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Beth Carpenter says

I can't decide which of the Seasons of Alaska books is my favorite. I love spending time in Rankin, with the James family and their friends and neighbors. In this story, Tate, a successful snowboarder with a tragic childhood, is determined to give his nephew the upbringing he deserves. He meets Hannah, who has a terrific family but has had her own share of tragedy. When they butt heads over a vision for a snow sports resort in Rankin, sparks fly, and yet they can't help being drawn to one another. A lovely, feel-good story.

Carrie Schmidt (Reading is My SuperPower) says

Oh goodness, the characters in A Family Like Hannah's – particularly Lucas – will tug at your heart!! Tate will have you swooning, especially when he gets all snazzied up. (See, Amber Perry? I did find a way to use that word! haha) And Hannah will have you checking your contact list for her name because you're certain you've been friends for years.

Both Tate and Hannah have had hurdles to overcome in life, the kind of things that require counseling and a good support network to truly get past. While in some ways this helps them connect almost instantly, it also makes it more difficult for them to take their relationship in the same direction at the same time. It almost felt like a three-legged race down a black diamond run – with Tate on a snowboard and Hannah on skis, both trying to get down the hill their own way, each with one leg tied to the other. The beauty of this is that – when they do reach the bottom in one piece – they are all the stronger for it. While their attraction may have looked like love at first sight, Hannah and Tate had to decide if a relationship was really worth the risk before investing in the future.

Carol Ross tackles some tough issues in A Family Like Hannah's, particularly addiction and child abuse/neglect. While keeping the reactions and situations realistic, she also writes them with hope and heart. Your heart will break for what both Tate and Lucas have gone through. But at the same time, when you see Lucas' eyes light up or you watch his progress during the course of the story, your heart will slowly knit itself back together again.

Bottom Line: Sweet, clean romance that will still have you reaching for your fan on occasion, A Family Like Hannah's by Carol Ross takes you through a whole gamut of emotions. From anger and heartbreak to laughter and joy, you will ride the slopes along with a cast of compelling and truly likable characters. I'm definitely going to have to go back and catch up on the rest of the series now! If you like the Kings Meadow Romance series by Robin Lee Hatcher or the Christensen Family series by Susan May Warren, you will enjoy the Seasons of Alaska series as well!

(I received a copy of this book in exchange for only my honest review.)

Wulfwyn says

I think this one is my favorite romance that I read this year! I absolutely fell in love with Lucas. All the characters were really well written but Lucas, I just really adored him. The story line in this book really had me on an emotional roller coaster. More than once I was telling my RL guy what was going on. He kept

asking me, who? Haha. Eventually he did figure out I was ranting, crying or laughing about the characters in this book. He took a look at it after I was done so I know I can expect to open a package with more books by this author. This book is part of The Seasons of Alaska series. I haven't read any of the other books in the series. While I am definitely looking forward to reading the others, it is not necessary to read them all or in any certain order that I could tell. I live in Alaska so I am excited about this series. This was a "clean" romance so it would be okay for those who prefer no sex, no adult language. There are mature themes, such as alcohol and drug abuse as well as child abuse. They are handled in a positive way, in my opinion. I mention them so if you are thinking of it for a teen, you are aware. I think it would make for some interesting conversations. I loved how the author took so much negativity and turned it into hope. The story drew me in from the first page and kept me reading until the last page. It is a terrific story to relax with. I am not a sporty type person but found the sports theme interesting.

Thank you to the author who sent me a signed copy of this book for my enjoyment, (I believe I entered a giveaway). She did not request a review. I do not know the author. After reading the book I chose to write a review because I enjoyed it so much.

Katie W says

I love a good, clean romance with some depth and that's exactly what I got with A Family Like Hannah's. I'm a fair weathered fan of sports, meaning that aside from some basketball and what my kids are playing at the moment, most of my sports watching comes during the Olympics. I couldn't help but be swept away by the excitement of skiing and snowboarding, as a good part of the story revolves around Tate and Hannah working together to make Snowy Sky Resort a success.

Tate is a character with determination, as he is trying to raise his young nephew with the help of his old coach. I loved this adorable, molded-together family and loved the bond between them. Hannah is the middle child of a large, more traditional family, but she's the glue. Her charming personality, childlike awe of life, and eagerness to work hard overshadow her challenges in life and those traits are like a magnet to both the reader and the characters in the book. I love that this isn't just an easy, fluffy story, but had some real filling to go along with it, while maintaining a lighter feel--it wasn't heavy. What a perfect recipe for a great story!

Content: mild romance (kissing); a snippet of violence; mention of past drug abuse and child neglect. Clean!

I received a copy through the tour host in exchange for an honest review

Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says

The characters in this book are vibrant and easy to visualize. Hannah is a mix of tough and independent with fun and vulnerable. Tate is confident on the outside but anxious with his new role in life as guardian to his nephew, so the misconceptions and miscommunications between he and Hannah are taken personally by both. I loved the setting of winter in Alaska, especially at a ski resort since I've only been snowboarding twice. We see glimpses into the boardroom where decisions are being made and power is being thrown around. It's definitely a world that is foreign to me. There is some angst when secrets are revealed but it's outweighed by plenty of heart as the couple find a way to compromise and reconcile with the unexpected.

