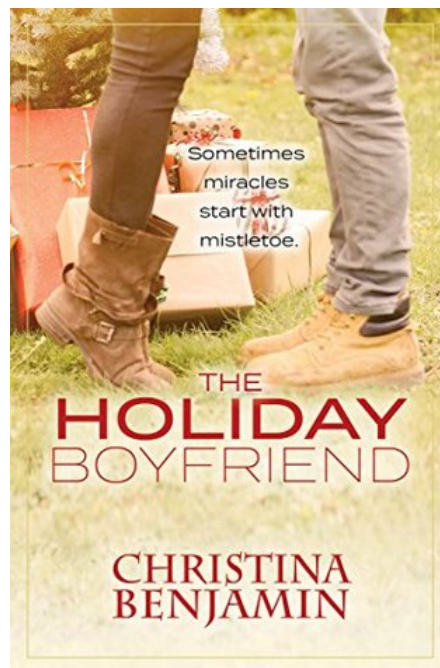




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Emma Rhodes is hesitant to return to Manhattan for Christmas. After all, she left for a reason. A tall, dark and handsome reason named Will Taylor. But Emma has been homesick for the city ever since she moved to Boston with her mother. So when the opportunity to spend her last high school holiday with her father presented itself, she couldn't resist.

Plus, Emma has some big decisions on the horizon. With graduation only a few months off, she needs to decide if she's brave enough to face her past and return to the city for college, or if she'll continue to run from the heartbreak that haunts her.

Nobody is more excited about the holidays than Will Taylor, especially now that his dream girl is back in town. Emma Rhodes was the one that got away and Will has a plan to make sure it never happens again. He's sure he can use the magic of Manhattan at Christmas to show her the spark between them still exists.

Will's plans to win Emma back hinge on giving her the best Christmas ever, which might be more difficult than he suspected when Emma's frienemies get involved and her father drops a family bombshell. But Will is determined not to give up his heartwarming quest to prove his love with holiday flare.

A seasonal tale of love, family and the magic of Christmas.

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## **From Reader Review The Holiday Boyfriend: A YA Contemporary Romance Novel for online ebook**

### **Natasha says**

Super awesome book. A year ago Emma Rhodes left best friend and almost boyfriend, Will Taylor, but he had no clue why. She comes to visit her dad and after having some bombshells dropped on her Will finds his in back to her. With the magic of Manhattan and mistletoe, can he give her the ultimate Christmas to show her the spark between them still exists and that he is not giving up on them. I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

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### **Ashley says**

This was a very sweet romance for me. It is about love, hope, second chances, and Christmas feels. These two are best friends and they have had a rocky past. But together they allow themselves the chance to love again and gain something awesome for the future. I was amazed by Benjamin's storytelling and loved every last word on these pages! The characters are really showcased in depth and I honestly could read this again right now. I await more books from her!

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### **Shonda Franks says**

I really enjoyed this Christmas book. Most Holiday books are all goody goody and super sappy, but this book has some strife and overcoming. I would recommend it, for all you bored holiday book readers.

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### **Romantic Vixen says**

This book is a very sweet, ya romance novel. It's not just about romance, though. It tackles many other themes: family, friendships, broken hearts and how we mend them, and it's set in a Christmas background in N.Y. The characters are well-developed, not perfect, and the pace is nice. I fell in love with this book quickly and invested as well. I was rooting for t's happy ending for everyone almost right away.

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### **John Clark says**

Fast, warm, satisfying. These three words sum up the story very nicely. I read it in an evening and really liked how Will and Emma's chemistry mixed, even when things looked like fate was intent upon getting in the way of them becoming a couple.

## Barbara says

A young adult romance about adjusting to the things happening in life, I enjoyed reading this book. This is the first book by this Author I have read, but I will be looking for more by her. I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

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## Jodee says

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This book was good and the perfect book to get me in the holiday spirit. Hannah returns to New York after her mom and dad have split up and she went with her mom to Boston. When she left she was doing it for her own reasons and not the ones everyone thought, which was that she had chosen her mom over her dad. Hannah returns to New York to spend the holiday with her dad only to find out things are not going to be even close to what she wanted them to be. She finds that not only is her dad's place lacking color, but he's also living with someone and her child. Not that that isn't enough she also returns to find Will, once bestfriend and maybe more, living right next door.

This was a great story that shows that things are not always what they appear to be, and if you want to know what is going on you have to ask. This story is also great because it shows how much the youth rely on social media and it goes to prove that you can't always believe what is on there, social media can be slanted to show what the poster wants you to believe.

This is a must read for all young girls even when it's not the holidays. The characters in this book are well developed and you fall in love with Will and Collin (new little brother Hannah wasn't ready for or wanted)

Definitely recommending this book to my friends,

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## ??Hannah?? says

For the first chunk of this book I was pretty sure that I wasn't going to make it to the end. Way too much pettiness and the parents sucked. I was thankful that her dad wasn't bad and that it was all a big misunderstanding. It really helped me to like this in the end.

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## Dayna says

Adored reading this! Such a sweet read with heart warming romance. It even had me shouting at the characters in frustration at times hahaha! A great little book to snuggle up under a blanket and read on cold winter nights. It makes me want to go to NYC even more now and visit all the places Emma and Will had been. At the back of the back is a list of places that you can actually visit which I thought was a lovely little touch.

## **Tonya Luttrull (Rustic Book Reviews) says**

\*\*\*I received this book as an ARC for free in exchange for a honest review\*\*\*

First, I love this author. I have met her before and have several of her books so when I got the offer to read this book for a free review, I could not pass it up.

