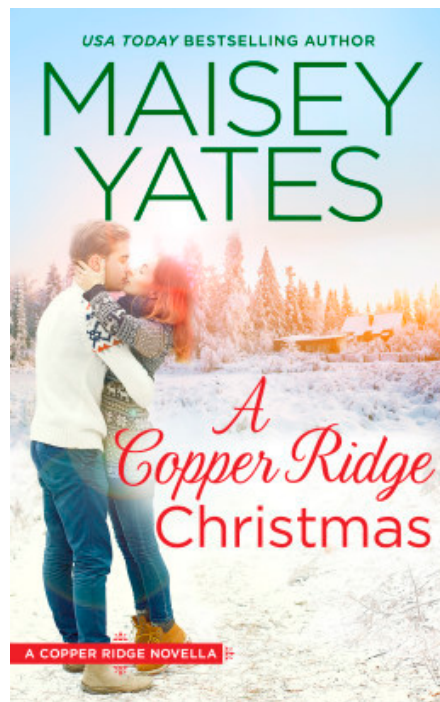




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## A Copper Ridge Christmas Details

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## From Reader Review A Copper Ridge Christmas for online ebook

### Kim says

Review Coming

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### CJ - It's only a Paper Moon says

This was a cute and steamy read and I just wish it were longer. I'm a sucker for Maisy Yates and Copper Ridge and there was something so undeniably right with Ryan and Holly being together, that I wanted more time with them. I wanted to read more about their personal growth, their pasts (together and separate) and I wanted to get to know Margi and Dan and Elizabeth.

But that's not how novella's work.

With that in mind, I give this a 3.8 because I was invested, intrigued and rooting for Holly and Ryan. I loved their chemistry, their banter and how much they meant to each other.

I don't think I can look at a Peanut Butter sandwich the same way again.

If you are a Christmas story fan, a Maisy Yates or Copper Ridge fan, or if you just like stories about normal slightly damaged people that are realistic getting together, then I recommend this one.

\*Netgalley Read in exchange for an honest review\*

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### Quinn's Book Nook says

I've been wanting to try Maisy Yates' romances for awhile now. Mostly because I've heard good things, but also because she just has the best book covers. The novella, *A Copper Ridge Christmas*, seemed like a perfect way to check out Yates' writing style. **While I did have some issues with *A Copper Ridge Christmas*, I can definitely say, I want to read more of Yates' books.**

The premise behind *A Copper Ridge Christmas* is that Holly Fulton wants to throw a Christmas Party for the foster parents that helped her out so much when she was younger and she needs Ryan's (who was also fostered by the same family) help. And while they plan the party, they fall for each other.

I always prefer novellas when the hero and heroine know each other prior to the beginning of the story, because it makes everything so much more plausible. **It was fun to see Holly and Ryan fall for each other.** They both had secret feelings for each other when they were younger, and spending so much time together now and just bringing those feelings up to the surface. However, I wouldn't say that I just knew that Holly and Ryan needed to be together. I liked them together, but it wasn't a strong feeling, if that makes sense.

But, of course, both Holly and Ryan have issues because of their biological families. They are understandable issues, but I do think Holly took it too far. **While I understand that she was afraid, Holly did say some pretty unforgiveable things to Ryan**, in my opinion. I really felt like she should have done

some serious groveling.

**But, overall, I did enjoy this novella, and I certainly want to read more by Yates.** I want to see what she does with a full-length novel. This review was originally posted on Quinn's Book Nook

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### **Danielle says**

Holly and Ryan are Foster siblings. This year Holly plans to throw her foster parents a surprise Christmas party as a thank you and she has asked Ryan to help.

Both Holly and Ryan had crushes on one another but knew they couldn't do anything about it or it might wreck the family dynamics. With Christmas just weeks away these two get closer and they find out this will be the best Christmas after all.

If you are looking for a cute quick Christmas read I highly suggest getting know Ryan and Holly. They both come from different pasts but it made them closer and helped them others stand each other a little better.

I think my favorite character in this story had to be Ryan. He comes off as moody and wanting to be alone but you can see the difference in him when he is with Holly. I adored how he through her a little birthday, Hanukkah, st Patrick's day, Valentine's and Christmas party that was all rolled into one just for the two of them. It showed he really cared and was in it for the long haul even though he wasn't completely sure that's what he wanted.

Other characters from coopers ridge are mentioned but they aren't around much in this story. In a way I was glad but another part of me was a little disappointed not being able to catch up with the characters I have grown to love. Hopefully in the next book they will be around more.

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### **Jessica Figueroa says**

Holly is looking to throw a christmas party for her foster parents who had made christmas special for her. With the help of an old foster sibling she'll get things done. But things start to heat up for the two the longer they work together. Lines will be crossed and boundaries will be tested for the two.

