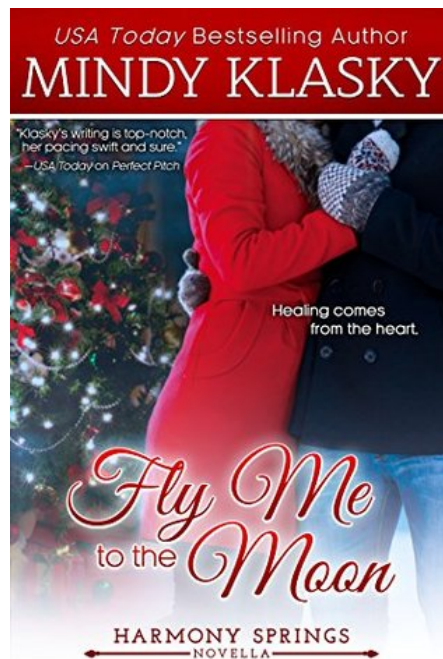




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A sweet and sexy small town contemporary romance.

Lexi Taylor never let herself be defined by the fire that burned her when she was just a kid. Now, she happily works at The Christmas Cat, a year-round holiday boutique. So what if she wears long sleeves to hide her scars? Who cares if her relationships don't last long enough for a lover to see her damaged back?

Tom "Finn" Finnegan is one week out of the Army, fresh from Afghanistan. He vowed to visit the parents of J-Dawg, his best friend who was killed by a roadside bomb almost a year ago. But promises are easier made than kept—especially when J-Dawg haunts Finn's dreams.

When he literally stumbles into The Christmas Cat, Finn shatters dozens of ornaments, not to mention Lexi's peace of mind. The only way he can repay her is to take on handyman work in her store. But "other duties as assigned" takes on new meaning when sparks sizzle between the couple. Can Lexi and Finn find the key to healing each other's scars as Christmas approaches in Harmony Springs?

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Patti Fischetti says

A good Novella for Christmas.

A soldier who has PTSD and a girl who is scared for life have an shattering encounter that starts out bad but then ends up right. They end up helping each other in the healing process that changes both their lives and teaches them how to love and be loved. At first in was a little sceptical about the story but as I read I couldn't put it down. Some pretty strong language and some descriptive scenes but the story was very good. The characters were well defined and the Christmas theme just brought it all together.

Barbara "Cookie" Serfaty Williams says

Fly Me to the Moon: A Small Town Contemporary Romance

This the love story of Alexandra and Tom. Tom is a return soldier and Alexandra is the owner of the Christmas Cat who was badly burn in a fire. This is a Christmas story where love find a way and the opening book for a new series.

Cathy Geha says

Small town Harmony Springs is the setting for this new series by Mindy Klasky. The first story of the series introduces some of the characters for future books but focuses on two injured but very strong people. Lexi Taylor suffered physical pain and damage when she was only twelve and it has impacted her ever since – sometimes in ways she is not really aware of any longer. Tom Finnegan “Finn” is in town to follow up on a promise he made to a comrade in arms. Finn is carrying baggage from his childhood, the war and the loss of his friend – this overlaps into his life and leaves him not only with PTSD but other issues he needs to deal with. Finn and Lexi have chemistry from the very beginning but will chemistry be enough to provide them with more than a temporary relationship.

3.5 Stars

Michele says

The process of fragments becoming whole

Loved this. So many great elements. Two damaged souls coming together to heal from what life has inflected upon them.

Celena says

Fly Me to the Moon is the first of a great new romance series written by Mindy Klasky. This series uses the backdrop of the sweet little town of Harmony Springs and features several of its residents as the main characters. In this first installment, Fly Me to the Moon, we meet Alexandra "Alexi" Taylor and Tom Finnegan "Finn". Alexi and Finn meet at Alexi's Christmas shop, The Christmas Cat, while Finn is searching for a gift, but Finn is dealing with personal issues related to ending his military career and an accident in the shop leaves Alexi to figure out how to save her business and how to help Finn. While Alexi is trying to overcome her own past, can she help Finn, or will Finn help her? Maybe they just need each other.... I enjoyed this book. It was a great introduction to the new series and I look forward to learning more about the other interesting characters of Harmony Springs.

Lyns says

Very good characters, but they need to talk more. I like that they are both damaged and help each other heal. The version I read was called Harmony Christmas.

Tracey says

Mindy Klasky is one of those writers who plays tricks on my brain. She was on my List (the roll of authors to follow and keep track of), but I had to go check and remind myself of what it was ... and when I did I was a little surprised; the Glassblower trilogy wasn't something I adored, and yet the author's name always rings a small, positive, bell.

Happily, *Fly Me to the Moon* was simple unabashed fun. I knew her from her fantasy work, but this is a contemporary romance, and a nice one. Lexi is a woman with scars, literal and metaphorical, who owns a highly improbably Christmas-themed shop in a tourist town – improbably because it's one of those shops which abound in cozy mysteries and romances which stand about a four percent chance of survival. Who knows – maybe this is part of the four percent. Into the town comes another scarred soul, Tom Finnegan, who is just returned from battle, and is in town intending to talk to the parents of a buddy killed in action. A duty which he keeps shirking. He goes into the shop looking for a gift for the buddy's mother, and suffers the traditional fate of the bull in the china shop. Owing Lexi more than he could pay, he contracts to work for her until his debt is paid off... and until his debt of honor is paid off. And of course until he – they – figure out the connection growing between them.

It's a strange thing; main character Lexi's pets sounded remarkably familiar. She has a three-legged hound and a one-eyed cat – and I could swear I just recently read another book where the heroine had a three-legged dog and a disabled, if not one-eyed, cat.