I loved this story. I love seeing the story of Emma and Will unfold. Seniors and former best friends. Granted they had some rough patches and adding a jealous girl in the book makes this book worth reading. It was a very cute YA novel that dove into many issues. It dealt with broken hearts, family and friends. You watch also as the author puts it all back together or did she??

With out giving any spoilers, will Emma and Will work things out and find their way back to each other? This story was such a cozy read with a great throw and coffee.

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## **books are love says**

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Overall this was cute and sweet. Lots of misunderstandings due to lack of communication but in the end we get a wonderful romance with bumps along the way.

The parents in this are horrendous. Will's take the cake. I mean they can't even come home at the holidays. He seems to be left alone and being raised by Sharon who works for his parents. Emma's dad was not that great either. he did try to change at the end but still the way he was with her at the beginning wow. just wow.

Will and Colin you instalove. Colin is so precocious. Will is the perfect sweet adorable and understanding guy. I love how he brings New York alive for colin and Emma. He does it not because he wants to impress but because he wants to help Emma get to know her soon to be brother. He wants them to have a wonderful Christmas. Something he isn't going to get because his family has pretty much forgotten him. Will is so sweet, kind, generous, forgiving and his idea at what is the perfect gift is wonderful. To him a tradition is better than any gift money can buy. The christmas tree and staring up in it is examples of this.

Emma takes time to get used to. She is stubborn and doesn't give people a chance to explain things. She goes by what she sees on social media when it came to Will and not what she knew of him. She broke his heart because of social media and when she saw him again treated him really badly at first. She ran hot and cold with him and truly confused Will. Poor guy but he knew what he wanted and always has so he was patient and hoped that Emma would see him for who he is and let him in again. Emma learns that you can't always believe what is on social media and that talking to someone and asking the person is the only way to go because it helps avoid misunderstandings and possible heartache.

The story is sweet and precious when it comes to Will and his views on family and love. He is so kind and loyal. at the end I loved how he stood up to those causing toxicity in his life and harming his chance to have love and a future with Emma. The story intoxicates you into the warm fuzzies with the chance to see two best friends finally admit their feelings, let go of the past pain and take a chance at love and brings Xmas in NY alive for you. So glad Will and Emma got another chance and you hope that their future is filled with

love and happiness with each other.

A wonderful sweet holiday story that is clean and precious but also just warms the heart. A curl up in front of the fire with cocoa and just enjoy read.

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### **Sandra says**

#### **Family and Love!**

Situations tear people apart. It pays to talk about what has happened. Never think you know everything that is happening. People think they know what is going on. If you allow love to enter the situation, good things happen. Lies are put to rest.

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### **Tasha says**

I am so ready for Christmas now! All I want to do is snuggle up, drink hot chocolate, and look at Christmas decor.

This novel was quick, fun, and super sweet. I'm a believer in childhood friend to romance stories because they make me so happy! I adored reading about Emma and Will's story. It gave me serious Gossip Girl vibes ?

If you are looking for a cute Christmas-y read be sure to check this YA novel.

can be read as a stand-alone.

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### **Amanda Charette says**

#### **Loved it!**

This book reminded me of the tv show Gossip Girl. It may have not had the same characters but it kept me wanting to read more. I was always hoping that Will and Emma would get together from the beginning. I would recommend reading this book to everyone.

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### **Jennifer G says**

Before I can start this review I must state how much I love Christina Benjamin's Boyfriend Series! I hope that she writes at least a dozen. Seriously, they make me happy. With each one I laugh, I cry, I fume, I relate, I relive. Each one fills my heart. The Holiday Boyfriend is no exception.

Emma Rhodes was once the reigning Teen Queen of her Private Academy; Manhatten was her playground.

However, she's not been back to Manhattan since her parent's divorce. She fled the city with a broken family and a broken heart. Now she's returning for the Christmas Holiday with great apprehension and high hopes. She's missed the city, her dad, and her one-time best friend/secret crush Will Taylor. However, her return isn't what she expected. Her father has a new life, a new family, her best friend isn't available, and Will seems to have moved on to her biggest rival Liz. But are things really what they seem? Can Emma put aside the hurt, possibly forgive in order to get what she wants?

Emma and Will are fantastic characters. Childhood friends who could be so much more. There's something so sweet about someone knowing you so well that not only do they know your favorite chocolate, but they also know your secret gestures and they find them adorable. Someone you can be totally comfortable with and who makes you tingle is someone to hold onto. Someone who knows what you need better than you do, someone whose first and last thought is you is irreplaceable. These two are adorable. As is Colin. This little bundle of energy is delightful. I was not a fan of the parents. Will's parents don't deserve the title (although Sharon was wonderful) and I couldn't get over the first impression of Emma's parents. So no. The classmates embody the worst of spoiled, entitled rich kids, again, not a fan. The final character is the city. It's the most vibrant city in the world, but around Christmas, it moves to another level. Each New York City detail in this story showed its allure. The city provided a captivating backdrop for Emma and Will.

This is a story about second chances. It's a story of Christmas, history, and hope. It's also a coming of age story in the best sense set during the most magical season of the year. Growing up is painful. No one can escape it. Misunderstandings and betrayals occur, feelings are hurt, relationships fall apart, hearts are broken. We all get bruised. Those we open our hearts to, those we let closest to us, those we love the most are often the ones to cause us the most pain. They are also the ones to bring us the greatest happiness. Love is the one thing always worth taking a chance for. Emma knows she can't have her life back, but she knows what she wants. Will's future is clear to him. Can they be brave enough to go after happiness? Do you believe in mistletoe and miracles?

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