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Fall in love this holiday season with this heartwarming story about finding romance, the magic of Christmas, and the importance of family...

Children's bookstore owner Addie Mayberry believes in the magic of Christmas. Or at least, she used to. So when a young customer needs some seasonal optimism, Addie sets out to give the vulnerable, heartbroken little girl the best Christmas ever. Which means helping the hottest man in Shadow Creek, Bella's surgeon father, find his holiday spirit. Addie's up to the challenge, but between tree decorating and late night talks, she realizes she's starting to fall *hard* for the one man she definitely shouldn't.

Drew Barrett drastically changed his fast-paced life when he moved back to Shadow Creek, but it was all worth it to give his daughter a better life. He wasn't exactly winning dad-of-the-year awards before, so he's determined to make it up to Bella. And with Addie's help, he's slowly repairing his relationship with his daughter. The last thing he wants is to fall in love, since that road only leads to pain, but he can't stop thinking about Addie. Not only is she gorgeous, sweet, and great with Bella, she fills something in him he never knew was missing. But Addie wants forever, which is more than Drew can offer...

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Ayekah says

I absolutely loved this story! I'm loving the Shadow Creek series! Addie owns the children's bookstore in Shadow Creek, she loves kids and really has a heart for all of them. Especially one little girl who comes to visit and at first is hard to engage, but Addie has a way to open up the world to little Bella. Addie is a wonderful nurturer. Her father who is a famous doctor has moved back to Shadow Creek after his ex dumps her on him, he realizes that he can't devote himself to Bella or his job he makes the move. Sadly, Drew doesn't know what to do with Bella. He was never around the first 5 years of her life, Bella had nannies and two parents who were never there. Drew is getting his feet wet with her, he's happy that Bella has someone and something to make her happy and that's Addie and the bookstore. When Addie's after school sitter quits, Drew is stuck with trying to find someone/place and Bella pops up with staying with Addie. Addie is open anyway and so she offers after a discussion takes place between she and Drew. Drew is attracted to Addie but his new hard rule is Bella is first and only. He's not having any part of another woman walking out on his daughter. Addie is attracted to Drew as well but he makes it clear that she's only there to serve a purpose, that is until he crosses a line then quickly redraws it. Addie has grown up in that town. She's got sisters who care, a mother from Hades and Addie was bullied throughout high school. The backstory is well written and you get to read it, woven into the plot very well. Moving ahead these two push and pull along with little Bella. I really loved this one, the highs and lows and all the in betweens were perfectly written, I loved Addie what a great character she was and her love for children, watching her finally shut her mother down was a treat! Drew was a tough one, of course you love him but you also want to club him over the head at times and tell him to get in the game! Another great read to the series and a must read. I loved it. Take me to Montana!

arc from NetGalley and Entangled for an honest review.

Elaine says

Rating 4.5/5*

This is a brilliant festive read starring Bella, a delightful young lady coping with hearing her Mum not wanting her and her Dad being a workaholic surgeon who hasn't previously made much time for her either. Drew realises he has missed out on so much in his young daughter's life that he decides to move back to the place he grew up in and to make Bella the most important person in his life. He's determined she'll never feel rejected or abandoned again, even if that means he'll be celibate for the foreseeable future. However, his daughter has other plans, ones that he'll find hard to resist!

This highly talented author has done it again! She's written a beautiful festive read with great characters and an intriguing plot together with a somewhat precocious matchmaker, too! This is a festive read to put a smile on your face and joy in your heart - I loved escaping into it!

I requested and was gifted a copy of this book via NetGalley and this is my honest review after reading it.

Heather says

This book has no cursing and no on page sex. If those things bother you there's nothing to worry about here.

A Christmas Miracle For The Doctor starts with a prologue that is incredibly emotional. It made me tear up (something Ms. James is great at!) but don't let the prologue fool you – this book is about hope and love and about learning to re-learn how to live your best life despite whatever happened in your past. Both Addie and Drew were a little damaged, but they were learning how to function as the people that they had grown into, and I loved watching them figure it all out. Bella was the absolute sweetest kid. Ms. James has a knack not only for making me cry, but for writing children who are very realistic and so wonderful. Bella's solution for dealing with bullies made me laugh so hard. She might not have had a great first few years of her life, but she was a dynamo in Shadow Creek.