There were a couple of things that irked me... Lexi was horribly burned in a house fire, and since then has never tolerated so much as a lit candle around her ... yet she has a gas stove. I've never been burned that badly, and I'm afraid of those things. Also, she makes a decision which should have a major impact on the whole of her life through the business into which she has put so much, but never seems to think about it.

But when all's said and done it's ... charming. No, really. I like these people, I like the setting, and I like the writing. Nice.

Eileen Rodriguez says

Get to the point

The book was not bad, but she too long to get to the point of the story. Very quick read

Rachel- Goodbye Borders says

Lexi was burned as a child and has a fear of fire. She hides her burns and is limited due to her fear (she doesn't cook on her gas stove). She owns an ornament store. Finn was in military and now out, struggled with what to do next. He has PTSD and deals with it by drinking. He came into town with goal of meeting the parents of a deceased military friend.

Finn and Lexi meet when he comes into her store and literally stumbles into a tree breaking all the ornaments on it. Having no money, they agree that he will work off the money owed over the next month.

I liked both characters. Both were perfect for the other in that they each had their own scars. In meeting and developing a relationship that grew, both were able to confront their issues and work on them.

Jackie Blatt says

Fly Me to the Moon (Harmony Springs Book 1)

A lovely book to enjoy. The Author has a way of making me feel like I was in this book. The characters are all so interesting and different. A truly unique book.

Debbie Oxier says

I couldn't get into this story. The hero, an army vet, comes to town to meet with his friend, J-Dawg's, parents after the man was killed serving his country. Tom suffers from PTSD and hears J-Dawg talking to him all the time. He often hits the bottle to forget the atrocities he witnessed in the war.

Lexi owns a Christmas boutique. She's doing her best to stay afloat. When Tom comes in looking for a gift for J-Dawg's parents, he accidentally knocks over a Christmas tree on display, shattering several very valuable ornaments in the process, because of a nail gun going off in the back room, Lexi has no choice but to ask him to pay for the damages. When the total comes to \$5,000, Tom is floored. He doesn't have that kind of money. He offers to work off the debt by doing the obvious repairs the store needs. When she agrees, her best friend and her brother both rake her over the coals. To them, Tom seems unstable and he's a complete stranger.

Here's my complaint. Tom and Lexi get off to a really bad start. His bad attitude plus his reaction to the nail gun, frightens Lexi. Even so, she agrees to his working off the debt. (Shoulder shrug) I can live with that. However, as soon as Tom comes to work the next day, he's touching her hair, making a move on her, kissing her. And she lets him. All of a sudden she's ready to hop into bed with the guy. It was way too soon for

anything like that to happen. I was extremely disappointed. I was looking forward to them getting to know one another and Lexi helping Tom with his problems. In addition, Lexi had been burned in a fire and was very self-conscious about her scars. He could have helped her too. Needless to say, I didn't finish it. I felt like it could have been much more when truthfully, all the author was interested in was getting them straight to a physical relationship. It actually turned me off. Hence the one star.

Miriam Acevedo says

Reason

I choose the book because I like the title. It was pretty decent to see what Finn was going through, a lot of vet has this and more complicated issues. Lexi also had her issue but I felt more from Finns then hers. But in all a good balance with the need they had . pretty good.

Clotilde Martinez says

I have this thing well I guess you can call a habit. If I see something pretty, interesting or so unique that I have to get it. Usually my wallet makes me wait a day or two or sometimes weeks.. This was the case with above novella. Seriously, how cute is that cover. Feels very Christmas and I do love my Christmas stories in the springtime. Now, I'm not a huge fan of novella as I feel that the characters develop too quickly or they just sit there like a tuna fish sandwich left over from last Tuesday.

In this story, you have Tom Finnegan who is trying to adjust to civilian life as he just left the Army. He made a promise to his deceased best friend that he would visited his parents but somehow finds himself unable to do those. Lexi Taylor suffered a childhood injury that while it didn't destroy her zest for life. It did however hinder her when it came to relationships especially in the matters of love. Tom aka Finn meets Lexi for the first time at her holiday store. He goes there to buy a gift for his buddy's parents. Lexi has a policy at her store " You broke it, you buy it" Guess what happens next-that's right. Thru a series of accidents at the store involving Lexi's brother's inability to handle a tool, Tom finds himself with a hefty bill. He made a deals with Lexi to fix what is need at the store which she agrees to. Her brother doesn't like the idea but Lexi's mind is already made up. Next day, Tom shows up to work and suddenly they are hooking up to the delight of local town gossips. It's a small town. Things are going well for our couple then Lexi gets upset with Tom for not coming clean to her. They break up..they get back together. That's it. Finn gets the help he needs. Lexi finally allows herself to be loved and I'm finding myself wanting more for them like another chapter or two.

Sujatha says

Romantic Love story

This is a romantic love story of Finn and Lexi. Finn is a soldier who has left the army and Lexi is a Christmas store owner.

Both suffer from their own past. Finn suffers from PTSD, the loss of a friend and fellow soldier. As Finn says "Its not like I'll go to couple of meetings and I'll suddenly be healed" Lexi on the other hand went through a fire accident during childhood. And still carries the past and her scars.

It is interesting how these two emotionally effected individuals come together as lovers. I liked the characters and the setting in a small town, Harmony Springs.

Jenny says

Meh. It was okay. I'm getting tired of the insta-lust/insta-love thing. For a novella, it makes sense, but, really... Somebody who has serious body issues isn't likely to jump into bed with a complete stranger, much less a complete stranger who has shown himself to be a less-than-stable dude. Ugh. Maybe I'm just in a reading slump.
