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Subject: Navy SEAL Lieutenant Phillip Banks

Mission: Resist one saucy redhead's attempts to de-Scrooge him...and seduce him!

Silversmith Frankie Silvera has lost her creative mojo. And she knows how to get it back—by getting her sexy on with a certain hot sailor. Just the thought of Phillip's hard, Navy-trained body against her, and everything goes molten. He's the "inspiration" Frankie needs for the holidays!

Navy SEAL Phillip Banks is the prince of protocol. But after his last mission went horribly off-course, all of that control has dissipated. Now he's at the mercy of one very determined female who is pulling out all the stops on Operation Christmas—including red-hot lingerie and the promise of oh-so-wicked delights... But does giving in mean giving up everything he's worked for?

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Heidi Ulrich says

To Sir with Love

Yes I know that was a title of another book somewhere else but I have been waiting for Phillip's book for a while, in particular since Tawny's last book. Phillip "Sir" Banks is an upstanding, straight-laced, stick up his ass kind of officer, the kind his fellow Seals aren't too sure about. After a mission goes bad and he's captured and tortured, all he can think about is revenge. Until he meets Frankie.

Frankie Silvera has had a crush on Phillip since her days as his housekeeper's granddaughter. When she attends his sister, Lara's, wedding, she has the perfect chance to act on that desire. On a deeper level, her jewelry design business is floundering and she needs inspiration and fast. Who better than a lifelong crush?

They spend an explosive night together and Vegas, both intended to let it stay there. Until he is taken off a mission and sent across the country back home to teach at the academy while his team goes after his vengeance. They say you can't go home again and Phillips really doesn't want to. Even though his parents are dead, the home holds no good memories for him. Until he finds Frankie staying there with her grandmother.

Can they find a way past their own issues to have a happily ever after? As with all of Tawny Weber's book, the book has angst, great characters and smoking hot sexual tension. I loved Phillip in her last book (even though he only made a cameo) and wondered how she would bend him a little and she did not disappoint!! Loved this book!!!

Jonel Boyko says

What a fantastically festive and romantically infused story. Weber steps quietly to the background in this one and allows her story to take readers for a ride. I appreciate the way that her writing style shifts minutely depending on which character she is talking about at the time. You can really feel their personalities. At the same time, her intricate and playful descriptions bring the entire story to life in a very vivid manner.

I loved that this novel was about so much more than simply romance at Christmas. The complex characters that Weber has created have a great deal of personal (and professional) issues that they have to work through before they can fully come together. Getting to know them as individuals while they get to know one another, and discover parts of themselves that they didn't know existed, definitely put a smile on my face.

As a whole, this was a unique & quick read that left a smile on my face. Weber had me wanting to grab a glass of eggnog, and that special someone to go trim the tree. It also had me wanting to go wander around my neighbourhood to look at Christmas lights.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

Valerie says

A fun and sexy read, this book combines a young girls crush from growing up with some need for personal healing for both characters. Sexy SEAL Phillip Banks comes from money but he's all military. But when a mission goes wrong, he doubts himself and is chased by some nightmares. Frankie has had a crush on Phillip since she was young but he doesn't recognize her at his sisters wedding. The sparks that fly between them are healing to both of them for different reasons but it's just a one night stand. Yeah, right.

I really enjoyed this one. I like military men. I like girls acting on crushes from their youth. I like quirky female leads that bring out the strength in those broken military guys. I like books that read fast and I only look up when I'm done. Add in some Christmas spirit and some sexy times and it all combines to be a great read.

If you enjoy the extra sexy side of harlequin and a great Christmas story, then you'll enjoy this one.

Erica says

A sweet, sexy read.

I read this one in one day, had life not interrupted I'd never have put it down before finishing it.

Frankie's life is a bit of a mess so when the chance to hook up with her childhood crush comes along at his sisters wedding in Vegas and she's all for it.

Phillip doesn't remember Frankie, she was younger and his focus was always on his future and doing what was expected of a Banks.

Phillip is reassigned until the first of the year and returns home.

Upon arriving home Phillip finds out exactly who Frankie is and they pick back up where they left off in Vegas.

Frankie is his polar opposite but you know what they say about opposites, and these two certainly do attract!!

Frankie is trying to help Phillip loosen up and enjoy life, not be so uptight like he was brought up, and it's working until she utters three little words.

Phillip has no idea how to react and now must reassess his feelings and his future.

This is a sweet story with some serious steam!!