If you've read the other Shadow Creek books, this one is a great addition to a wonderful series. If you haven't, you can read this book without needing to read the others because it totally stands alone. That said, this series is excellent and I highly recommend all of the books in it.

Nicola says

4.25 stars.

Crack out the mulled wine and mince pies fellow bookworms, Victoria James has arrived with her festive offering, taking us back to Shadow Creek for quiet bookstore owner, Addie and single dad and doctor, Drew's romance.

For me, a holiday read should have that *curl-up-by-the-fire* feel and *A Christmas Miracle for the Doctor* has exactly that as you settle in and quickly realise you're going to lose your heart to the cutest, most insightful little girl, her babysitter and new best friend, and her dad—determined to be the parent she so deserves.

We're going to be fine, just you and I."

And lose my heart I did as Drew and Addie lose theirs with a few little inadvertent nudges from Isabella along the way. As is always the case when I pick up a book by Victoria James, I literally read the whole thing in one sitting and whilst *A Christmas Miracle for the Doctor* may not have socked quite the emotional punch and depth others in the series have, it's the perfect read for the season, filled with heart, humour and charm, once again highlighting why she remains a firm favourite.

I've never met someone like you...you make me believe in everything good..."

Copy received courtesy of Entangled Publishing via NetGalley for an honest and unbiased opinion.

Esther says

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Rating 4.5

This was a sweet and emotional Christmas romance.

Drew is a successful surgeon and his Diva ex is a beauty/health blogger that is only interested in herself. We open with Drew and his ex having a discussion about their daughter, she is letting Drew know she doesn't want custody of their daughter or visitation rights either. It's too much for her and too time consuming. Drew is shocked, as he contemplates the bomb shell she just dropped, his mind races with the past and what not great parents they have been. After she leaves he turns and realizes his sweet Bella was standing there the entire time listening. He's hit hard with the realization things need to change and drastically, as parents the two failed miserably. He's a top surgeon in a big city, but this is not where he wants to raise his daughter. So after consoling her and promising her big changes will take place, one being he's going to be a better and more involved Father. He was moving home to a small town he grew up in.

Shadow Creek is where Drew and Bella move to. Drew's nanny quits and he's in a dilemma. But Addie a bookstore owner has befriended Bella as she loves to spend time there. She steps up and offers to watch Addie when she hears of Drew's problem. Drew and Addie are attracted to one another but of course keep it well hidden. Drew made the decision that Bella was his top and only priority and he won't get involved with a woman again and deprive Bella of his time and love. Addie has dealt with some cruel and terrible experience in High School as well a Mother dearest (I could just slap that woman) that have kept her walls up high to not be hurt again.

I loved these two. Such emotion and character depth, and Bella was fantastic. This had so much heart and feeling to it. Drew dealing with his guilt and trying desperately to make it up to his daughter. But also seeing such warmth, love and happiness in Addie that he was very drawn and attracted to her. He was wrestling with some major attraction. Addie, was so sweet, genuine and warm. Her past hurt breaks your heart but yet it didn't make her bitter but even more determined to love people and care for them. And Bella stole her heart and she was determined that little girl was going to have a wonderful Christmas. The relationship between the three was beautifully done and very heartwarming.

I also enjoyed the sisters, relationship as well as the other secondary characters. The mother, Addie's, was just horrible. The small town feel leaped from the pages and Christmas theme was prevalent and real throughout the story.

The reason for the 4.5 rating is that not much steam. Now I don't need a lot at times but this did need just a tad bit more. The chemistry was evident as well as the attraction, but just a sprinkle more of steam would have been nice. ?

Misty (Reds Romance Reviews) says

After realizing his fast paced city life wasn't conducive to raising a child on his own, Drew Barrett decided it might be time to take a step back from that lifestyle, for something a little calmer. And he knew returning to Shadow Creek would give them just what they needed, a quieter life, one where he could still do what he loved, but also give Bella the good, wholesome life she deserved. What he never wanted or expected to find

there was love, the moment his daughter befriends a local shop owner and they bond over their love of Christmas everything changes. This change isn't easily received, at first, it takes a persistent little girl and the magic of Christmas to turn it into a miracle they all needed!