I loved this fun quick and steamy. Great way to heat things things up for the holidays that are quickly coming along. I loved this book. I loved that for a short book this book did come with some great characters, interesting back stories and I really loved that it didn't take long to read. I can be pretty swamped for the holidays and hardly find time to read. So I appreciate a holiday book with a great story that's short and fun to read. Highly recommend!

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### **Laura the Highland Hussy says**

Review posted on Got Fiction?

I really like this series. In this novella, we meet Ryan and Holly, who were foster siblings. Holly wants to throw their foster parents a Christmas party, but she needs Ryan's help. Ryan who she's had a crush on for years, but was her foster brother at one point so he's off limits...right?

Ryan for his part, is a big, hermit, grinch. He lives on his boat, and rarely interacts with the outside world. Until Holly makes him. He knows this party means a lot to her, and it will mean a lot to their foster parents. But he doesn't really think of Holly as a sister. And that makes it hard.

Once upon a teenage time, they'd had a moment. You know, a MOMENT. But Ryan knew it was wrong, and he left shortly after. Holly spent some time pining away, but she sucked it up and moved on, sort of. But now, with the sexual tension running high, and lots of time spent together, they're each having trouble remembering why this would be a bad idea.

I've really enjoyed Maisey Yates' books, and this Copper Ridge series especially. A Christmas novella is always fun, but this was really cute. With typical Maisey Yates humor, this sweet romance manages to be both sexy and fun. Grab it now, you'll really enjoy it.

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### **Ami says**

I enjoyed Yates' "*Copper Ridge*" series -- and I am happy to find out that there will be more books coming next year -- so I welcomed this Christmas novella with open arms. I didn't remember whether Holly and Ryan made appearance in the novel, though, but I liked the idea of foster siblings. Heck, I wanted to read more romance stories that started in foster care.

Both Holly and Ryan didn't have a good childhood before they became foster kids. Ryan came from an abusive family while Holly's mother neglected her. I could definitely see why Holly wanted to have the Christmas party for her foster parents -- but I still didn't understand why Ryan was so reluctant. Was he simply being a grinch or was there a different reason altogether? Because he clearly thought his foster parents were good people...

I liked their banters and the difference in their personality. All in all, it was a nice addition to the series.

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### **Quinn's Book Nook says**

Holly said some pretty unforgivable things to Ryan, and that really frustrated me. But overall this wasn't bad. Not great, either.

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### **Aly says**

"There were a few things Holly Fulton knew for certain. The first was that Ryan Masters would not be looking forward to Christmas. The second was that she needed him if she was going to pull off her plan for a perfect holiday party. And the third was that if she was approaching the metaphorical badger in his metaphorical den, she needed to bring bait. In this instance, bait was takeout cheeseburgers and curly fries from Ace's Bar."

What I liked :

- The hero rugged and loner personality, his "Scrooge-ish" attitude about Christmas and that he's a fisherman and live on a boat
- The banters (of course the banters, because Maisey Yates is one of the best at writing it)
- The sizzling chemistry between Holly and Ryan and the awkward(for them but funny for the reader) double entendre
- The hero faith in his feelings, even after the crappy role model he had, and how he trust his instinct
- That Holly used to find beards not attractive but she find it pretty on Ryan
- That together, Ryan and Holly help each other get rid or make peace with their issues from the past
- When Ryan prepare the surprise parties for Holly

At first I was not so sure about the foster thing. Maisey Yates handled it well, there was nothing ambiguous or weird about it, they were raised not like brother and sister but more like friend or roommate, I guess I'm just not totally comfortable with the idea. But this novella was too good to bother about this detail.

"We aren't really normal. You know that, right?"

"Peanut butter sandwiches, purple condoms, and a Christmas-birthday-Hanukkah-Valentine's Day party aren't typical aspects of human courtship?"

"Who cares? They're part of ours."

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## **Stacee says**

I really like the Copper Ridge series, so I knew was going to get something sweet and mostly fluffy.

Holly and Ryan were interesting. I loved how they were so different in their personality, but had similar backgrounds. The little bit of banter was fun and I adored the grand-ish gesture at the end. I definitely would have loved more from these two, even just another chapter or an epilogue.

Overall, a super quick read for a holiday season.

**\*\*Huge thanks to Harlequin and NetGalley for providing the arc in exchange for an honest review\*\***

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## **Jonel Boyko says**

Yates shows readers another side of Copper Ridge with this Christmas novella. At the same time, she shows how relationships aren't easy. They take work, but are worth the reward. Through this all, Yates brings Copper Ridge to life in a vivid way, giving readers access to the lives of her characters.

I liked the character development in the past and present, as well as how past perceptions tie into today's actions and reactions. It gave me a complete and complex view of the main characters without detracting from the forward motion of this novella.

Yates is one of those rare authors who can make me cry and leave me with a warm, fuzzy feeling at the same time. She definitely does that with this Copper Ridge Christmas novella.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

## April says

### Great Christmas romance

Yates has written the ultimate Christmas romance.

