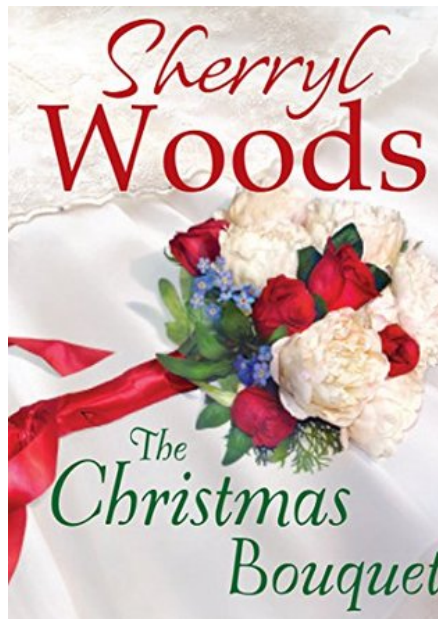




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Return to the beloved town of Chesapeake Shores for a classic Christmas tale from #1 New York Times bestselling author Sherryl Woods—and watch the new series Chesapeake Shores on Hallmark Channel!

For the very driven medical student Caitlyn Winters, catching the bridal bouquet at a Christmas wedding has set off a chain reaction that she's sure is more curse than blessing. Not only has she fallen in love with family medicine resident Noah McIlroy, but an unexpected pregnancy threatens her well-laid plans for the future. It doesn't help that Noah—with a whole lot of help from Caitlyn's O'Brien relatives—is completely on board with the prospect of marriage and happily-ever-after.

It takes a whole lot of patience, love and family persuasion to help Caitlyn realize that she can still have everything she ever wanted, including a home in her beloved Chesapeake Shores and a man who understands all her dreams.

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Debbie says

A quick read and a nice visit with the O'Brien family. Not really a Christmas book though.

Janeiowa says

I have read a number of Ms Woods previous novels and enjoyed most of them. However, I was very disappointed with this novel. I think the time has come for Ms Woods to pull the plug on this series. I'm glad I borrowed it from the Library and didn't pay for it. I also know this is the last of the Chesapeake Shores that I'll read.

The heroine, a fourth year medical student, was so selfish, stubborn, immature, arrogant, and generally unlikeable that I could hardly turn the pages. I'm also fed up with Grandpa Mick "manipulating" all the adults in his family so he can have his way. Seriously? Others allow this and think it's ok that he pits one twin against the other, to make her jealous in the hope she'll do as he wants.

Beth says

Not a favorite. I just wanted to smack Caitlyn through the whole book. I mean seriously?

Misty says

Horrible!!! This book was so repetitive and Caitlin was annoying and selfish throughout the book. I'd give Noah praise for sticking by her, but he's just as stupid putting up with her!! This was not a holiday book if you are looking for that, Christmas came and went in the Epilogue. What a disappointment!!!

Nikita (NjKinny's World of Books & Stuff) says

<http://www.njkinnyblog.com/2015/07/b...>

Caitlyn Winters is dedicated towards her goal of becoming a Doctor and then touring the poorer countries so she can help the underprivileged but her life changes right from the moment she catches the bridal bouquet! She suddenly finds that she is pregnant and her hopes of helping those people in Africa starts looking like a faraway dream. Add her boisterous family that still doesn't know of her affair with the resident Doctor, Noah, let alone the unplanned pregnancy, her life, as she knows it, is changed forever.

What will Caitlyn do?

*Will she succumb to Noah's plans of getting married and settling?
Will she give up her dream of serving the poor in some faraway country?*

I love Sherryl Wood's books and picked up this book because of three reasons. First, it was a Sherryl Wood novel. Second, the cover is just so pretty and third, I just loved the blurb apart from the catchy feel-good, Christmassy title.

The first thing I loved right from the start was Noah. He is mature, so understanding and deeply in love with Caitlyn. His patience and his perseverance when trying to make Caitlyn realize that their love and the baby is not a mistake and definitely not a hurdle in her path towards her goal. He is just so sweet and definitely a dream man for every woman.