A Christmas Miracle for the Doctor is a beautifully crafted tale that will give a nice little tug on the heartstrings and leave you heart full of joy! I am a sucker for heartwarming single parent stories and this book definitely had all of feels and then some. These well crafted characters wandered onto the page, lured me into their world, and made me feel right at home, as if I were meant to be there all along. Early on I developed quite an attachment to them, Drew had a lot of old hurt to work through, and was quite adamant love wasn't part of his life plan, but love had other plans for him. I enjoyed watching him maneuver through all the unexpected changes in his life, and find the courage to open his heart to love again, Addie and him were a perfect pairing. If you are looking for a wholesome, feel good Christmas story, I highly recommend you pick this one up, it's certain to warm your heart and bring on some holiday spirit!

I requested an advanced copy of this title from NetGalley, and I am voluntarily leaving an honest opinion.

Sherri Babb says

Victoria James has done it again. I loved being back in Shadow Creek and reading about all the towns people. This book was about Addie and Drew. Drew was such a lost soul. He felt like he had failed his daughter Bella so he moves back to his home town with her because that is the last place he can remember truly being happy. He hopes to be able to repair his relationship with his daughter and have them become a family. Addie is still living in the past. She is having a hard time letting go of past things that happened to her and because of that she has shaped her life into this safe bubble. Addie and Drew meet because Bella wanders into her book store. Addie instantly falls in love with her. Bella is such a sweet girl. She makes the book funny, and sweet. This is such a sweet romantic story about 3 people learning to trust again. With this trust they gain so much more. I cannot wait to see whose book will be next in this series. Thanks Net Galley. I voluntarily reviewed this book in exchange for an honest review.

Linda Quick says

Loved this book! Addie is a book store owner that steps in to help Drew, the new doctor in town, with watching his daughter after school. Bella, the daughter, quickly wins Addie's heart. Drew is also smitten, but has promised himself that he will not get involved with another woman so he can devote his time and energy to Bella to make up for all the time his missed in the past and build a strong relationship with her. Addie respects this, but is equally and, with her poor self image, doesn't feel worthy of him anyway.

I loved the relationships in this novel and how the story unfolded. The characters drew me in and made me feel like I was experiencing their tale along with them. This is a sweet and poignant tale that fans of the genre will love. The story seemed to come alive on the pages and I was sorry when it ended. This one is a must read and should be on the top of your TBR list. The author is on my must read authors' list.

Bette Hansen says

Now this book is an example of why I love holiday stories. All that magic and romance of the holidays

wrapped up in a beautiful family story. Addie and Drew are amazing characters and Drew's daughter Isabella is such a cutie. Small town life is new for Drew and his daughter. Drew had to admit he wasn't giving his daughter the life she deserved when her mother decides to completely leave both their lives so he packs them up and takes a job in Shadow Creek. His plan is to focus fully on Isabella. That is until the shy unassuming bookstore owner, Addie Mayberry, comes into their lives. If Addie has her way this will be the best Christmas any of them have ever had.

Fantastic story that is wonderfully written with characters that will steal your heart. I highly recommend this one.

Claire Robinson says

4.5 - "Make a Christmas wish..." Stars!

We return to *Shadow Creek, Montana* for the sixth book in Victoria James series of the same name. A *Christmas Miracle for the Doctor* gives us Addie Mayberry's happily ever after, and with newcomer to town Dr. Drew Barrett and his adorable daughter Isabella.

How time had passed so quickly, how she'd gone from a baby to a little girl. How many firsts he'd missed, he'd taken for granted...

Drew has returned to *Shadow Creek* to concentrate on family. Being sole guardian for his daughter after her mother decides she wants an unencumbered life opens his eyes to just how little time he has had for her in the past. What with his high flying job as a city surgeon and active social life, Bella has grown up mostly in the care of nannies and babysitters. Being abandoned by her mother as well opens Drew's eyes to just how much he has failed her so far as a parent.

