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From Reader Review Christmas in the City II for online ebook

Paula Genereau says

I had the pleasure to read a early copy of Rewrite by Stephanie Rose and let me tell you. I loved it. It was amazing. Josh oh my Josh. He's swoon worthy.

Such a great book. I love Stephanie's books. She's awesome

I also got the privilege to read a early copy of Dancing Snowflakes by Madison Street. I loved it. It was amazing

Toni Myers says

I received this ARC for a Honest review.

My Review is for Rewrite by Stephanie Rose

I love Brianna and Josh's story, they have known each other since kindergarden, and have been best friends ever since. Sometimes you have to move on with your life, but never really forget your first love, and when they come back to town it tends to stir up all kinds of emotions, that's when you have to decide whether you listen to your heart, or you stay in the relationship your in. Hard to forget about the boy you grew up with, who always protected you, and cared about you, life sometimes can be so complicated.

Dayna says

Received an ARC for an honest review.

Dancing Snowflakes is novella from Madison Street's Second Chances series and is Rob's story. Rob has always been there for his friends throughout the Second Chances series and I always hoped that he would get an HEA. I was so excited to hear he would get his chance and Madison did not disappoint! Rob and Bridgette have a chance meeting and were never looking to have a relationship of any kind, let alone a long distance friendship. It's true that absence makes the heart grow fonder and Rob and Bridgette realize that there is more to their friendship. But, can they make it work through miles of distance between them and an unexpected job promotion? If you are a fan of the Second Chances series, Dancing Snowflakes is a quick must read! Fans will also love seeing cameos from Taylor and Harley. Kudos to Madison!♥?

Kelly Kline says

Dancing Snowflakes

This is the beautiful story of Rob and Bridgette. Neither Rob or Bridgette were looking for love but after a chance meeting they couldn't deny the pull they had towards each other. They might try to deny whats between them but love usually wins in the end. This was such a sweet love story. These two will make you smile and make you want to cry. I loved this novella of these two. Another beautiful love story from an amazing author!

Diane says

I had the pleasure of reading an early copy of Dancing Snowflakes by Madison Street. It is a short, quick, enjoyable read. How do you have a long distance relationship with a virtual stranger? And then how do you survive a promotion and even longer distance? This book is very nicely paced and covers a years time. See how strangers grow into friends and more.....A sweet love story!

Susan says

I haven't read the entire compilation yet, but have finished Rewrite by Stephanie Rose. Usually I am not a big fan of short stories or novellas that introduce new characters- I do love them when we catch up on characters from other stories- but these characters are easy to love! The story begins by introducing Brianna and Josh while in high school, but flashes forward 12 years to when they meet again and continues with them getting reacquainted.

I fell in love in with both characters and hope there is more to come of them in the future!!

I can't wait to read the other stories in this when it's released!!

Jennifer says

This review was originally posted to Jen in Bookland

As with other anothologies here are some short reviews for all the novellas!

Christmas Once Again by Samantha Chase - ★ ★ ★ ★1/2

Can I just say that I love this author? She always writes such fun, cute reads that I pretty much always enjoy. This story was no different. I was in a serious book funk when I started this one. I had just finished a really long, really boring book so I was a bit meh on reading. But I thought this would be a quick read so why not? Well I am glad I picked this up because the author pulled me right out of my funk. This is the story of two people who fell in love in high school, but circumstances prevented them from being together. Only now, at Christmastime eight years later, they run into each other again. He is a wealthy businessman and she is

working as the staff. Can she trust him after what he did all those years ago? Is he in it for real this time? Oh, this was a fun read. I loved all the characters, and even though it was short it felt like a complete story. Loved it! Plus it got me out of my book funk! Hooray!

Like Christmas - Ashlee Taylor - ★ ★

This story was not for me. Really it read like it should be in a Halloween compilation. I didn't quite understand how the guy wasn't just super creepy. Maybe I am missing something. That and it wasn't a complete story, it just seems to stop right in the middle of things so you have to get a different book to see what happens next. The main character was a bit all over the place for me, and as I said the guy was creepy, always there in the shadows, so it would have made for a great scary story, not a holiday romance. Oh well.

Ugly Sweater - Elizabeth Hayes - ★ ★

I don't usually read a lot of novellas because I find they usually try to tell too much story in too few pages. Kind of like this one. Two recently-ish single bff's go to an ugly sweater singles party hoping to meet some hot guys. And they do, but I never really saw the connection. Things moved crazy quick and it just didn't work for me. Maybe with more pages, a longer story, I would have enjoyed it. I don't know, the writing otherwise was alright. This story just suffered from novella-itis for me and made me wonder what a full length story from this author would be like.

A Change of Heart - Shari J. Ryan - ★

I really did not enjoy this one. It started off and I thought oh, this will be a sweet, heartbreaking read. After all two friends who could die anytime and the one wants to give the other her heart when she will probably die soon? Yeah. That was so touching. The first two chapters. But then it got to be too much for me. Can I just say that hearts don't have thoughts or feelings or wishes. They don't. Nope. I couldn't deal with this one. The way the girl was for the whole rest of the story just made me angry. I hated how she couldn't do anything, couldn't do what she wanted, because it was not her heart to give out and all that nonsense. Nope. Not for me.

