



Book Review of Five Tuesdays in Winter by Lily King

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Lily King, the acclaimed author of *Writers & Lovers*, presents her remarkable and inventive collection of short stories in her latest book titled *FIVE TUESDAYS IN WINTER*. In the enchanting collection of ten short stories Lily King masterfully weaves together tales of love and loss, offering readers a glimpse into the intricate web of human emotions. With each chapter, King transports us to a different world, inviting us to explore multiple universes while revealing the profound connections that unite us all.

With her previous works, *Writers & Lovers* and *Euphoria*, King established herself as a cherished and exceptional writer in contemporary fiction, earning her a place on bestseller and best-of-the-year lists nationwide. Now, for the first time, King brings together ten of her finest short stories, half of which have been previously published in esteemed literary magazines, while the other half are brand new creations. This anthology promises to captivate both dedicated followers and newcomers, offering fresh realms of exploration.

Through the intimate voices of diverse and endearing characters spanning various ages, these stories delve into themes of desire, heartbreak, loss, and self-discovery. They navigate moments of shocking violence and the irresistible pull towards love at any cost. Readers will witness an unspoken affection between a bookseller and his employee that finally surfaces, a neglected teenager finding solace and care from an unexpected duo of college students hired to housesit, a young girl's loss of innocence at the hands of her employer's son

transforming into a catalyst for strength and confidence, and a proud nonagenarian's helpless fury within his granddaughter's hospital room. These tales, at times romantic, hopeful, brutally raw, and unflinchingly honest—even venturing into the realm of surrealism—ultimately revolve around King's enduring exploration of love.

In this curated selection of short fiction, Lily King showcases her literary mastery, employing spare and stunning prose to create enduring characters that resonate with readers. *Five Tuesdays in Winter* introduces an exhilarating new form for this exceptionally talented author, demonstrating her skills at the pinnacle of her career.

Through a skillful combination of first and third-person perspectives, the author establishes an intimate bond with the reader, skillfully situating the characters within their surroundings and their lives. King's ability to adapt her tone to suit each character's unique voice allows us to wholeheartedly believe in and vividly imagine their experiences. By delving into their internal dialogues, she grants us exclusive access to their innermost thoughts, a perspective that can be challenging to attain when transitioning between distinct storylines.



This collection evoked memories of exceptional works like Colum McCann's "Let the Great World Spin," resonating with its similar intensity, emotional depth, and vivid character portrayals. Without a doubt, Five Tuesdays in Winter is a compelling read that will resonate with anyone who has ever loved and yearned for understanding.