"I'll never put anything above my daughters happiness again."

Earning her trust again and being the best father he can be are going to be his main focus for the foreseeable, so meeting and falling in love with another woman are definitely things he is not looking for. That is until he meets shy, bookshop owner Addie, and his daughter turns into her biggest cheerleader, especially as they spend more time together when she becomes her after-school babysitter.

They were everything she had ever wanted in a family... except for the fact that they were off limits.

Low on the drama scale, I pretty much read this book in a sitting. It's one of the less emotional reads from the series, but it offered up everything I want in an easy-going romantic Christmas read. Likeable characters, and a cute little girl, add an attraction that won't quit it was the perfect read for an afternoon snuggled in a chair with your favorite hot beverage to hand.

"The minute I saw you I knew I was in trouble."

ARC generously provided via Netgalley, in exchange for the above honest review.

Teresa says

****I received a copy of A Christmas Miracle for the Doctor from Entangled Publishing and Net Galley in exchange for a voluntary and honest review****

A Christmas Miracle for the Doctor by Victoria James is the sixth book in the authors Shadow Creek, MT series. I've read a few of the books in the series and I have to tell you this one was fantastic and well worth all five stars. Oh and can I keep Bella?? She's a awesome match maker for both Addie and Drew plus some of her quips will have you laughing out loud. Bella's mom wants nothing to do with her and Drew has been busy building his practice. But she will learn that she is loved and is determined to heal her dad's heart and find a new mom too.

Addie Mayberry is the owner of the local bookstore and has begun a friendship with Isabella Barrett who's love for books equals her own. Her father Drew is the brand new surgeon in Shadow Creek and hasn't found a sitter for Bella. Little does he know that Bella has chosen Addie to watch her after school. But Addie carries emotional scars from being bullied by her mother and classmates from high school because she was overweight. Bella has made a Christmas Wish but the two adults in her life don't realize that are included. There will be some bumps in the road but can two adults who want to find the perfect person will finally realize that they have been right there all along.

Drew Barrett wants to build a new life with his daughter Bella after his ex decides that having a daughter cramped her life. He's decided to put Bella front and center even if it means he won't fall in love again. But when he moves back home to Shadow Creek where he grew up he'll soon find out that not only is his daughter in love with Addie but he is too. Can they come to a comprise and become a family for Isabella?

Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says

4.5 stars

A Christmas Miracle for the Doctor is the sixth book in Victoria James's Shadow Creek, Montana series. This is a standalone read, with characters from previous books making appearances.

Victoria is one of my favorite authors. I've read all of her books and my reviews tend to all sound the same at this point. When I read Victoria's books, I expect to have my heartstrings tugged. I expect to possibly cry or come pretty close. I expect to fall in love with the characters. And I expect to have a happy ever after and a story I don't want to end. A Christmas Miracle for the Doctor did not disappoint. From the beginning, Victoria tugged at my heartstrings. "Mommy doesn't want me anymore?"

Bella Barrett appears to be a happy, healthy, secure and thoroughly loved eight-year-old. But something very important is missing. Her parents. Bella is the only child of Dr. Drew Barrett a surgeon and Jill Barrett a stylist and social media personality. The two have been divorced for a year and are so busy with their jobs that Bella is raised mostly by nannies. But that all changes when Jill dumps Bella on Drew's doorstep telling him that she doesn't want to do the parent thing anymore. Realizing how badly he's failed his daughter and the memory of his parents, Drew moves back to his hometown of Shadow Creek, Montana. He has a lot to make up for and he wants Bella to be his priority.

Bella is a really sweet kid. She just wants love and attention from her parents. She befriends bookstore owner Addie Mayberry, who knows a thing or two about wanting a parent's love. When Drew needs someone to watch Bella, Addie volunteers. As Addie and Bella grow closer, Drew starts to realize he's more attracted to

Addie than he thought.

Addie's mother makes the wicked witch look like a saint. I loved that Addie gained confidence in herself and stood up to her mother's brutal comments. I was quite surprised that A Christmas Miracle for the Doctor wasn't a predictable story. Bella really stole this story. For an eight-year-old, she is wise beyond her years.

