cannot (and they have a whole setup for situations in which neither partner can/wants to carry a child). In this world, all sexualities and orientations and genders are accepted by everyone. They also don't have all the same gender stereotypes we have. Speaking of which, I would kill to actually see all the outfits the characters in this series wear because they sound so amazingly gorgeous. I mean, I don't even wear jewelry myself, other than some simple piercings in my ears, and it's not something I tend to notice on others, but I think I'm being converted to a jewelry-lover just from reading about all the amazing jewelry the men in this series wear, especially the earrings. So overall, this was another great book in the series that was maybe a little less funny with a little more heavy stuff but overall just as adorable with sweet characters, sweet friendships, and a sweet romantic relationship! Rating: 4 Stars Original Review @ Metaphors and Moonlight (link in profile)

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