Christmas Break - Misha Elliott

I don't really know how to rate this one. It was a little bit of a story of Sophie and Alex, characters who I don't know already and so I didn't really know what they were referring to most of the time. I would say this is not one you could just pick up and have a nice story to read. It felt like just some chapters from the middle of a book so...it wasn't for me. If you know the author's other works and know these characters you may enjoy it, but if you are like me...there isn't much here. I even forgot that I had read this one already when I went back to write this review.

Joyful Temptations - Janine Infante Bosco - ★ ★ ★ ★

I haven't read anything else by this author, didn't know these characters or storyline, but unlike the last one this one worked. I instantly loved Blackie and Lacey, knew what they were all about, knew how much they cared for each other and wanted them to live happily ever after. Right from the first page. That was great. I am sure if I had read their story before this one I would have loved this even more. There was a lot going on in this novella, some ups and downs, but it never felt rushed. Plus it felt like a complete story. Just Blackie and

Lacey dealing with some things and figuring out their next steps. Sure you can read the next book to see what happens after, but you don't need to. I like that a lot.

Dancing Snowflakes - Madison Street - ★ ★ ★1/2

This was a cute read. Two people meet near Christmastime in New York City, but only one lives there. The other is heading back home to Chicago the next day. They both feel the connection, but what can they do when they live in two different places? Will they be able to figure out a way to be together eventually or are they destined to only see each other that once? A cute, fun holiday read.

The Lovers of Vale - CS Patra - ★

This felt like the first couple chapters of a longer book. It just ends and...I know they mention it is Christmastime and they have presents for everyone, but it didn't feel Christmasy at all. Now as for the story? I didn't care for it. Partly because it felt like you are not actually experiencing anything that is happening somehow. The conversations were a bit stilted for me, not realistic, and it was all just off. That and it repeated a lot. I would look away for a minute then come back and think I accidentally clicked back a few pages (it happens sometimes when I am carrying my Kindle around with me), but I hadn't. I was just being told basically the same information again for some reason. This story wasn't for me.

Christmas Interference - Jennifer L. Allen - ★ ★ ★ ★1/2

This story was wonderful. This is what I want in a holiday novella. A cute, fun story that left me wanting more. Brenna and Aaron are so cute together! She is a girl who has sworn off men after her last disaster of a boyfriend and he is the new guy on the local minor league hockey team. The same team that her brother plays for. Oh, this story was so much fun! Brenna thinks Aaron is hot, but she is not sure she wants to try dating again. Aaron liked her right from the start. There is just a spark between them. When they end up spending Christmas together what will happen? Loved it. I didn't want it to end. In fact I immediately went to see if there was another book about them so I could read more. Wonderful!

Rewrite - Stephanie Rose - ★ ★ ★ ★1/2

This was another really cute holiday read. Brianna and Josh were wonderful to read. They have known each other since kindergarten, been best friends since then, and both love the other. Only they never say that. Josh because he is definitely not good enough for Brianna, he is always getting into trouble, but no matter what he does he doesn't scare her away. When he finally does something that forces him to leave she is heartbroken. Especially because he told her to forget about him. He wanted her to live a happy life, a better life, without him. Now it is 12 years later and Josh is back, but Brianna is not single anymore. Will they figure out a way to make this work, or did Josh push her away for good? Yes, Brianna was a bit...annoying at times with her what do I do!?! When it is obvious and not fair to some people how she is acting, but I still loved this story. And again went to see if there was more I could read somewhere.

All I Want for Christmas - Savanna Grey - ★ ★ ★ ★1/2

All I Want for Christmas was a great end to this holiday anthology. I loved this story. I love the demanding workaholic boss and the assistant whom he would be lost without fall in love story. Plus it all happens at Christmastime with some nice Christmas magic and this story is a winner. Noah and Mia were so cute

together. Really a great read.

Heather Kallam says

Oh, my. Can I have a Josh for Christmas??

So, I had the lovely opportunity to read Rewrite by Stephanie Rose. First, I have to disclose that if you were to ask me if I liked short stories, my first instinct would be to tell you NO. I generally feel that they are too short and that you can't get enough out of them. Basically, I am always left wanting.

BUT I think that there are definite exceptions. And Rewrite is one of those (so is Always Us... but I digress). I loved this story. I loved Josh. I loved Stephanie's words and the feelings she gives you. I loved that it was a best friends to lovers story all rolled up with second chances. If this is the level of awesomeness that the entire anthology is at, I can't wait to read the entire thing!

P.s. Stephanie, GIVE ME MORE JOSH!!! Please and thank you. :)

Bette Hansen says

An amazing collection of 11 stories from various authors. Some where old favorites of mine and some were new to me but all of them entertained me with stories that touched my heart and filled me with the hopeful nature of the season. Just a few of my favorites -

Christmas Once Again by Samantha Chase - a great second chance story. When high school loves Hunter Ashton and Lexi Hayes are reunited after eight year at a party being hosted by Hunter's mother. Hunter of course is the expected attendant and Lexi is a server. Somethings haven't changed in all this time. The spark between them hasn't changed either. Will their differences still be to much to overcome?

