

REINDEER GAMES

MEET NEVE & CALEB

A spoiler-free character guide for readers

TWO VERY DIFFERENT IDEAS OF HOME

One travels wherever the reindeer need her. One has built his life around the town he loves. When Neve Kringle and Caleb Winters find themselves working side by side during Mistletoe's summer Reindeer Games, staying out of each other's way may prove harder than either expected.

INSIDE THIS READER EXTRA

Get to know Neve, Caleb, and the opposites-attract chemistry at the heart of Reindeer Games — without spoiling where their story takes them.

Sweet romance • small-town Alaska • reindeer • Christmas magic under the midnight sun

MEET THE HEROINE

Neve Kringle

Neve Kringle has never been interested in following the most obvious family path. While plenty of Kringles are known for Santa duties, Neve found the work that feels like hers with the reindeer.

At thirty-one, she travels between Santa locations as a reindeer trainer and specialist, helping with everything from behavior and readiness to handler training and team logistics. She loves the fact that every assignment is different — new animals, new people, new places, and always something that needs doing.

Neve is petite, energetic, outgoing, and nearly impossible to overlook. She talks easily, teaches naturally, and brings momentum wherever she goes. But underneath the fun is serious competence. She knows animals, reads situations quickly, and has earned her place in the wider Christmas network by being very, very good at her job.

AGE	31
FAMILY	A Kringle cousin; Theodore Kringle’s daughter
WORK	Traveling reindeer trainer and specialist
VIBE	Petite, kinetic, cheerful, capable
BEST PLACE TO FIND HER	Outside, in a stable, on a trail, or wherever an animal needs attention
MAGIC	Yes — but she mostly uses the parts that help her work with reindeer

Why she is fun to follow

- She loves animals — all of them, not just reindeer.
- She is genuinely social, but never polished or performative about it.
- She is happiest when she has a practical problem to solve.
- She likes movement, travel, and a life that refuses to sit still for long.
- She brings a lively new corner of the Kringle world onto the page: the people who care for and train the reindeer behind the Christmas magic.

NEVE IN ONE LINE

She has spent years building a life with plenty of freedom, plenty of purpose — and very little reason to stay in one place.

MEET THE HERO

Caleb Winters

Readers who have spent time in Mistletoe may already know Caleb Winters as the friendly owner of Winters General Store — the man who seems to know what everyone needs before they ask.

Caleb was born and raised in Mistletoe. He left for college, came home afterward, and never saw that choice as settling. He likes small-town life, tangible work, familiar faces, and being part of a community where people show up for one another. The general store puts him right at the center of all of it without requiring him to be the center of attention.

He is friendly, observant, practical, and quietly funny. Caleb is the person who fixes the loose hinge, carries the heavy box, remembers your coffee order, and stays late to help clean up. He is steady without being stiff and kind without making a performance of kindness.

AGE	Mid-thirties
HOME	Mistletoe, Alaska
WORK	Owner of Winters General Store
VIBE	Warm, grounded, handy, quietly observant
BEST PLACE TO FIND HIM	Behind the counter, fixing something, helping a neighbor, or outside enjoying Alaska
MAGIC	None. But he notices more than people sometimes realize.

Why he is easy to love

- He has deep roots in Mistletoe and genuinely likes the life he has built there.
- He is competent in a wonderfully unshowy way.
- His humor is dry and tends to sneak up on people.
- He listens, remembers, and notices small things.
- He has been part of the Mistletoe community from the beginning — but Reindeer Games finally puts him at the center of the story.

CALEB IN ONE LINE

He has always known where home is. The question is what happens when someone arrives who makes his carefully settled life feel a little less settled.

THE PAIRING

Neve + Caleb

NEVE

always moving
reindeer specialist
big energy
loves variety
belongs to a wider magical world

CALEB

deeply rooted
general store owner
steady presence
loves familiar rhythms
belongs to one beloved town

On paper, Neve and Caleb could hardly be more different. She has built a life around motion. He has built one around staying. She arrives in Mistletoe because the summer Reindeer Games need her expertise. Caleb is helping the town make the event work. Suddenly, the woman who is used to moving on and the man who has made an art of putting down roots are spending a lot of time in the same orbit.

The attraction is not the complicated part. The complicated part is what each of them believes a good life is supposed to look like.

Neve is drawn to Caleb's steadiness, warmth, and quiet competence. Caleb is drawn to Neve's energy, confidence, and the way she seems to make the world around her move faster. And underneath those differences, they have more in common than they first realize: both care deeply about useful work, both show love by doing, and neither needs rescuing.

What you will find in their story

- Small-town Alaska in summer, with long golden evenings instead of snowbound nights.
- An opposites-attract romance built around roots versus movement.
- Reindeer training, public games, and a glimpse behind the scenes of the Kringle world.
- A hero readers have known for several books finally getting his own love story.
- A heroine who is as good at her job as she is bad at standing still.
- Community, kindness, Christmas magic, and a sweet romance at the center of it all.

THE QUESTION AT THE HEART OF REINDEER GAMES

Can home be both an anchor and an adventure?

Welcome back to Mistletoe.

This time, Christmas magic comes with wildflowers, reindeer, and the midnight sun.