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You met the Guardians of Vesturon in Survival and Resurrection. Now read about how their parents, Rowan and Annalise met in Beginnings, the novella prequel to The Guardians of Vesturon. Learn more about Rowan and how Annalise unwittingly captured his heart and how his chance meeting of her took him on a journey of forbidden love.

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### Nicole Angel says

Very interesting and helps explain a lot about Rowan. Where are the rest of the books. I have read them all and want to rate them. Love the characters!! Great original story! The second book could use a re-editing. I am 15% through the third book. I was a bit upset with all the back story, however, I realize it was important. I just love Maddie and her Liege! :)

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### Fiona (Titch) Hunt says

WOW, no wonder it runs in the family with both First Borns lol. I am very happy that Rowan stood up for what he believed in as well as Rayn did against his father. The old saying "Like Father, Like Son" comes to mind when you read these 3 wonderful books of A.M. Hargroves. No one will be disappointed.

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### Sarah says

(Source: Downloaded for free from Amazon.)

This is the story of Rowan and Annalise and how they met and became a couple. It is the prequel novella to the 'Guardians of Vesturon' series.

I'm sure A. M. Hargroves is a little confused as to why I even read this book, as she knows that Books 1 and 2 didn't exactly float my boat. However, I wanted to see what this was like, primarily because it was the character of Maddie that drove me nuts in books 1 and 2, and as Maddie wasn't in this one, I thought that I might appreciate it a bit more!

Damn was I right! Goodbye Maddie, and hello Rowan and Annalise!

The romance between Annalise and Rowan was beyond lovely. I can only imagine how difficult it must create a romance in so short a story, but boy did the author achieve it! The anxiety as Rowan waited for Annalise to meet him, his pounding pulse when he sees her, the way he wants to pull her into his arms was just magical.

I loved that the story actually felt like a real story rather than a novella which I sometimes think gloss over too much important stuff, and there was more than just the bare bones to it. Time was made to go into detail about Rowan's training in becoming a guardian, and to bring his parent's points of view on the relationship into focus too.

I have to say that as the story progressed Rowan did get further and further towards arrogance rather than strength, and his consternation over being called 'cute' was a little silly.

Overall this book was a winner though. Thanks so much for this great prequel novel A. M. Hargrove!  
8 out of 10.

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## **Susan Ashcraft says**

(Alexyon Rayn Devvan)Rowan Yarrister IV is a tall handsome man with black hair and green eyes. He is the son of the Great Leader and certain things are expected of him. When he lays eyes on the beautiful blonde who is the kitchen maid, he reminds himself that she is not of his class and therefore not an appropriate mate for him. But she makes his heart sing and he wants her as his mate for life.

Annalise Drakkar is a gorgeous blonde haired, blue eyed woman who is of the serving class and is afraid to be seen with Rowan. She needs her job badly and if it is reported that they were seen together she could lose it.

Rowan and Annalise know they are a perfect match for each other, even though they are of different classes. They are prepared to fight the system for as long as it takes so that they can be together. With everyone against their union it is going to take a miracle for them to be together.

A great short story that is good as a stand alone story and even better as a prequel to the *Guardians of Vesturon* Series.

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## **Vicki says**

*Beginnings* is the prequel to *The Guardians of Vesturon*, which I have yet to read. I saw this and thought it would be good to read so I could decide if I want to read the book or not.

I had no idea what this book would be about, but as it turns out it's a sweet romance about two people who, according to society, do not belong together. Annalise is a kitchen maid and she works in a cafeteria. Rowan, however, is the son of the "Great Leader." As luck would have it, Rowan has his sights set on Annalise (he must have her) but they live in a caste system where they are forbidden to be together.

I can't say much more except that Rowan does something to try to be with Annalise that shocks everyone: the elite of society and the poorest of people.

Read the prequel to find out what Rowan does and if he and Annalise ever get to be together.

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## **Caedy Eries says**

Title: *Beginnings: Prequel to The Guardians of Vesturon*

Author: A.M. Hargrove

Rating: 5/5

Summary: Annalise is a member of the working class. She works in the cafeteria. Rowan, soon to be leader of Vesturon sees her and falls in love with her. However, since she is beneath his station he is not permitted to marry her. This is a fantastic love story that tells the story of Rowan and Annalise parents to Rayn Yarrister.

Review: This is a heart-felt love story. Telling the story of how Rowan and Annalise, parents to Rayn Yarrister met. This is a story of individuals who conquer society's boundaries, fall in love and ultimately create a family. It is a fantastic prequel to Survival and Resurrection, the next two books in the Guardians of Vesturon series. This story inspires hope in fairytale type love, that when you find the right person for you, you will be willing to do anything and everything within your power to be with that person.

