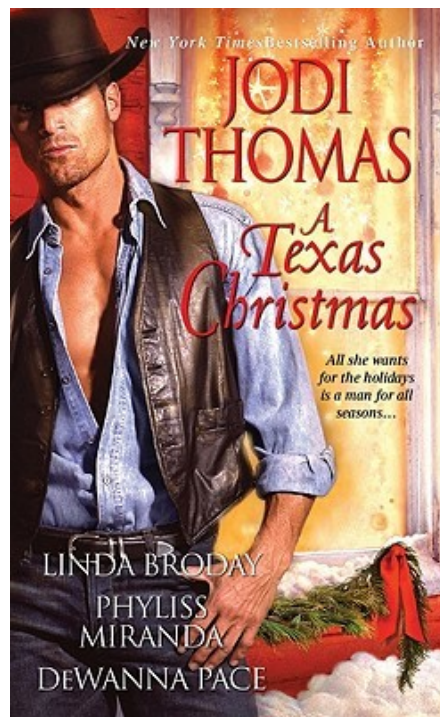




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In the Texas Panhandle, the winters are long, the storms fierce--and the Yuletide nights are sizzling. *New York Times* bestselling author Jodi Thomas along with Linda Broday, Phyliss Miranda and DeWanna Pace, bring you one tempting holiday delight. . .

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THE CHRISTMAS BELL by LINDA BRODAY

A quiet loner wants to help a stranded widow have a holiday to remember. . .

AWAY IN THE MANGER by PHYLISS MIRANDA

And a female saloon owner tired of being scorned by respectable folk gets some very naughty help from a handsome greenhorn...

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Jennifer Brown says

One Wish - A Christmas Story by Jodi Thomas - Maggie has to hide out at Sam's place after he rescues her from a robbery. Because they are both lonely souls they decide to "pretend" to be married (kissing, touching, etc). This had so much potential but their odd behavior, social awkwardness, just made it weird. Would be great as a longer novel so we got to see the characters grow. 2 stars

Naughty or Nice by Dewanna Price - I couldn't get into the first page.

The Christmas Bell - Luna Broadway Sloan and Tess. She's rich / He's from a poor background. The train gets stuck in a blizzard. He rides in bringing supplies. Then there's a lot of not needed nonsense. Too many side characters. Basic issue they have to over come is he doesn't think he's good enough for her. 1 stars

Away in the Manger- Phyliss Miranda - I couldn't get into. There were lots of references to the folks in the previous stories but after 5 pages I just gave up.

Tonya Lucas says

Jodi, DeWanna, Linda, & Phyliss will bring Christmas joy into your heart with this intertwining historical romance. And what is Christmas in the West Texas Plains without a huge blizzard. The events that transpire are heartwarming and will leave you with an euphoria of the miracle of the season. Highly recommend this fantastic Christmas miracle.

Virginia Campbell says

"A Texas Christmas" is a holiday delight for lovers of Historical Western Romance. Four of the top writers of the genre, Jodi Thomas, Linda Broday, Phyliss Miranda, and DeWanna Pace, each contribute a holiday romance centered around the small town of Kasota Springs, TX. When a fierce Winter storm rocks the Texas Panhandle, lives are changed forever and hearts are brought together in unexpected ways. In "One Wish: A Christmas Story", by Jodi Thomas, childhood friends Sam Thompson and Maggie Allison are reunited when Sam saves Maggie's life during an attempted robbery at her general store. In childhood, they were both "misfits", and they formed a strong bond. Separated for years when Maggie was sent away to school, can they now renew their relationship, and find a lifetime love? "Naughty or Nice", by DeWanna Pace, pairs an Eastern society gentleman with a feisty frontier female. When James Elliott III is rescued from certain death in a snowstorm, his rescuer is Anna Ross, who happens to own the local saloon. At first, they seem to have little in common, but each of them has a secret. Neither of them is exactly what they seem, and they soon find themselves very attracted to each other. Can they convince themselves that theirs is more than just an "opposite attraction"? In "The Christmas Bell", by Linda Broday, handsome rancher Sloan Sullivan arrives by horse-drawn sleigh to rescue a train full of stranded passengers. On that train is the beautiful and wealthy Tess Whitgrove, whom Sloan has long admired and considered to be out of his reach. Sloan's pride and Tess's society status has kept him at a distance, but time spent in her company in the close quarters of the snowbound train makes him rethink his opinion of the lovely lady. When they are free at last, will the intense attraction they feel for one another bind their hearts and lives together forever? Phyliss Miranda ties all the