(Thank you to Prism Book Tours for a copy of the book in exchange for my honest review)

Cynthia says

I won this book for an honest review from Goodreads Giveaway. When Hannah is injured in accident caused by someone else she has to give up her professional skiing career and find something else to do, so she and friends and investors start building a small ski resort. When one of the gentleman on the board doesn't much like her and tries to put in her place. Tate is a world famous snowboarder who has decided to retire to take care of his nephew who has been living with his grandmother since his mother died and she is an alcoholic and a drug user and doesn't always take care of him. Tate is at the resort as a consultant but really he is a investor that Hannah knows nothing about. He wants to add snowboarding but the money isn't in the budget with trying to get the resort started up and when Hannah finds out what he really is trying to do, she is angry. But because of wonderful little boy he brings his uncle and Hannah together and they fall in love. I loved this book

Kate Vale says

Hannah James no longer skis competitively, but her competitive spirit hasn't been killed. Instead, it's now the driving force into making the Snowy Sky Resort into a world-class destination for fun and frolicking in Alaska. Unfortunately, the former snowboard champion, now a consultant, Tate Addison is intent on adding snowboard elements to the resort. His ideas represent too much money and risk for Hannah, but the reason that isn't clear until later wins her heart: his nephew, Lucas.

While Hannah and Lucas enjoy feeding the koi at the house Tate has rented at the resort, every time he clashes with Hannah, more than angry sparks fly. But the secrets Tate harbors place Lucas in danger. She's also at risk of falling for Lucas, but Hannah does not want to allow her heart to be broken by yet another man who won't be there when she most needs him.

How her secret is revealed and how Tate proves that he isn't going to run away make for a satisfying ending to a story as refreshing as a shush down the mountain on newly fallen powder.

Lynn Brooks says

This story takes you deep into a small town filled with kind people and history. People who embrace newcomers and shower a timid little boy with love and understanding. A place where people come to heal after loss and a place where people are able to dream of a bright future.

Hannah James had her professional skiing career torn out from under her after being in a horrible accident. She suffers with the loss of those dreams, but she has forged through and created a new dream. Snowy Sky Resort is set to open soon, and she hopes will create a magical place for families to make memories.

Tate Addison, a newly retired pro-snowboarder is brought in by the Board to consult on the resort to give recommendations before opening. He's recently received custody of his 6 year old nephew and is desperate to give him the life that he deserves after an early childhood filled with turmoil that a little one shouldn't have to live through.

Tate and Hannah's ideas for the resort don't line up very well, so there is tension between them, but there's

also attraction ... a lot of it!

** Received free in exchange for an honest review **

Diane says

This book is a great read for those who like a sweet and clean romance featuring family, children and the traditions of the holiday season. It's a great way to spend a snowy winter day on the ski slopes of Alaska while you snuggle warm and dry on your own sofa with some hot cocoa.

Becky says

A Family Like Hannah's is a sweet, feel-good romance. Hannah and Tate do not get off to a good start--Tate begins as he continues for much of the story, by jumping to conclusions (Hannah, on the other hand, just jumps, LOL)--and for a while they are on opposite sides of things. Tate's adorable nephew Lucas manages to bring them together, though, and soon they're both feeling an attraction that they're a bit hesitant to act on, because each has their own past issues standing in their way.

Hannah and Lucas (and Viktor, and all of Hannah's family and friends) are wonderful characters. Hannah's ability to stay positive and upbeat in spite of all the things that have happened to her is amazing. No matter what issues she's dealing with (and there's a potential doozy in this book) she doesn't let them get her down. (And I had to laugh out loud early on when Tate was trying to ask Hannah out and she was oblivious from start to finish that that's what he was doing. Too funny!) Lucas is a heartbreaker--it's so wonderful watching him come out of his shell and start to trust as the story continues. and I constantly found myself wanting to give him a hug.

Tate had a tendency to get all wrapped up in "poor Tate, poor Lucas" mode, convinced that Hannah and her "charmed" life just couldn't understand the woes they'd been through--okay the first time, but when he does it again?--a bit *grrrrr*-worthy. Fortunately he manages to pull together a sweet gesture (and times it perfectly!) at the end, saving his exasperating butt, and getting him his HEA at last.

This was my first book by this author, but it won't be my last. It worked well as a standalone, though it's 4th in her Seasons of Alaska series, though now I want to see how the first three couples got to the happy point we see them at here :) Fingers crossed that Ms. Ross will follow up with Adele and Crciket's story, because there's definitely some interesting drama going on with those two!

Rating: 4 stars / B+

I received a complimentary copy in exchange for an honest review.