The characters and their dialogue make this book. They are snarky and dynamic. They are funny and broken. The story is well written and well delivered.

I recommend this book to fans of the genre.

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## Nate Brightman says

A Copper Ridge Christmas is the bookend novella for the first series focused around the Garrett family with in the larger series involving other Copper Ridge residents. We were introduced briefly to the heroine Holly as the wedding coordinator for Eli and Sadie's wedding in Bad News Cowboy. Our hero is Ryan a fisherman by trade who spent a few months in the same foster home of the Travers (who own the farm market that Jake from Shoulda Been a Cowboy stole from and Kate Garrett worked at) with Holly. Although they both felt an attraction he thought he was too much older than her to act upon it before he was ready to leave foster care and start his life as a self supporting adult. Fast forward ten years and Ryan and Holly have remained in casual contact mostly via reunions around holidays at the Traver's home. The Travers now retired winter in Hawaii and are coming home for Christmas. Holly now a party planner wants to throw them a big Christmas party like Margie Travers used to do to honor them. She enlists a begrudging and grumpy Ryan's assistance. Ryan a loner is reluctant but he can't refuse because it's for the Travers for whom he is so grateful for helping him grow up and it's Holly whom he's long held a deep seated desire for asking. Long buried desire on both Holly and Ryan's parts resurfaces and sparks fly. Since both Holly and Ryan were foster children it goes without saying they're each carrying a freight car's worth of emotional baggage from their sad childhoods that gets in the way of their HEA.

I'm beginning to think that the novella, approximately 100 pages long is the perfect vehicle for a modern romance novel. If we're being completely honest they all follow the same story arc. Boy meets girl, immediate physical attraction that signifies they are "soul mates" is felt by both, which one or both immediately resist. Eventually they are unable to resist the physical attraction and have the greatest most orgasmic sex of their lives. Both have emotional baggage so they fight their undeniable emotional connection while satisfying their physical attraction with each other which of course is never slaked. At some point one confronts the other that they are in love and want more than sex from their relationship. After much soul searching and tears the one remaining resistant to acknowledging their love because they're afraid of being hurt, has his or her "Ah Ha" moment, both accept they are soul mates and promise to love each other forever and live HEA. Everything in the story between these key points is pretty much filler, in many cases unnecessary and boring drama that only lengthens but doesn't enhance the story while the protagonists take one step backward for every two steps forward towards their HEA. Too often it's dull filler used to transform a 100-page novella into a 250-300-page book. In my experience many of the modern romance books I've read would have been more entertaining if they'd been condensed to the shorter novella format and eliminated a few of the steps backward sequences which felt forced.

A Copper Ridge Christmas is a perfect little holiday romance novella. The author Maisey Yates is a genius when it comes to fleshing out her characters bringing them to life as multi-dimensional people we care about. Such is the case in this book with Holly and Ryan. Also in this short story she's at her best with the witty

banter between our two star crossed lovers, especially early in the book before they get naked and satisfy their pent up lust. Your heart will ache for their pain and soar with their joy. Your glasses will fog with the steamy sex. She even throws in what to me was a little surprise in who discovers first they want to go for the brass ring and who has to be persuaded. As an added bonus for readers of this series we get a brief glimpse of Eli, Sadie, Connor, Liss, Ruby and mention of the next big event in their lives. Sadly even though working at the Traver's farm market was a part of sister Kate's story, she and Jack aren't mentioned. Maybe I'm just an easy grader but I think as a modern romance novella Yates has done a fantastic job again and I give this one 5 stars.

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## Becky says

I've been in a Oregon cowboy/holiday mood, so decided it was the perfect time to \*finally\* get to this Copper Ridge novella. It perfectly hit the spot!

Ryan and Holly have known each other for years, ever since they shared a set of foster parents. Though their time with the family didn't overlap a whole lot, Margie and Dan (the foster parents) have always made an effort to keep their "kids" a part of their lives and Ryan and Holly both still live in Copper Ridge. They've been a part of each others' lives since childhood, and have been *aware* of each other almost as long. So when Holly asks Ryan to help her to put on a holiday party for the Traverses, they're suddenly spending more time together than either is sure is particularly wise, and...things happen.

The fact that the two of them have a history definitely helps to make the shorter format of a novella work for their story. A longer work would have given us more information and details about why Holly and Ryan both think lasting, loving relationships won't ever work for them, but honestly, I think we get enough of their background here to make their current hang-ups make sense; personally, I'd much rather they focus on the present and learning to be able to move on instead, which they do nicely. They have great chemistry, and his gruff grumpiness and her relentless cheer play off of each other nicely throughout. Who declares themselves to whom first is a pleasant surprise, as is which one makes a run for the hills...and the grand gesture is very sweet. And maybe a little bit sticky, too ;)

Overall, this was a sweet holiday read that just hit the spot in my busy holiday weekend.

Rating: 4 stars / B+

*I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.*

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