story lines together and adds a fun, touching romance with "Away in the Manger". Blacksmith Randall Humphrey keeps to himself as much as possible, has his life in order just the way he likes it, and thinks his content to be on his own. When a beautiful blonde with Texas blue eyes and two adorable children all come into his care, his world is turned upside down. Lovely Sarah Callahan and a precocious set of three-year old twins become Rand's holiday guests when the town of Kasota Springs is whitewashed by a blizzard. Rand is not as permanently grumpy as first thought, and soon Sarah sees beyond his rough exterior to the gentle giant's tender heart. When he goes out of his way to provide a Christmas to remember for her and the children, Sarah knows he has won her heart. Will Rand let go of a past heartache and reach out for the love and happiness he has found with Sarah and the children? The four talented authors who collaborated to bring us this romantic holiday treat also have written numerous other Texas-themed historical romance anthologies. I look forward to reading them all.

Michelle says

This is a fun mini series of Christmas stories where there's a lot of excitement and drama that happens when a blizzard rolls through town a few days before Christmas. Each story was delightful and gave me the fuzzy warmth I want in a sweet holiday historical book.

Tina says

A Texas Christmas is a collection of sweet western romances with sexy cowboys and strong western women who love them. All four stories take place in the Texas Panhandle in 1887. I've reviewed each story individually below.

In the first story, Sam Thompson needs to head home but he can't keep his eyes off of Margaret Allison. He can tell she's in danger but knows with his reputation no one, not even Margaret, will believe him. So he watches her from afar to keep her safe. He's had eyes only for her since they were kids and she shared a sandwich with him. She's rich while he's poor so he knows to keep to himself. Maggie has one wish for Christmas, to find a loving man. When Sam rescues Maggie from three men who try to rob and rape her, he ends up getting shot. Maggie nurses him back to health and discovers she may just get her loving man for Christmas after all.

One Wish: A Christmas Story by Jodi Thomas has Maggie a fiercely independent woman, who may be rich but lets her heart guide her. She wants a man who values the same things she does, love and respect. Sam's family doesn't have the best reputation but Sam is a kind and thoughtful man. No one knows it though because he keeps to himself. Watching these two characters fall in love made me smile; they're truly perfect for each other and you can feel the love they have for each other coming off the pages. I found this to be a perfect western Christmas story.

In the second story, James Elliott III was searching for rosettes when a storm started brewing. He had wandered away from his horse and shelter looking for the flowers and now he's lost. Meanwhile, Anna Ross has taken her wagon and gone to get her saloon's whiskey supply when the blizzard flares up. On the way home she spots James, bloody and unconscious in the snow. Taking him into her cart, she finds a shelter from the storm for them and they end up becoming fast friends. James finds out the town scorns Anna's existence and devises the perfect plan to help her out.

Naughty or Nice by DeWanna Pace has James, a frivolous man who is not typically what you would expect to see in the West. In fact, he's kind of the Anti-Wild-West, and it's kind of funny. He has no common sense whatsoever but has a good heart and is smart, just not street smart, if you know what I mean. Anna, on the other hand, is not book smart but she is street smart. She's not typical for her time either, but she's strong and self-reliant. Watching these two characters, who are polar opposites, find love was both funny and heartwarming. They are proof that opposites do attract.

In the third story, Sloan Sullivan has a bum right leg, from an old injury, which is protesting being out in the snow. He notices the Fort Worth and Denver City Locomotive stuck in the mountain drifts and knows they are going to need wood and supplies for the people inside the train to survive. He gathers things together and takes them to the train. Tess Whitgrove, a passenger on the train, sees Sloan coming with supplies and is overjoyed. The blizzard had made it impossible for her to go for help. She didn't count on getting stranded on the train with him and discovers she has more than passing feelings for the man.

The Christmas Bell by Linda Broday has Tess, who's seen Sloan in town but has never spoken with him. Sloan knows Tess has money and thinks she's too good for him so he stays away from her. Now Tess sees a chance to get to know a man she's always been fascinated by and decides to pursue him. These two lovers are sweet and romantic. Sloan is a hero who doesn't know he's a hero and Tess has a heart of gold. They are perfect together.

In the fourth story, Randle Humphrey wants to be left alone for Christmas. Instead he finds himself babysitting Edwinna's niece, who is new to town and has two children. Now he realizes he might just be getting the Christmas of a lifetime.

Away in the Manger by Phyliss Miranda has Rand and Sarah, who are a very unlikely couple. Sarah is a proper lady who has two children. She doesn't have a husband so it's been difficult for her. Rand is a man who's always lived life his way; he doesn't care what other people think. Watching Sarah and her children bring love into his life was beautiful.

I enjoyed reading A Texas Christmas; it was a great anthology and is a book I will be keeping on my shelf. It's the perfect holiday romance and made me smile.

