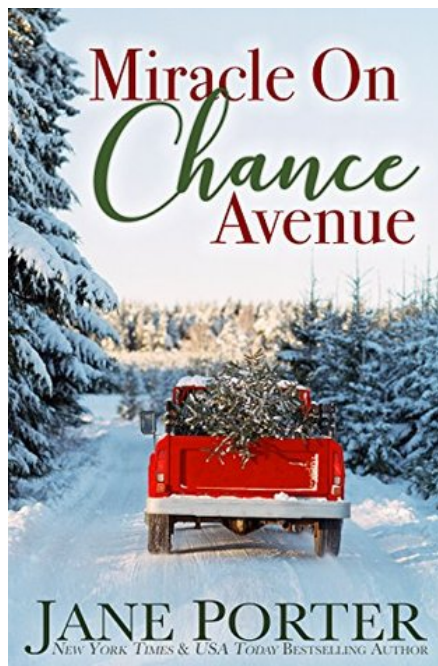




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Rory Douglas is the oldest Douglas and McKenna's adored big brother, but this big, quiet cowboy rarely returns to Marietta, choosing to exorcise his demons by a life on the road, riding bulls every night on the American Extreme Bull Riding Tour.

Thirty-eight year old Rory needs a miracle, and he gets one when Sadie Mann, one of his sister's childhood friends, appears on his motel doorstep, asking for a favor.

Shocked by Sadie's request, Rory brusquely refuses, but when an accident in the arena sidelines him, he begins to wonder if granting Sadie's Christmas wish, might just turn his life around.

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Becky Burciaga says

An emotional rollercoaster ride from beginning to end. Rory's pain was so palpable that I found myself in tears numerous times. Ms Porter's exemplary writing created in him a troubled soul who had finally stopped running from his pain...he recognized in Sadie a woman who could actually help him heal. Her feistiness and strength capture first his attention then his heart. How they had longed for each, in vastly different ways, was both heartwarming and heartbreaking at the same time.

You could actually feel Sadie's longing and desire to know the larger than life Rory who she'd loved more than half her life. Then there was Rory's curiosity and captivation for a woman he didn't even know. The author wrote each of them with such realism that it was like being witness first hand to their discoveries of each other.

Along with sharp wit and a smart dialog, never have I been so moved and swung from tears to laughter within a sentence...it was so easy to lose myself in these two characters who captured my heart. Rory and Sadie's story was both heartwarming and heartbreaking at the same time. Ms Porter should be commended for creating such lifelike characters.

This ARC book was complimentary, provided by the Publisher and NetGalley. I am voluntarily providing my honest review.

Dixie says

This alpha hero cowboy has strong emotions

This was a great read. I liked the romantic leads. Rory and Sadie are terrific characters; they are mature enough to know themselves well and yet flexible enough to allow room to grow when old habits no longer serve for making good life choices. The story was well paced and backstory served to move the plot forward. Secondary and supporting characters served to bring life into another fine story set in Marietta, Montana.

Denise Stout says

Sadie and Rory have both been drawn together like magnets for years. Sadie has loved him from afar and Rory knows she's his muse. One Christmas, their paths cross by chance or fate. Sadie tries to resist him, but it's hard to fight a love that just grows stronger. He offers to help her fulfill her dream, but she says no. She knows there's a part of their mutual past he's unaware of and it haunts her. Till he finds out and his anger combined with her guilt drives a wedge between them. The love is real and true, and a snowstorm threatens to keep them apart, but Rory is determined to find her...love is worth fighting for and it's worth the wait. A wonderful Christmas romance with love, forgiveness, and a HEA!

Pat says

Full review to follow.....

Rosemary K says

The tragedy at the Douglas Ranch devastated Rory and his surviving siblings. It also left Sadie Mann, a friend of McKenna, feeling guilty. After all her birthday sleep over was why they weren't home when the murderer struck. Now Rory is back in Marietta, he wants to come to terms with the past. Can he and Sadie have a future? She is determined to live her life to the fullest even if she can't have Rory. She wants to have a baby. I admire her for her courage to be a single mother. Rory calls her his angel, but he's never been able to face the past. I didn't want the tragedy to destroy him. His attraction to Sadie is powerful and touching. I was hopeful that they would get their HEA. I love Marietta and her people. It's always good to visit. This story is an emotional journey. Jane Porter has written characters struggling with their past. I cared for them and wanted them to get their miracle.