Cait, on the other hand, had me feeling sympathetic towards her in the beginning when she first learned of her unexpected pregnancy but her later actions had me wanting to shake her until she got her senses back. Who pushes away a caring man and almost overworks themselves when they know that they are pregnant? She was just plain stupid in the later part of the book.

Her family is a mix bag and I loved each one of them with their boisterous, interfering but very caring natures. Caitlyn's sister intrigued me and I would love to read her story.

Sherryl's writing is her usual charming self but I felt the execution could have been better. Caitlyn somewhat failed in getting across her reasons of concern to the readers while Noah gained all our sympathy.

Despite being part of a series, this book can be read as a standalone.

All in all, The Christmas Bouquet is an entertaining read and makes us feel the love of a very persistent and completely in love man and the selfless love of one's family. **3.5 out of 5** to it and recommended to all romance lovers.

I received the book from NetGalley and I am very thankful to them. The above review is my honest and unbiased opinion and in no way influenced.

Nicole R says

Okay, I am officially done with cheesy Christmas contemporary romances for this year!

Caitlyn Winters is a very career driven woman. She has finished med school, is working through her intern years, and is looking forward to fulfilling her lifelong dream of returning to Africa to serve the people in small, poor communities. But, when she catches the bouquet at her cousin's Christmas wedding, she falls victim to the curse and quickly finds herself in a serious relationship with a great guy and pregnant with a child she never planned for. Can she blend this new life with her career goals and dreams? And, can she do it without giving in to her large, meddling family headed by her grandfather, the O'Brien patriarch?

Okay, this book was SLLLOOOWWW. It was redundant, Caitlyn was whiny and indecisive, and for someone so smart she sure was selfish. I just couldn't take her any more and flew threw the last half of the book just to finish. Also, the Christmas theme was not prevalent and I wanted more holiday spirit.

Eh.

Susan says

Very good book. Caitlyn is the twin who knows exactly what she wants and when she wants it. Shortly after catching the bridal bouquet at a family wedding she met and fell in love with Noah, a medical resident at the hospital where she's studying. Her studies are going well and her relationship with Noah is great - until she discovers she's pregnant. She is stunned and none too happy about the crimp it puts in her plans. Noah is just as stunned, but he doesn't mind at all. He wants to marry Caitlyn and have that happily-ever-after he pictures.

I liked Caitlyn. She's independent and determined and has her eyes set firmly on her goal of being able to help the people in an African village she's been to before. She's also very much in love with Noah, who shares many of her ideals. But when she discovers she's pregnant she's terrified that she will have to give up her dreams. As much as she loves him, having Noah immediately propose marriage just adds to her fears. When her family gets involved, the pressure just increases.

Noah loves Caitlyn. He is surprised by the pregnancy, but happy about it. He has no trouble picturing himself as a father. His plans for after his residency are to find a rural area in need of a doctor and set up a practice. After he finds out about the baby he knows some things will have to change, but he's pretty flexible. He's able to make some adaptations to those dreams that allow him to fulfill his desire to help while still remaining close. He is dismayed by Caitlyn's refusal of his proposal, but understands her fears. He has the patience to wait for Caitlyn to work through them.

I have to say that I loved Noah. He is supportive of her and her goals. He steps right up when she gets pregnant and is looking forward to being a father. He doesn't quite understand her reservations about telling her family until he meets them. I loved that first meeting and how well he did with the family. It helped that he wants to marry Caitlyn. I really enjoyed seeing him try to reign in Mick, the patriarch of the family, and the one most notorious for interfering. Noah really wants her to marry him before the baby comes, but he knows her well enough to know that she can't be pushed. He gets into trouble a couple times, but recovers well. I loved the gift he had for her at the end.

Caitlyn was having a hard time and she really didn't have to. She was so focused on how the baby was going to impact her plans that she nearly missed out on having it all. I understood her fears about having to give up her dreams, but she wasn't looking at the possibilities. It didn't help that she kept getting pressured by her family, especially her grandfather. I liked the fact that she never doubted Noah's love for her. I got a bit frustrated with her when she was avoiding home like it was the source of all her problems. It took awhile, and some advice from her mother and her mentor, before she finally started to look at the big picture. I loved her arrival at Noah's and how they worked things out. I loved the epilogue.

