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Joleen says

My 9th Christmas book of the season and my favorite so far. Also a very easy read, but lots of fun. Merry had been an orphan all her life, found on a church doorstep at Christmas, and had never been adopted. She was a happy young woman, but of course there was always a deep desire to belong. Struggling financially at the moment she is going so far as to go to the bank to see if she can borrow money. As she's waiting, an amazing opportunity arises to be a Christmas celebration organizer for a family who, due to the death of a man's wife during Christmas, has not been able to celebrate for three years. What happens while she's in the family home making plans is miraculous. Hearts are mended and healing happens. Merry is intrinsic to all this, knowing just how to draw people out, and create unity. However, as sparks are flying for her with the father (Daniel) he's had plans to marry another. This is a Sound of Music-esque story. I don't mind how similar it was, because I love that movie. It was modern day...no lederhosen nor nuns, but it was so well done, and just plain fun. Feel good book I recommend.

Sally906 says

MERRY'S CHRISTMAS was picked for my annual December predictable schmaltzy Christmas romance binge. But as well as the feel good boy meets girl, hurdles met and beaten, happily ever after story there is a story that reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas. The joy of giving, putting others first, faith, unselfishness and sacrifice. Merry is down but not out and her faith has not faltered, she prays and asks for the rent money and she gets a temporary job that more than covers the rent. As she plans the Christmas celebration for the Bell family she enables joy and happiness to replace the hurt that they have all been holding on to. Everyone learns the true meaning of giving is better than receiving, and to look after the needy. A feel good story that looked at one point that there was not going to be the happy ending that this reader wanted, but Christmas romance wouldn't be a romance without a happy ending, and the twist untwisted and I was more than happy.

Donna Weaver says

What my stars mean:

5 Stars--the book had a profound impact on me. It touched me on some special level and lingered with me long after I'd finished reading it.

4 Stars--I loved this book. If I don't own it, I will buy it so I can read it again and again.

3 Stars--I enjoyed the book but may have had an issue or two with it.

2 Stars--I had more than a few issues with it.

1 Stars--I hated it.

DESCRIPTION

Desperate to make ends meet, winsome diner waitress Merry Hopper pitches herself for a job as a Christmas Coordinator to a handsome widower, promising to bring Christmas back for his three kids. As the "haves" collide with the "have nots" of this world, Merry finds herself head over heels for the family she's never had,

most of all her new banker boss, not realizing that he's well on the way toward a Yuletide engagement to his employer's beautiful daughter.

MY TAKE

What a sweet love story. I really enjoyed the way Merry made an effort to get to know each member of the family and encouraged them to look at not just what they each wanted for Christmas but what they wanted to give their other family members.

writer... says

Amazing Christmas story, first of all, with elements of hope and dreams. Then the unique fulfillment leaves me entirely satisfied with this lovely story.

Authenticity of Merry's character is delightful as are her interactions and insights. I'd love to know her!

Be sure to pick it up when you have the chance. A wee Christmas blessing for yourself...

Kristen says

A very sweet Christmas story. Merry has been hired to bring Christmas to a family that hasn't celebrated it since the mother died 3 years ago during the holiday season. A tender, fun Christmas story perfect for this time of year.

Moral Note: Clean

Susan says

What a sweet story! Merry, an orphan who has never known love, is hired to be a Christmas planner for a family who lost their wife and mother three years previously. Like Mary Poppins she brings joy and love back to this family. Although she falls in love with the father, she unselfishly helps his girlfriend ingratiate herself to the children. But, of course, everything ends well. I really liked this little book.

Dee says

Two-haiku review:

Wife died at Christmas
Orphan waitress loves Christmas
Needs a family

So sweet and touching
Just perfect for holidays
I cried, so five stars

Janis Johns says

Oh what a sweet, sweet story of love and selflessness. All of the sudden I want to dig out my Christmas ornaments and start decorating. Is September too early? This book is an easy and fun read, and will make your heart burst with joy and hope.