Lauren says

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4 Stars

Recovering in the aftermath of his abduction and torture at the hands of a notorious drug lord, the usually staid and stoic Lieutenant Philip Banks is forced to confront his darker emotions. The only reprieve comes in the form of Frankie Silvera, the granddaughter of his family's housekeeper, who is suddenly all grown up and ready to play.

Proud and tortured heroes are like catnip for me and Philip is no exception. Add in a one-night stand with a

woman fulfilling her teenage fantasy and you have a recipe for success.

Frankie and Philip have incredible chemistry and their romance is sweet with little to no angst. The only minor issue is Frankie's ridiculous behavior toward the end, but that is also dealt with smoothly and alls well that ends well.

Renee Entress says

4.7 Star Review - Christmas With A Seal

The chemistry between these two is smokin HOT!! Frankie has had a crush on Phillip for years. She has never acted on those feeling but she needs to now in order to get her creative mojo back. She figures if she has him on time he will fix her creative block and she will be able to create beautiful art again.

Phillip has had a bad few months. Can he really afford to mess around with a woman he does not know? What happens when he thinks his career is going one way and it is side tracked and he is pushed in a different area? When he is assigned close to his childhood home and runs back into Frankie he wonders if he is to broken for her.....

What happens when one night does not fix her issue? Can she afford to try and have more nights? Can she ever keep a man like Phillip interested in her? Or is she seeing her self up for more heartbreak?

Love Tawny's stories she combines laughs, steamy love, and suspense all into one sexy package.

Once again a freaking great story!! You just have to love a SEAL!!!

Erin Cataldi says

Let me just preface this with a I don't normally read smut disclaimer. I won this through Good Reads giveaways and I thought, "Why not? Let's see what all the hype is about!" If you're the kind of person that likes blushing while reading, little to no plot, ridiculous dialogue, and disgustingly beautiful people. Then this is the book for you, or rather, the genre for you.

Twenty pages is there is already a sex scene. For you smut aficionados, this book was pretty vanilla, no whips, chains, or handcuffs for this smoking hot Navy SEAL. Frankie is going through a creative block, her silver business is ruined and she is stuck living with her grandmother. She decides that in order to get her creative juices flowing again (see what I did there), she has to "get her sexy on" with her friends older brother. After a totally hot night of, you guessed it, lots of sex, Frankie's one night stand turns into something a little more serious. She never thought that she would see him again but fate has intervened and they are both going to make the most of it (by having lots of sex). Predictably they both start falling for each other. It's kinda Christmasy in that Frankie is trying to convince Phillip that the holidays are special. But other than that it's just a backdrop to their lovemaking.... Interesting read.

Bea Charmed says

#HoHoHoRaT

I have several of Weber's SEAL books on my Kindle that I haven't read yet but when I saw this for review, especially the cover (drool) I thought "Why not?" Eh, turns out I should have asked "Why?" I really didn't like the heroine and the writing was adequate, nothing wonderful.

Frankie's grandmother is the housekeeper for the wealthy Banks family. Frankie had free run of the house growing up and has had a crush on the son, Phillip, for years. Recently she's become friendly with his sister Lara and she attends Lara's wedding. The groom is another SEAL, so Phillip is there as brother to the bride and teammate of the groom. Phillip and Lara aren't close, they've had little contact with each other as adults and partying isn't his idea of a good time. He's hating every minute of the reception, counting down the seconds until he can leave.

Frankie, whom he doesn't recognize, approaches him at the party but pretends to be a stranger, and they hook up. Here's where I really started to have trouble with the story. First, the whole false pretenses thing. On the one hand, Frankie's nervous about having her dream come true and scared that if he knows who she is, he'll walk away. She worries that he will be a snob and not want to have sex with the housekeeper's granddaughter. She hardly knows him so I can sort of buy into it. But even later when they meet again she's embarrassed to admit who she is. Second, despite having a mega-crush on him for years, she knows nothing about him (as evidenced by my first objection) and all she cares about is how handsome he is. That's it. That's as far as her crush goes. Which is sort of normal for a teenager though even as a teen I tried to learn all I could about my crushes. One was not only cute but cool (in my teen opinion) and played drums in a band. Whereas Frankie, now an adult, doesn't even seem to know that much about Phillip. And then, for reasons that Weber never says, she doesn't show us or tell us, we're just supposed to accept it, Frankie has the delusion that having sex with Phillip will break the creative block she's been suffering from for several months. This delusion continues almost until the end of the book. I kept waiting for some glimpse into why Frankie believed this, how did he turn into her fantasized savior? Nada, nothing, not a clue. When one night of mind-blowing sex doesn't cure her block, she decides that they need to do it again. The delusion lives on. Eventually she starts to see Phillip as a human being and begins to understand him but she can't stop obsessing over her belief that sex with him will somehow break her creative streak. He'll be her inspiration though he never was before.

