

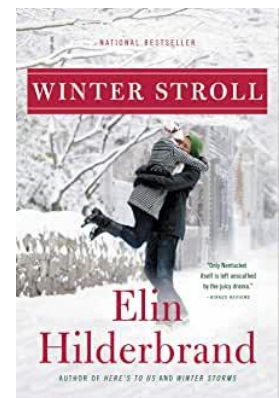
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The *Winter Street* series by Elin Hilderbrand (*Winter Street*, *Winter Stroll*, *Winter Storms*, *Winter Solstice*) (Little, Brown & Co.)

When I first discovered Elin Hilderbrand, I was getting ready for work, and I had **CBS This Morning** on my television. A pretty blonde woman was being interviewed, talking about surviving cancer and helping people in her community. I was half listening while running around (TMI re my morning schedule) and then I heard she was an author. My head perked up and I thought she seemed so kind and friendly, plus she had been through so much with her illness. I planned to take out one of her books as soon as I got to the library. Well, I was in for a nice surprise. So began my relationship with Elin Hilderbrand and her fabulous beach stories.

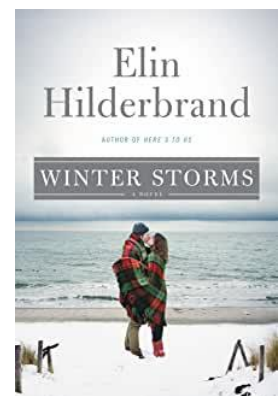


Elin Hilderbrand is so much more than the “Queen of the Beach Read.” Reading the *Winter Street* series is like getting a nice warm hug from your favorite person. One character is thinking about marriage and she expresses that she is looking for “every second of everyday friendship.” Another character is in love and says, “When you’re in love, every day is like a present you get to open.”



Hilderbrand’s gift is understanding relationships between people. She is adept at getting to the heart of family relationships. She knows exactly how loving siblings relate as well as the painful things family members can do to each other. But underneath these things, there is always love.

I highly recommend this series to Hilderbrand fans and to readers who are new to her books. As a reader, you will feel like you are part of the Quinn family and will become heavily invested in their lives.



You may also add a little visit to Nantucket during the holiday season to your travel list. I know I have. Hilderbrand makes Nantucket during the holidays sound like it is one of those lavish Hallmark Movie Christmas sets. But you will soon discover that the Quinn family is not exactly Hallmark Movie material. Someone is actually having an affair with the man in the Santa suit....shhh!

Time to get settled into your window seat, or favorite chair with a mug of tea, wrapped in a comforter and sit back and enjoy. I was truly sad when the series was over and I had to leave the Quinns behind.