Susan says

One of the best Christmas stories I've read. Merry's creative and childlike, which makes her very likeable. She understands life better than anyone, which gives her a "heads up" to what's happening in the Bell household. She reminds me of Maria in "Sound of Music."

Barbara says

This is an easy, fun read. While you might think it's predictable, you aren't really sure until the very end. It also goes to prove that even what seems to be the simplest of people often possess the most profound wisdom. This may be "fluff", but it's an enjoyable read.

Katie W says

Merry is an orphaned lady who has such a positive attitude. She is hard up for cash and applies for a job throwing a traditional family Christmas together. She gets the job and has such fun helping bring the true meaning of Christmas back to a broken family...and falling in love in the process.

I love how positive Merry is. She was left on a doorstep and never knew her parents, yet she was so cheerful and wise. I love the transformations that happened. A sweet (and clean) holiday story.

Melody says

I loved this book so very much, such a sweet Christmas story. I borrowed it from my Kindle lenders library, but for sure am buying my own copy. I want to read this book every Christmas! I would love to see this turned into a Hallmark movie, it would be utterly perfect. What a great way to get me into a Christmas mood. :)

Shannon McDermott says

When your car has just been repossessed, and you don't know where you can scare up the rent, getting a second job is a very obvious thing to do. A second job as a Christmas coordinator is not so obvious.

Especially for Merry Hopper. Abandoned by her parents on Christmas Day, she had never experienced a real family Christmas. Nor did she ever coordinate a Christmas for anyone besides herself and her cat. When you really consider it, her only qualification for being a Christmas coordinator was that her name was Merry.

And, I suppose, that she loved Christmas.

Merry's Christmas is a romance. Romance is not my usual genre, but I have enjoyed romance novels when they cross with other genres: historical fiction (*Masquerade*, by Nancy Moser) and comedy (*Boo Hiss*, by Rene Gutteridge). *Merry's Christmas* is in the style of comedy – and a Christmas tale.

Merry's Christmas is deeply felt, yet lighthearted; there is no real villain. The characters felt real, and even the third point in the love triangle is ultimately a person who can be understood. I would like to highlight two particular triumphs in this area: first, the nine-year-old boy, because he seems like a nine-year-old boy. It is a challenge for adults to write children, to find that level of intelligence and maturity truly appropriate. Susan Rohrer doesn't trip on that snag.

The second, much more significant triumph is the heroine of the story, Merry. She's a thoroughly sympathetic character: highly intuitive on an emotional level, a born nurturer, determinedly sweet – and yet there is something hardy, and almost heroic, in how happy she can be after all her troubles. Angst is prevalent in modern fiction; I appreciate the unfussy sadness of this heroine – and even more that she can pluck up her heart to be grateful and even optimistic.

Merry's Christmas was first written as a screenplay, and you can tell. The brisk, efficient set-up puts one in mind of a movie. The style is gently omniscient, and does not – as many people say of the omniscient viewpoint – compromise closeness to the characters.

The screenplay-origin may also be seen in the chief failing of the novella: a little too much telling instead of showing. Skilled actors convey emotions and thoughts through tones of voice, expressions, body language, a glance in the right direction at the right time. Novelists, too, must give indirect but clear signals.

Merry's Christmas is a hopeful story, as all Christmas stories ought to be. Its characters are winning, its plot simple as it aims, straight and true, for the heart. *Merry's Christmas* turns on incredible changes of fortune – and that, in a Christmas-tide story, is stirringly appropriate.

I received a review copy of this novella from the author.

Lorraine says

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This was a truly delightful clean Christmas romance that would make a wonderful Hallmark movie.

Judy says

I really enjoyed this story. Merry grew up in the foster system & never had a family of her own. Down on her luck, she meets Daniel, a widower with three children. A fun, short feel good Christmas story.