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### **Rachael says**

3 - 3.5 Stars - Can't really decide D:

Seeing as how I read Books 1 & 2, and part of 3 before I read *Beginnings*, I suppose I had some a good amount of insight towards Rayn's parents' situations. However, I only knew of a basic level, so *Beginnings* provided me with more material to read and ponder upon...

Anyways, what I like best about this book is the fact that it made me sympathize more with the Rowan's situation. At a first look, Rowan's initial attitude towards Rayn was a bit cold and cruel. I suppose after reading this, I gained more understanding of the Vesturions' government system, as well as what one has to go through if they are of royalty or want to make a change.

*Beginnings* was also a nice reminder to me about the rest of the series. The style of the writing was similar, as well as the plot, although there were also distinctively different elements. It was like reliving my past reading experience, but in a more renewed way.

My only complaint was that there is another issue of insta-love. I'm starting to think it's part of the Vesturion's culture or genetic system, but falling deeply in love with Annalise and to go as far as demanding to petition the government seemed a little extreme. Nevertheless, his relationship with her was still cute(:

Overall, if you enjoyed the rest of *The Guardians of Vesturon* series, or are just looking for a cute, different, and short PNR read, I recommend to you, *Beginnings*!

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### **Sitt says**

This is a short YA paranormal romance story involving Rowan the next future leader of Vesturon and Annalise his mate and later wife. The sequels were out before this story, either one falls in love with the place and morals of Vesturon or not. I did, though-totally from the beginning. I don't want to think of my life for the last 6 months without these romantic stories, thanks to A. M. Hargrove for bringing back the feeling of butterflies in the time of war.

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## **Tana says**

Beginnings, Prequel to the Guardians of Vesturon by A.M. Hargrove

This is a fantastic prequel to the Guardians of Vesturon series. A.M Hargrove gives us a look into how Rayn Yarrister, the first-born son and Leader of The Guardians parents met and fell in love.

Rowan sees Annalise working in the cafeteria and notice how beautiful she is, Rowan couldn't stop thinking about Annalise and knows he has to have her.

Knowing that he is the first born and is to become the leader of Vesturon he would not be permitted to mate below his station.

Annalise was from the working class family and she was beyond beautiful. This is a love story and how it doesn't matter who you are or even who you love when you find the right person you will do anything in your power to be with the one you love.

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<https://www.smashwords.com/books/view...>

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## **Mauna says**

It was good to read about Rowan and Annalise. Rowan sure took the bull by the horns and dealt with things! I am ready for the third book.

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## **Juls says**

Rowan what a man!!! He may have been higher up in the social ladder but that didn't stop him from falling and eventually getting the woman, who happened to be way below his status, as his mate.

Rowan didn't even know Annalise but knew he had to have her. She became his everything, his reason to live and breathe.

Ms. Hargrove's did an amazing job describing Rowan's view of Annalise. I could really see her beauty as I read about her.

I really wish this had been longer but talking with the author revealed that this short was written to show a softer side of Rowan and he really is a sweetie!

I really look forward to the rest of the Guardians of Vesturon Series.

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### **Jalyn says**

This is the prequel to Survival and though I didn't like the first book (I gave it 1 star), I picked this one up because it fit into a reading challenge I'm doing. Unfortunately, I didn't like this much better than the first one. I didn't like that their really old fashioned way of speaking was mixed with more modern words. It was confusing. And why do these characters have to have so many names? Rowan is good. Five names plus a number is excessive. Their training was kind of rough. I did think it was nice that Rowan didn't care about Annalise's station. It was nice to see a future "king" not care about who he fell in love with. I could see how maybe some other people would like this. It's like a knight rescuing his damsel in distress, but this book just doesn't do it for me. I'm just not a fan of this author, I guess.

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### **A.M. Hargrove says**

It was awesome :D LOL

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### **Midu Hadi says**

A short, cute love story.

It was love at first sight for Rowan and Annalise.

He was mesmerized by her beauty and she was amazed at the lengths he would go to be with her.

Rowan `s behavior towards the Elders and his father's response to it were both hilarious.

Enjoyed it!

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### **Heather says**

This novella felt like a Saturday morning cartoon. Unrealistic, cliche, flat, and silly. I like the general idea of questioning authority and plowing through the blockades of social structure in pursuit of true love, but come on, this guy willingly throws his life away just to marry a girl he doesn't even know. Silly stuff. Two stars because the writer has promise as far as syntax, diction, and grammar go...

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