Drew, Addie, and Bella are all wonderful characters. I loved watching them interact with one another and form a family bond. This was a truly wonderful story that tugged at my heartstrings.

****Received a copy of the book courtesy of Entangled Publishing and voluntarily reviewed.****

Beth ~ Panda & Boodle says

I was so taken by this book—by Addie and Bella, in particular—that I totally failed to highlight anything! That is SO unlike me. Anyway, here are a few brief thoughts:

I adore this series, and this holiday-themed installment is up there with my favorites. It was exactly the right book for me today—incredibly easy to sink into and enjoy, but still with Victoria James' signature feels. Drew's regrets, coupled with Addie's Insecurities and Bella's general sweetness, made this reviewer quite emotional. Especially when Addie did the motherly thing toward Bella—that definitely tweaked my maternal instinct in the best way.

I'd definitely recommend not just this book but this entire series for lovers of sweet, small town romance. It's charming, cozy and well-written. It's chock full of likable characters and those cute little quirks that make places like Shadow Creek, Montana unique.

And it always guarantees a warm smile and a happy heart at the end.

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Keeper Bookshelf

I happen to love coming back to the Shadow Creek, Montana series. A place where I always know I'm going to find an interesting, believable romance, and especially at Christmas time I know I'm going to find some special Christmas magic as well. A Christmas Miracle for the Doctor proved that impression to be correct once again.

Drew and his daughter, Bella have return to his hometown to live a quieter, more personally engaged life. Drew had been a top level surgeon, and his busy schedule had stolen many of Bella's early years from them both. Now, after a divorce and a change in child custody, Drew has the chance to be a better father... and nothing, not even falling in love is going to change his top priority. Addie owns a bookstore where she's been in contact with Bella. Once Addie loved everything about Christmas but let those feeling fade recently. Being around the lonely, sad little girl has prodded Addie to make this a good Christmas for Bella. Taking on the job of after school babysitter will also draw them even closer. No one, except maybe Bella and Santa, knew that this was a family in the making... if only the adults could get it right.

It was so easy to get caught up in the lives of Addie, Drew and Bella. Watching them discover their feelings,

celebrate Christmas and forge into a family unit was an enjoyable, emotional journey. A Christmas Miracle for the Doctor is a good solid romance with interesting characters, the magic of Christmas and a small town that welcomes the reader right in. If you love a romance that shows two people that love is possible no matter what else is going on, then I believe you'll enjoy this newest addition to the Shadow Creek, Montana series. I loved it, and I'm already looking forward to a return visit soon.

I received an e-ARC of this novel from the publisher via NetGalley. That does not change what I think of this story. It is my choice to leave a review giving my personal opinion about this book.

Jonetta says

Addie Mayberry left her job as a head librarian to open a children's bookstore and she's turned it into something magical. When 8-year old Bella Barrett wanders into the store, she and Addie develop an immediate bond. Her father, Drew Barrett, a highly successful surgeon, recently relocated to Shadow Creek, returning to his hometown to try and salvage his daughter's childhood, which had been devoid of any meaningful parental attention. His marriage ended miserably with his ex-wife not even wanting shared custody of their child.

Don't be fooled by the light-hearted cover as this story is steeped in serious issues. Drew's neglect of his daughter was real and he's working hard to turnaround that relationship. Addie had an extremely difficult childhood, the subject of cruel bullying for years and the target of a hypercritical and insensitive mother. That damage left indelible scars to her self esteem but not to her wonderful spirit. Her relationship with Bella is just heartwarming and goes a long way in guiding Drew's sincere intentions in the right direction. Of course, it was inevitable that they'd be drawn to each other but theirs was an uneasy road.

I really loved this story as it dealt with some very tough issues not easily resolved. Bella was adorable and I liked how her innocence provided Drew a light towards a path to forgive himself and Addie a sense of self worth. Every story in this series deals with meaty issues and this was no different. I didn't want this one to end.

(I received an advance copy from NetGalley in exchange for an unbiased review)