Bette Hansen says

Loved this story! It's a fantastic story of going home, facing the past as hard as it is, and finding that one person who has always known and loved you no matter what. Rory and Sadie are great characters and seeing them get their HEA was awesome. Definitely put this one on the must read list. I highly recommend it.

Emma says

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by

Jane Porter

Rory Douglas rarely returns to his home town of Marietta, choosing instead to unleash his demons competing on the American Extreme Bull Riding Tour. But after a particularly bruising season, Rory visits Marietta with the idea of buying an investment property and planning for a future he never imagined or wanted.

After ten years as a flight attendant, Sadie Mann has turned in her wings to focus on her shabby chic business and becoming a single mom. Adjusting to her new life is proving harder than she expected and the last thing she needs is unrequited love, Rory Douglas, home for the holidays. Everyone knows he avoids Marietta, Christmas, and settling down, so why is he back now?

Rory and Sadie have never had a chance, but maybe this Christmas will bring the miracle they're looking for.

This is Rory Douglas and Sadie Mann's story.

The worst part about being the newest employee was that you had the least amount of seniority, which was why Sadie Mann was standing outside a tiny historic stable turned into stylish small house at the end of Farrell Avenue, shivering in the snow, waiting for the renter to show and pick up the keys at nine thirty at night.

she recognized that square jaw with just a hint of golden brow bristle and she knew that black felt hat, too. The limp, and the cane, those were new, but the rest was aching familiar. Rory Douglas. There weren't many street lights in this part of town, and the small porch lights framing the doors of the old stable created

two small pools of light that did little to illuminate the shoveled sidewalk or the man.
Miracle on Chance Avenue by Jane Porter is a wonderful well written 5 star book.
I highly recommend.
"I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book."

Sandi Ramirez says

Let me begin my saying if you have never read any his of the books based in this wonderful fictional town, what are you waiting on? Now on to this book that I personally have been waiting on for quite a while now. I just was not sure which of the authors was going to tell me his story... and I sure did not realize that Rory's story would be so much full of life and even pain that is in there. It explain so much that I had wondered. (Yes I am what many would call a Tuligan) and I have adopted Marietta as my hometown. Jane Porter is the perfect author to give us this story for so many reasons. Least of which she explains on the opening page of the book in her dedication to the readers. WoW she understands...she truly understand how much Marietta means to use the readers. Now...back to Rory and Sadie's story.

Rory Douglas is from Marietta but left as soon as he could chasing demons from his past via the rodeo. Sadie Mann chased demons her own way and I think folks really didn't realize it at all. She followed Rory from rodeo to rodeo not quite a buckle bunny but not a friend either. Wanting more but to afraid to ask for it. He say her there but not there.... As life in the rodeo goes it is a hard life and Rory was in the rodeo for a long time. He came back to Marietta to rest and look at some property. Little did he know but his rodeo angel happen to live in town.

This is one of those books that touched me long and hard. It had the right amount of humor * yep there was some in it) and pain as well. There were times I simply sat and shook my head at both characters, and always continued reading more and more. This is a book that I will read more than once and i cried several times while reading it. The author, Jane Porter knows her readers and she writes for us. It's like she sits beside us and listens in as we talk and say what we want to see in characters and places in this fictional town. I invite you to explore this town. Get lost in it's countryside or visit's Sage's Chocolate shop... head up to Copper Mountain for a hike, or maybe just maybe take a short ride on horseback with a cowboy. You will not be disappointed .

Janine says

Storytelling at its finest.

Sadie Mann wants to have a baby. And for years, she wanted that baby's father to be her lifelong crush, bull rider, Rory Douglas. She would even travel around the country to different events just to see him. But she never had the courage to talk to him. When Rory finally returned to Marietta, Sadie had already moved on from him and was planning on using a donor for her baby.