I really wanted to reach through my Kindle screen and strangle her. Late, way late, in the book a friend of Frankie's loses her temper and reads Frankie the riot act about her creative block (though not about the delusion) and I wanted to stand up and cheer. I could have kissed Shayla. She was also far more interesting than Frankie was.

Now Phillip. He took some warming up but whereas I loathed Frankie, I did end up liking Phillip. He's flawed too but far more believably and he grows during the story. He deserves a hell of a lot better than Frankie but, oh well.

Phillip is a career Navy man, and someone usually in tight control of his emotions. Usually. But recently, a mission went wrong and now his life is changing. He was tortured on that mission and while he's physically recovered, he's finding that emotionally, he's a mess. He gets bouts of anger that he has to learn how to manage. Additionally, his career as a SEAL has taken a hit and it's going in a direction that he doesn't want. Much of his growth has to do with making peace with this new career path and opening up emotionally. His parents, now dead, were cold and closed off. To be accepted by them he followed that path but he's starting to realize that's no way to live. Also, he's not a snob, despite Frankie's fears and he was much too quick to forgive her. In my not so humble opinion.

Maybe I've been spoiled by reading Jessica Scott, who writes contemporary military romances and is herself in the military, but Weber was too vague for my liking on the details of SEAL life and why Phillip's career

went south. The whole military aspect felt unreal and unbelievable; it was window dressing, nothing more.

Oh, and Christmas? Irrelevant to the story. This could have been set at any time during the year.

So, we have an obnoxious, whiny, immature, shallow heroine; a kind, admirable, loyal hero; and a story that's meh. I won't be in a rush to read the other titles by Weber that I own. They're now at the bottom of the TBR pile.

Carmen says

ANNOYING AND HEARTLESS

I was conflicted on how to rate this. For most of the book, I really didn't like Frankie, the heroine. She is a redheaded silver jewelry designer and her personality and motivations I found grating.

She goes to her friend Lara Banks's wedding in order to seduce Lara's brother, Phillip.

Why?

Well, she's known this man from childhood and has always had a crush on him. She's always used him as fodder for her sexual fantasies. Already I am a bit creeped out. But that is not her reason for trying to get him into bed. No, her reason is that she is creatively blocked and has been unable to create new jewelry for the last nine months. So she is using his body to "unlock" her creative juices. I find this very distasteful. For the first two-thirds of the book she is pretty much using him as a sexual object. It's disturbing. I know people say, "Oh, men don't care if women just use them for sex! They'd love that, hur hur hur." Um, actually, no. I have seen more than my share of male hearts broken when they finally realize that yes, she was serious when she said she wanted sex and nothing else. This myth that males have no feelings or emotions is ridiculous, and I don't know why it still persists. So I think what Frankie is doing is very wrong.

A hot, exciting man who, she was sure, in just one night would set her inspiration free. If Frankie could seduce a man as controlled as Phillip Banks, she knew she could seduce her own creative muse out of the cave it had been hiding in.

Or

She shivered, her body getting tingles as she wondered how many positions they could try on how many surfaces in that length of time.

And, in between, how much jewelry she could make.

She feels no remorse for this and I hated how she was blatantly using him. She doesn't even tell him who she is when they meet and sleep together for the first time!!! So dishonest. He doesn't recognize her from when they are children, and she never even tries to enlighten him about who he's taking to bed. This is very wrong and deceitful. Also, after that "one-night-stand" they meet again. Still, she doesn't tell him who she is. And she never, ever would have except for the fact that her grandmother shows up and the mystery is blown. What a creep!!!

She does other stuff that makes me rage, such as leaving him alone in bed and sneaking out after a night of sex. I HATE WHEN PEOPLE DO THIS. Either say goodbye and leave BEFORE you fall asleep cuddled up together, or have the decency to stay until the person wakes up and say goodbye. Just because it's a one-

night-stand doesn't mean you have to be a complete thoughtless jerk. This is *so rude*. I don't care whether a man or a woman is doing it, it's flippin' inconsiderate. She also, much later, (view spoiler) That also really grated my cheese.