Glenda Kinard says

Wonderful book by four very talented authors. Each book in this anthology grips at your very soul and has you cheering on each lady to get that one true love when they believe themselves destined to be old maids. Oooohhh don't forget the handsome guys need some cheering on also for they themselves think that true love will never be for them either but when the sparks start two hearts will burn into one if they can survive the worst blizzard they can recall and even a few outlaws, crooked sheriffs, overbearing neighbors and an incorrigible aunt. I will most definitely be reading other books by these wonderful ladies. Linda Broday has

already captured my heart with several other books of hers. Jodi Thomas also has gotten my attention with several of her books. Phyllis Miranda and Dewanna Pace (RIP) have also piqued my curiosity into reading more books by these two great authors. It greatly saddens me that Dewanna Pace is no longer with us and the world will miss out on other wonderful books she may have penned. All four of the stories are sweet and charming and very endearing to ones heart and definitely should be on a readers keeper bookshelf

Tracy says

Gave up on this one. Romance is really just not a genre for me, I guess, at least for reading. Every holiday season, I get sucked into the somewhat sappy Christmas romance movies that Hallmark Channel comes up with every year, and so that, for some inexplicable reason, makes me think that giving the holiday romance genre another try is a good idea. It's never a good idea. Never.

These stories were okay. I really only read the first one all the way through—it was kind of sweet and luckily not smutty or overly graphic like so many romances are, and there was even a hint of a plot line other than just straight up romance: two characters getting together just to have copious amounts of graphically detailed sex. I gave up reading the second one after the female character of the story, a woman named Anna who seemed pretty tough and not the swooning-over-a-man type, literally lets go of the reins of her oxen during the middle of nasty blizzard so she can start making out with a guy she just met. I started the third one and probably read half but then just put the book down totally, deciding not to continue.

Another problem I have with romances—besides the aforementioned reasons—is the repetitive phrasing, circuitous plotting, and/or lack of editing. The author repeats the same thing that was just said not one sentence ago, but just in slightly different way. Or, pages later, you the reader are being reminded of something that was already stated but that you have apparently forgotten because you the reader are so dumb you can't possibly remember something that was mentioned two or three pages ago. This was a big hang up about the first story in the book for me. Maybe it's not that the readers are that dumb but perhaps the characters are that thus, such ridiculous repetition is warranted. For example, in the first story, it's mentioned that the cowboy's first wife, who was really too young to be a good companion for the cowboy, passed during childbirth two years ago (I forgot the name of the cowboy already). Later on, perhaps a few short chapters on, Maggie, the female character/love interest in the story is wondering why there aren't any feminine touches in the cowboy's house, so later, she asks the cowboy about it, and he replies that it was because his wife was so young and because she died two years ago. Basically, the whole thing is repeated—why? Because Maggie is moron, because the author thinks her readers are morons, or because there was lack of a good editor or just a good storyteller?

Anyway, this was, as they say, not my cup of tea. I think that one of the reasons I'm enticed by these stupid romance books time and time again is because I keep thinking there will be an actual plot. In the sappy but lovable (at least to me) Hallmark Channel Christmas movies, there's actual plot and conflict that goes along with the romance or really more the "G rated" two characters falling in love scenario. If you like the plot and the characters, then of course you don't mind having some romance mixed in. At least I don't. I've been surprised by books that I had no idea were romances or had sex in them but ended up loving them in spite of, or sometimes, because of that angle. (I think of "Ghost Planet" as a good example.) I suppose that's another reason I try out these romances every now and then, but I know I should probably stop. (Especially since, while I do love the Hallmark movies at Christmastime, the rest of the year I could do without them.)

Barbara says

The book contains four sweet romance stories by different authors, who are all new to me. The stories are set in Kasota, Texas during a blizzard in 1887. It's funny to see what some seemingly innocent actions were deemed scandalous back in those days.

Deidre says

A great collection of 4 loosely connected stories to get you started with the Holiday Spirit.

Samantha says

One Wish: A Christmas Story by Jodi Thomas

Margaret Allison is in some serious trouble. A group of drunken outlaws is headed into her store to rob her but the one man she hasn't seen in years is there to rescue her. Sam Thompson remembers Margaret as the only person in school who treated him like a part of the community instead of an outsider. She has always held a special place in his heart and now he is more than willing to step out on the line to help her.

After taking down the robbers, Margaret's life is still in danger and Sam agrees to take her to his home to hide out for a while. Margaret is surprised to learn that Sam is hiding a few secrets of his own and trouble is not far from his own door steps. While danger is lurking around the corner the two is swept up into their own romance.