Rory first spotted Sadie in the stands two and a half years ago. He didn't know anything about her, but liked

to think of her as his angel. There for the rodeo and then she disappears. The night Rory got in a bull named Hammerfall in Clovis, California, his angel couldn't save him. His luck ran out and he suffered a severe injury. He was lucky to be alive.

Rory is now investing in properties and returned to his home town of Marietta Montana to check out an apartment building. When Rory discovers his mysterious angel was living right there in Marietta, the town he grew up in, he knew he had to know her. Sadie confides in Rory about wanting to have a baby and how she planned to go about it. But Rory has an idea all his own. He wants a family with Sadie. They decide on four dates to see if they are compatible. With a little luck, they both just might get what they desire.

I loved this book. Both characters had such a sadness in their past that it seemed they were perfect to help each other. With new goals in their lives, and Sadie not wanting to budge at first, it was fun to see them come together in the end.

constance says

Miracle on Chance Avenue was a very sweet and entertaining holiday romance. This is the story of Rory, a bull rider who never got over a terrible tragedy that took most of his family, and Sadie who has had a crush on him forever. Sadie is ready to be a mom and always thought Rory would be the perfect father but could never even work up the nerve to talk to him. Rory hadn't noticed Sadie in the town they both grew up in, but in the past few years he's noticed her in the stands at several of his bull riding events and started to think of her as his, even though they'd never met. When a career threatening bull riding accident, and the death of Sadie's mother brings them both home to Marietta, Montana, Rory and Sadie must both overcome their past hurts to determine if there is a chance for a real lasting love between them or if their connection was just in their heads.

As I was reading I got a sense of book deja vu, but quickly realized that it was because I'd previously read Jane Porter's The Kidnapped Christmas Bride which stars Rory's sister McKenna and therefore had the same back story. So if you've read that one parts of this book will seem familiar.

Over all I really enjoyed reading this. It was a quick read and it really drew me in so I was done in a day. I like Jane Porter's writing style a lot, she had a perfect amount of humor and emotion through out the book. I really liked the characters of Sadie and Rory. I loved that the author gave a lot of back story into their childhoods and families. That really helped me to connect with them and better understand their feelings and actions. I liked that the author focused equally on both characters and they both helped each other through their issues. There were some very touching moments and I felt like I was genuinely invested in the character's happiness and was pulling for their happily ever after.

This was a "sweet" romance some Christian elements (I've read this author before and don't remember that in previous books), which is not usually my style but I have to say that I truly enjoyed this book and I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys holiday romance reads with lots of emotion, but no overt love scenes

Elaine says

Rating: 4.5/5

This is a story of going home to face the past and look to the future. The couple concerned have friends in common but hadn't previously spoken. Despite this, Sadie Mann has loved him since she was thirteen years old and he brought his sister, McKenna, to her birthday party. That was also the night his parents and other

siblings were murdered Rory Douglas tried to escape Marietta by competing on the American Extreme Bull Riding Tour. Sadie used to go watch him ride, but never spoke or contacted him. After her mother's untimely death, thirty-five year old Sadie has re-evaluated her life, decided to give up on waiting for Rory to reciprocate her love and is planning on becoming a single Mum, using a sperm donor for the father. That's when Rory returns and the two meet. The attraction is mutual, the chemistry hot, can love find a way to bring them together?

This is an emotional roller coaster ride. Unusually, it also involves people from the less affluent area of Marietta. It is another lovely Marietta based festive read, the second in the series. Some of the characters, events and places appear in other, parallel stories and series but each can be read as a standalone - you don't have to read any of the others to appreciate this one.

This story is a journey, acknowledging and coming to terms with the past, realising its impact on present behaviour and attitudes and learning to trust and hope to enable moving on to a future full of hope and love. I really enjoyed escaping into this story which proved to be a real page turner that I highly recommend to anyone who enjoys well crafted contemporary romance stories to read, in fact I highly recommend everything I've read by this talented author!