Lorraine says

A little holiday light reading. It may have taken Caitlyn a bit too long to decide, but..... How I would like to meet a man with the character of Noah with his "generosity of spirit." !

Janet Robel says

I've only read a few in this series, and think I would have enjoyed it even more had I been following it. This was really cute. Since Caitlyn and Noah are already dating, the story was about unexpected surprises and getting to their happily ever after. I thought it was a lovely addition to read for the holiday season.

Sherry says

I have to say that I have been a fan of the Chesapeake Shores series. Having said that, this was definitely not as compelling. I loved the O'Brien kids but I fear that the grandkids should be left out of this series. It seems that the plots are thinning out. Our heroine was really a selfish person. Her dreams & life plans seemed more important than the person she was in love with. He was an amazingly understanding partner and had the patience of a saint. I was really frustrated with reading and found myself skimming to see her AHA moment. Sadly this series has been declining the last few books. I would highly recommend the beginning of this series though, this one I just couldn't connect with the main characters.

Janis says

Touching and so sweet

Noah and Caitlin are two doctors who fall in love and have a baby. It all turned out happily ever after. Highly recommended

Eventually Caitlin realized that she didn't have to give up on her dreams just to please her family and Noah.

Kristina says

I had a hard time getting through this book. The main character, Caitlyn, is dealing with an unexpected pregnancy and is so completely selfish and illogical that she makes no sense at all. There are definitely better holiday reads out there that don't leave the reader nearly so frustrated by the character's decision-making process.

Beth Cutwright says

I was so excited to read Sheryl Woods's The Christmas Bouquet. I thought it would never be released, but finally the day came, and I held the hardback in my hand and I turned to the first page. Unfortunately, it took me days to read a book that I thought could be read non stop in one. Why would that happen? Was I too hyped on anticipation? Had I built it up in my mind that there was no way it could live up to my expectations? Well, I don't think that was what happened. Here's the deal, the female protagonist, Caitlyn Winters, was a character, I just could not connect with.

Now I liked the male protagonist, Noah McIlroy. He was patient and sweet and really loved Cait. When she shared her unexpected pregnancy with him, he showed all the signs of true caring and happiness. Cait on the other hand, did not want to accept this new reality. Throughout the book, I just wanted Noah or one of her O'Brien relatives to beat some sense into her head. Yes, she had a well planned future and having a baby

didn't really work into her perceived timeline at all. She wanted to help children in Africa, that was her dream. But her own little bundle of joy didn't seem to matter til near the end of the book. It was painful for me to support this line of reasoning from a main character.

Naturally, all's well that ends well, so eventually Cait overcame her doubts and the grip she held on her life plan and she saw the benefits of marriage to Noah, her true love and the birth of their baby in wedlock. I was glad I had continued to read the story through to the end, but I was never anything but annoyed with Cait Winters. Noah however, should have been inducted for sainthood!

Although I was satisfied with the ending, the full story, just didn't connect with me.

Angela says

I usually enjoy easy read Christmas stories- but I just couldn't get behind this one. I had such a hard time dealing with Caitlyn and her attitude. It just kept on and on and on.

Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says

Reviewed for Read Your Writes Book Reviews
by Kim

There aren't any surprises with The Christmas Bouquet. You know going in that there's going to be a happy ending. You know that Caitlyn is going to have to come to terms with her pregnancy and that she's not going to be able to fulfill her dream of going to Africa. What I didn't expect was for Noah to be so caring and understanding, knowing what Caitlyn needed and doing whatever it took to give her time to come to grips with her new reality.

I seriously love the O'Brien family and the Chesapeake Shores series. But the fact that the family was constantly pressuring Caitlyn to get married to the child's father was really old-fashioned. I found it to be very frustrating that no one seemed to understand or care that her unplanned pregnancy was going to mean that her dream for the future was over.

But with all of that said, I'm looking forward to the next book in the series.

****Received a copy from the publisher in exchange for an honest unbiased review.****