Sam is compassionate and his caring nature is so endearing. Though he and his family have always been viewed as rebels and outsiders, he shows that he is the complete opposite. Margaret makes the perfect heroine for Sam. She sees him for the man he truly is and despite coming from a wealthy family she has never fit in as well. This is just a sweet story to warm the hearts of all readers.

Naughty or Nice by DeWanna Price

James Elliot III is injured out in the middle of a snow storm and help comes to him in the form of Anna Ross a woman that most of the town dislikes. James doesn't care why the townsfolk dislike Anna, all he knows is that she is beautiful, witty and one of the most sincere people he has ever met. After living a life full of lies back in Boston, he is happy to be around someone who is willing to accept him as the person he can finally be.

Anna Ross is nothing like I had expected. I like that there is no walls built up around her. She is open and honest with James. Anna is not the conventional heroine but that is the appeal about her character. The story of two unlikely and mismatch people coming together is wonderfully written.

The Christmas Bell by Linda Broday

Sloan Sullivan needs to question his sanity. He is out in the freezing cold trying to rescue passengers of a stuck train. One of the passengers just happened to be the one woman he has been avoiding, Tess Whitgrove. Coming from a family of money, everyone assumed that Tess is a spoiled brat but she is going to prove Sloan wrong. First, she has to get the man to come within two feet of her.

Illness is spreading among the passengers and new strangers arrive presenting a possibility of danger. Sloan has his hands full and he doesn't need Tess in the way but she is not able to sit down quietly. She rolls up her sleeves and helps out wherever she can and impresses Sloan. Tess realizes that she and Sloan are quite similar in character and the two begin to develop feelings during their time together.

Away in the Manger by Phyllis Miranda

Randall Humphries wants to give Scrooge a run for his money this season. All he wants is to hide away from the town's holiday cheer. That might not be an option when a woman and two small children show up in need of help. Sarah Callahan knew she should have stayed back home but she want her twin to know their family. Now she is stuck with a handsome stranger who slowly gives her the best give of all...love.

Sarah is caring and open with her emotions. The love she shows the children and Rand is sweet. She is the type of heroine that readers root for. The children's slow and gradual acceptance of Rand will make readers fall for him. The author throws in a hint of danger to give the story some spice. This is a warm and inviting holiday read.

Wminbc says

This anthology had four great short stories by authors I have never read before. One this about historicals would be the build up and then lack of follow through, this was not the case in A Texas Christmas. Having read several great cowboy stories over this year (with very low to low steam rating), I have truly fallen in the love with the west. This excellent book presented four interconnected couples who all live in a small town in Texas. A huge winter storm on Christmas Eve traps the characters into different situations and settings. Since each story is short, I don't want to give too much away.

I loved the first story by Jodi Thomas of childhood friendship turned to love. Sam and Maggie hide out at Sam's ranch while the Sheriff hunts down the men that tried to rob Maggie's store. The two rekindle their friendship and build on it to create something that will last forever.

The second story was one of a gutsy girl named Tess trying to help a train full of passengers along with the one man from town she can't seem to get out of her mind, Sloan Sullivan. Over the course of the storm, Tess proves her grit by working tirelessly to help deliver a baby, feed the passengers, render first aid to a sick man and bring Christmas joy to four orphans. All the while, Sully works just as tirelessly to prove his love to Tess.

The third story broke my heart, but the children proved to not only their mother but their new daddy that love has a way of healing all wounds. Phyllis Miranda delivers a touching story in "Away in a Manger". Randall gives Sarah the one thing should would never dare ask to have for Christmas, a home for her children. In return, Sarah heals Randall's broken heart, mends his family ties and shares her love and her children with him.

The final story was my favorite. "Naughty or Nice" should have been called Naughty and Nice, since Anna was so truly both those descriptions. As a society man, James Elliot III, or Trey as Anna called him, was new to the area and hell bent to prove himself a success to his family. Shunned by her parents, Anna left the east years ago to become a saloon owner and loner. As these two spend time trapped in a Christmas party that doesn't end, they begin to see that what you believe someone to be is not always who they really are.

I highly recommend this Historical Western...Enjoy!

Sue Stewart says

Great stories - each a unique look on Christmas!

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

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I loved the Jodi Thomas story, and the other three stories were good as well. Overall rating: **3.5 stars/5.0 stars.**

Victoria Robinson says

Very good book it has 4 wonderful stories I recommended this book if you want a good read

Elaine Hathaway says

this was an exceptional book, it had 4 stories in it, and I enjoyed them, and found out all the stories, were related to the previous story, This had a few authors i have read in the past and a new one i have never read. I enjoyed this book , it really makes you get in the Christmas way, with the traditions they have and the way people are so nice and help one another. I was reading this during the christmas season and it was a perfect reading material. highly recommend this book, to make you believe in the magic of christmas.