I requested and received a copy of this novel, via NetGalley. This is my honest review after choosing to read it.

Maria says

"Received an Advance Reader Copy in exchange for a fair review"

4.5 stars.

This book was way better than I was expecting and not at all the standard romance novel I thought it would be. The premise of the story, Sadie's obsession or "impractical dream" about Rory, our lovely tortured hero, was a hard one to tackle, but the author, Jane Porter, constructed a beautiful tale about two mature people with great chemistry.

I loved the characters' voices, both hardened by grief and tragedies (Rory), but, at the same time, displaying an innocence and earnestness that are captivating.

The story flows naturally, the characters grow and communicate, talk about their feelings and doubts, and the dialogue is excellent.

This is really a lovely and compelling story, intensely romantic without being sappy, and a pleasure to read. I'm grateful to the publisher, Tule Publishing, and NetGalley for providing a free copy

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Keeper Bookshelf

When I opened up my Kindle to begin Miracle On Chance Avenue the first thing that caught my eye was the dedication page. Caught my eye and maybe choked up my throat a bit as well ... "For all the wonderful, amazing readers who have taken Marietta, Montana into your hearts – This one is for you!" ... Jane Porter, dedication page of Miracle on Chance Avenue" Now, having completed this simply amazing story I need to say right from the start, Thank you for a wonderful story that not only celebrates everything that Marietta, Montana represents but for giving us such a touching story for the Douglas family. Nothing can take away

the pain of a tragedy, but Rory and Sadie's story can certainly give a sense of hope, cleansing and perhaps some closure for a family that has been through so much. So... thank you.

Miracle on Chance Avenue is one of the most touching, most powerful stories I have read. Period. And I've read a lot of Romance. It is these things for several reasons. Certainly a lovely romance between a young woman who has had her heart set on one man, even though he didn't even know she existed at least as far as she knew. And one rough, wounded man who took chances with his life every single time he stepped into a rodeo arena because this is the one thing he has control over. They share a past that Rory isn't totally aware of, and if Sadie could have her wish they'd share even more. But she's never approached him, watching only from the stands as he battles with bulls and mostly wins... except for the time he didn't. Life took a painful turn for Sadie, and she made the decision to move home to Marietta, change her life around and find another way to fulfill her dream. She never expected Rory to return home again, and she certainly never expected him to want to stay... with her.

If you have followed any of the various series set in Marietta, Montana then at some point you've heard about the home invasion at the Douglas ranch. How it has never been solved and left a large part of a family killed senselessly and the surviving children forever touched by an act that has no real ending, for the pain goes on forever. Rory was the son, the young man who returned home after delivering his sister to a sleepover birthday party to find his brother barely alive and the rest of his family massacred

It's time for closure in the Douglas family. And we'll get to walk along side of Rory and Sadie as they relive that night with memories both sweet, loving and filled with pain and loss. We'll also get to see a new beginning for something that has set alone, deserted for so long merely a place where ghosts walked and memories lingered. So, yes, when I say powerful I mean that word for you will not close this book without feeling deep in your heart the loss and the love of this couple or this family. It will move you, and perhaps have you sending up a little prayer of thankfulness for your own blessings.

Ms. Porter has given us readers a wonderful, touching gift in Miracle On Chance Avenue – and for that I say a heartfelt thank you.

I would highly recommend this story to any Romance reader but especially to those readers who love the people of Marietta, Montana almost like family.

I received an e-ARC of this novel from the publisher via NetGalley. That does not change what I think of this story. It is my choice to leave a review giving my personal opinion about this book.

Carrie says

Miracle on Chance Avenue by Jane Porter is the second book in the romantic Love on Chance Avenue series. Each book in the series feature a different couple and can be read as a standalone romance if choosing to do so. The books are set in the charming town of Marietta, MT though and there may be characters or events that have been featured in other books set in this small town.