Like Christmas by Ashlee Taylor - a quick introduction to some of the characters of the A Beauty & The Thief books. It has a snarky but can't help but love heroine and a very mysterious hero. It will definitely leave you wanting more!!

Ugly Sweaters by Elizabeth Hayes - a fun quick story of two women who have recently suffered a breakup but have decided it's time to get out there and have fun again. In the spirit of the season they are going to an Ugly Sweaters party and hope to find a couple of cute guys to have fun with. What they actually find turns out to be so much more!

Kizzy says

Rewrite - 4.5 stars!!!

I'm so glad that I found Stephanie's work. I loved her other books, so when I found out she was part of a novella, I couldn't wait to read it. With Rewrite, we have a second chance love story, which are one of my favorites.

From the beginning my heart broke for Josh and Brianna. They were best friends since they were little and Josh was her protector. She was so in love with him when they got older, but things happened and he told her to move on and forget him. She's devastated and fast forward 10 years and Josh is back! Will they have their

second chance at love? These two were putting me through it. Thingd with Brianna were different, but do you ever forget your first love? Will Josh get his chance and get the girl he let go? You have to read to find out :)

Can't wait to see what's next for these two.

ARC provided for a honest review

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Savanna Grey

All I Want For Christmas - 4 Stars

This is the first time I read this author and it won't be the last. This was a cute novella with Noah and his assistant Mia. She was worked for him for years and is actually the only one to put up with him. He's all work and no play. He doesn't have time for anything else or letting anyone in for that matter. While there is an attraction between the two, they both have no idea..or do they?

Mia takes him to a couple of places to make he see the rest of the world outside of work and to experience something different. Those scenes were touching and we start to see that Noah isn't a tyrant after all. Will he and Mia have a chance? Will she get him to see her the way she sees him? You'll have to read to find out :) I hope we get more of these two in the future. :)

Faith Andrews says

I had the pleasure of reading an early copy of Rewrite by Stephanie Rose. I am so happy that the author will eventually be giving us more, as alluded to with her sneaky "The End...for now" because I absolutely adored this couple. In fact, this just might be my favorite couple Stephanie has brought to the page.

Josh is to die for and the angsty push and pull between Brianna and her long time crush are so heartwarming. Stephanie had me rooting for these two from page one of their past all the way up until 12 years later when he's back to claim his unavailable best friend. This is the perfect short story to keep you snug and swooning during those cold, holiday nights by the fire.

Paige says

Review for Rewrite by Stephanie Rose.

4 "Best Friends" Stars

I have a love affair with Stephanie Rose. Her characters. Her writing. Every time I open one of her books, I fall for the angst and the heartbreak knowing that I'm going to get to the sweet and happy ever after is so satisfying and her novella Rewrite was no different. This quick second chance/best-friend to lover romance ticked all the boxes I needed for a novella. I loved that emotion and the journey. I really hope she writes

more of this couple because I know it would be an emotional journey.

ARC provided for honest review.

Pam says

This is a great collection of wonderful holiday romances written by eleven different authors to raise money for a deserving charity. If you like contemporary romances of any type, you'll find something to enjoy in this collection. They are quick to read & tug at your heart & your emotions. I'll be going back & rereading several time & time again.

Shannon says

Rewrite by Stephanie Rose is a terrific little Christmas story of childhood friends who finally get their chance at love. Josh and Brianna have been best friends forever but never more than that, much to Brianna's dismay. Her heart broke when Josh left to join the military, with barely a good-bye. It's years later and Josh has returned home, set on winning Brianna's heart- the same heart he left battered and bruised all those year before.

Oh how I adored Josh. He's all kinds of alpha, as he stakes his claim on Brianna...not letting anything, or anyone, stand in his way. He knows he has a lot to make up for and does everything he can to work his way back into Brianna's good graces, her life, and most importantly- her heart.

I love a good friends-to-lovers romance that tugs at my heartstrings and Rewrite did just that. Josh and Brianna have such a special history together, you can't help wanting these two to work through their issues and finally find their happiness together. I loved that this story ends on such a happy note, but with a hint that there's more to come for them!

This is a great collection of sweet and sexy Christmas stories- there's a little something here for everyone. I'm now ready to don my ugly sweater, curl up under a blanket and wait for the snow to start falling!

Tricia Davis says

I was given the opportunity to receive an early copy of Dancing Snowflakes by Madison Street for an honest review . This is Robs story! Rob the bachelor who can charm the pants off any chick.... finds himself on the streets of NY with a stranger. A stranger whom he gets to know in one night..... he has that magnetic pull and knows she's what he has been missing! They part ways and live in different time zones. Will fate bring Bridgette and Rob together? Can they rekindle one night .. one kiss..and make it into something more! As always Madison does not disappoint! AND We were able to get a glimpse of Taylor and Harley too! (Fist pump) This is an amazing Novella from the Second Chances series! This series is AMAZING so if you haven't already..... go get it.....otherwise you are missing out ♥?