Laurie says

I loved *A Family Like Hannah's*. Carol Ross has done it again with the fourth installment of her Season's of Alaska series. At times heart wrenching, but mostly heartwarming, *A Family Like Hannah's* is yet another example of her skill at creating solid, evocative stories. Carol Ross's books exude a warmth and tenderness

that immediately captures your attention and holds it as the story unfolds. Indicative of this is the natural, convincing way her characters find love. Hannah James, the principal character in *A Family Like Hannah's*, is getting her life back on track after a tragic accident almost ended it. Still good natured, adventurous and athletic despite what she's been through, Hannah's dream has come true as co-partner and project manager for Snowy Sky, a ski resort in Rankins, Alaska. Tate Addison, Consultant for Snowy Sky, and unbeknownst to Hannah a dominant shareholder, has plans that threaten to upend her vision for the resort, and the two don't get off to a promising start. Notwithstanding this, Hannah can't deny her attraction to the handsome Tate. He's stepped in to care for his neglected 6-year old nephew, Lucas, whom Hannah has come to adore. These factors and others endear Hannah to Tate, but Tate's background of the same neglect and pain that Lucas endured initially causes him to conclude that Hannah is just too good for him with her large, perfect family and her seemingly unblemished life. He isn't aware that Hannah's hiding a secret that could halt any chances of the couples' friendly relationship advancing to the next level anyway. Nevertheless, feelings between the two can't be denied. Hannah is great with kids, especially Lucas, and she has an effect on Tate like no other woman he's ever known. If they want to be together, the couple will have to see beyond the impediments that can easily keep them apart. The way they do this demonstrates Carol Ross's adept ability to concoct sweet stories with a happy ending that leaves you feeling contented, satisfied and in anticipation of her next book so that you can revisit characters you've grown to love.

It was a delight to return to Rankins Alaska and to be reunited with characters from the first three books in the Season's of Alaska series. And yet, *A Family Like Hannah's* can certainly be enjoyed on its own. If an engrossing story with great characters, a sweet romance and a happy ending is what you're looking for in your next read, you'll love *A Family Like Hannah's*. I did. Highly recommended.

I received a free copy of *A Family Like Hannah's* from the author. No compensation was collected for my honest review.

Nicole Laverdure says

Sweet romance set in Alaska!

A Family Like Hannah's, written by Carol Ross, is a clean and refreshing story!

Her characters, Hannah, Tate and Lucas are charming.

It tells the story of Hannah James, an ex-professional skier, who had a terrible accident which forced her to make other plans for her future. Now, she invests her heart and energy to transform the Snowy Sky Resort. But someone, decides to offer his views on how to make changes. Famous pro-snowboarder, now turned consultant, Tate Addison, has other ideas on how to run the business. Tate, has also the big responsibility of taking care of his young nephew Lucas. Will they come to a compromise? Will destiny have other plans for them? Is love in the Alaskan air? Will their dreams come true?

A Family Like Hannah, is a story of strong bonds and family relationship! I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review!

Penney says

A great story, I absolutely loved the characters and loved how it turn out in the end. About the book, With her professional skiing career cut short by an accident, Hannah James is putting all her energy into transforming Snowy Sky Resort into something special. There's only one obstacle. Famous pro-snowboarder-turned-consultant Tate Addison has his own ideas about taking the Rankins, Alaska, lodge to the next level. But Hannah won't compromise her dreams. She gets that Tate is trying to create a stable home for his orphaned six-year-old nephew—a boy Hannah already adores. And if she isn't careful, she could also fall for the boy's too-attractive uncle. Is she risking heartbreak? Or do she and Tate really want the same things out of life?

Phylis Carpenter says

Another great book by Carol Ross. I found it hard to put down. I found myself having mixed emotions. Sometimes I laughed sometimes I got teary eyed and sometimes I found myself relating to the circumstances in the book.

Hannah was a professional skier who was in a terrible car accident and had to give up her dream as a skier. Tate was a professional snow boarder who had to give up his dreams to raise his nephew Lucas.

Hannah puts everything she can into Snowy Sky resort. They both want to make the resort be the best it can be but they have different ideas as to what that would be.

Hannah is laid back and like a child at heart and Tate is all about business and raising Lucas the best way he can.

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review and I think this is a book that you won't want to miss. It is loaded with ups and downs and I think that I have fallen in love with Lucas, too bad he is only 6.

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

I'm happy to be a part of the tour for A Family Like Hannah's. I love the Harlequin Heartwarming line- it's perfect for girls like me who love their romances sweet and clean.

Tate and Hannah are both fantastic characters. They both had depth and development which is something so necessary for me as a reader. I felt like I was getting to know them through each page- not only knowing them but liking them too.

Tate is determined to give his nephew a good life and a legacy. He has goals and ideas for how to go about doing this. There has been so much tragedy and now it is time for love and safety. I loved this about Tate. His concern, his protection and his planning. I loved the mishmash family he created with his coach, his nephew and himself. It wasn't typical, but it was family. It felt good.

Hannah is strong and determined as well. She and Tate are very alike, but different too. Hannah has an easy way about her that makes her a very likable character. I was drawn in by her charms just as Tate was.

This book was easy to read and hard to put down. I was drawn in and invested in this story. So good!

Content: Clean, some references to drug addition and child neglect and abuse. A brief moment of mild violence.