This was a rather interesting idea behind a couple coming together in a story. Rory and Sadie share a past in their small town and somewhat know each other but had never really started a relationship. Sadie is wanting to become a mother and had Rory all handpicked out to become her baby's daddy but never approached him with the matter but has now decided to go the artificial route but of course timing is everything and now the couple have a chance together.

Another thing I found to be a little different from other Marietta books that I've read in the past was the fact that this one touched upon the poorer side of this small town. This gave the story a bit more of a realistic feel to me seeing how we all know that there are always areas anywhere that are a bit more run down and in need of TLC so I actually enjoyed the idea of bringing that to light.

In the end I enjoyed this holiday romance with a nice couple at the forefront of another lovely read in the charming Marietta.

I received a copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

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Wendy's Thoughts says

4.5 Two Finally Find Each Other Stars

*** * * * 1/2 Spoiler Free**

2018 RITA and Golden Heart Finalist for Contemporary Romance: Short

This is a story which had many layers of want, pain and finally a coming together for a wonderful payoff. Jane Porter took so much and made it work on so many levels.

Rory Douglas is at the end of his career with the American Extreme Bull Riding Tour. He has lived his life testing the odds every time he climbed on a bull. He hadn't asked for it, but before he started riding the circuit, he had beaten odds and felt he shouldn't... So every time he climbed on, the prayer he sent up wasn't for himself but for his sister McKenna and her family. These two were dealt the worst hand when it came to tragedies with each working through it in their own way...

Rory's was staying away from Marietta as much as he could. He only came to town this time to look at a potential property on Chance Street an area of Marietta that was "On the Other Side of the Tracks"... Rory thinks with the right renovations, he could create better housing for the people of the town who were not of the affluent... the working class who have been trying to make due. By providing favorable apartments with clean secure outdoor areas for children to play on would be something the town needs. Rory was one of the smart riders banking his wins and investing in real estate for some time now. He has done renovations on pieces all over the country and even in Marietta.

Rory had contacted the real estate company that manages his one of his rentals and gave another name to rent it... so he could just come and leave without anyone knowing he was there. He knows his sister and family would want to see him, especially with it being Christmas and if he can get his head on straight... he will reach out and see them. Then he will leave the next day... in and out.

Sadie Mann is freezing ... she is waiting for the man who was supposed to be there 20 minutes ago. Sadie works for the rental company and is adjusting... as Sadie use to work as a flight attendant for a private planes. It gave her the ability to fly all over and do all the things she wanted... And one was trailing after a man who she loved from a far since she was 13 years old...

Was it realistic, no... Because as much as she wanted him... dreamed of him, followed him all over the circuit... and wished for just a piece of him... She was too shy and held back to approach him in the flesh. The one time she did approach him, his reaction was not anything she could handle...

So that dream was squashed and couple it with her mother's passing, Sadie has decided she is going to stop

all those dreams and live a settled life. She will buckle down, work a steady local job here in Marietta... bank the money she needs to provide for the life she has planned... and let go of those old heartbreaking dreams...

As Rory walks up to the rental, he has to take a second look... the woman waiting for him is the woman he would see in the Rodeo Stands... the one he deemed his angel. The one he would wish would come down and meet him... The one he would always look for and the one he always knew when she was there ... with their eyes connecting before his ride. And then the one time he did get close to her, he was an ass...

What was she doing there.... Was this a sign...

What was Rory Douglas doing coming towards me... Oh My God... this cannot be happening... Those are the thoughts rambling around in Sadie's head when her dream man walks right up to her... although she also remembers very clearly his reaction the one and only time they exchanged words...

Well, this is the set up but there is so much more than this woman who had a need and desire for this man... It would have at first been easy to chock this up to a formula romance of lost loves etc. But Jane Porter had much more in mind. She took a man who needed to be relieved of guilt and allow himself the chance to love. She took a woman who had loved this man from afar... who had been touched by pain just as harsh as Rory's... and showed her she deserved to have her dreams come true...

This turned out to be one of my favorite Marietta, Montana stories... and that is saying a lot as I happen to be a huge fan of these books.

A gifted copy was provided by Tule Publishing via NetGalley for an honest review.

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