Especially since he's such a sweetheart. He is an uptight, controlled, disciplined military man who came from a super-strict family and has a real problem acknowledging emotions and letting himself go. It's doubly cruel for her to use a man like this, who is obviously not the kind of man who enjoys one-night-stands or no-strings-attached sex. He's so serious, earnest, and shut-off from life that having Frankie break into his world is like finally seeing sunshine and colors after living in darkness.

The only thing that saved this book was that everything jells and becomes sweet and caring. But I was rolling my eyes and cursing Frankie out for a good portion of the book.

Not to mention, her personality is just... annoying.

Sometimes she just says stuff that makes no sense:

Granted, she wasn't three anymore, but she still had dimples on her butt. That had to be worth something.

What? What the heck are you talking about? Cellulite dimples? Dimples of Venus? And what does that have to do with anything!?!?!?

At the same time, she gave him her sultriest look - practiced for hours in the bedroom mirror - and made a show of nibbling on her bottom lip.

Really? She practices looking sultry in the mirror for hours?!?!? o.O

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SEX

How's the sex, Carmen?

Well, the sex is great. As long as I can tune out Frankie's constant fantasizing about how this is going to "unleash her creative powers." Oh, and her annoying and lame attempts at dirty talk.

"You do make me feel good, Phillip. So good. The way you touch me, it's getting me excited. Thinking about what's coming next, it's making me so hot."

You sound like a robot! Jeez. Please stop talking. Ugh.

"You want me," she told him, sliding one hand lower to cup the hard length of him pressing against her thigh. "You can have me. All you have to do is let go. Quit worrying. Quit thinking. Just feel."

I'm rolling my eyes so hard they're practically falling out of my head at this point. LAME.

Phillip has his own quirks, like the fact that he gets very turned-on by the thought of Frankie throwing plates and breaking dishes. Seriously. He gets a raging hard-on every time she clears the table, hoping against hope that she's going to chuck something at the wall. I have no idea why. Because he's so uptight and it's exciting to think of her being so passionate? I don't know. But it's a really unique kink. I've certainly never heard of this before. I guess it's harmless, but it was very strange.

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CHRISTMAS SUBPLOT

Then there's this whole subplot where Phillip is a crankypants who doesn't like celebrating Christmas and Frankie makes it her personal mission to get him into the Christmas spirit. While a little irritating, I didn't mind this so much. For one thing, I love grumpy Scrooge-like men - I think they're adorable, especially when being forced to enjoy Christmas. :) LOL For another thing, if I was reading this around Christmas it would seem cute and help me get into the spirit of things, so...

This made me laugh:

He didn't think she'd have looked more horrified if he'd told her he was planning a covert mission to take down Santa, blow up the North Pole and sell the elves to cannibals as delicacies.

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SEALS

I want to take a moment here to point out that "Navy SEALs" is about as big of a subset in romantic fiction as "Texas cowboy" or "bachelor millionaire." I'm not into fetishizing a group of people, so this whole "He's a SEAL!" thing really goes over my head. And they always have PTSD. Always. It's sexy to heal their trauma, or something. Whatever - not my thing.

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Tl;dr - This book starts out with an annoying and selfish heroine, but it ends up in the right place. I was really surprised Weber was able to turn it around for me and have me rooting for the couple, but credit where credit is due. Great sex. Christmasy storyline.

3 REAL STARS, 3 ROMANCE STARS

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Nicole Smith says

I have to say this book is one of my favorites of Tawny's SEALs books. The magic of the holiday is in the air in this one when it's desperately needed for Phillip and Frankie is just the one to show him. I loved the characters in this one. Frankie is so relatable because I have the same fears as her so I could feel what she was. Phillip, the poor guy you can't read this one without wanting to comfort him, but Frankie does the job perfectly. I highly recommend this one for the holiday season!

Dottie says

A sexy tale that will lift your spirits! Taken from my review at RomanceJunkies.com:

Navy SEAL Lieutenant Phillip Banks is so by-the-book that the other SEALs have nicknamed him Sir. Having grown up with wealthy but strict parents, Christmas was just a chance to showcase their home and has never really been a joyous occasion. He and his sister have recently reconciled after an eight-year estrangement. When his sister marries another SEAL member in Las Vegas, Phillip walks her down the aisle. But, still dealing with the torture he endured while on his latest mission, which had gone awry, Phillip is not

in a talking mood, so he sits off to himself. He longs to be part of the upcoming mission that will gain him revenge against his captor, but something has changed in him since his capture and it hasn't gone unnoticed. Instead of being part of the longed for mission, he is being assigned to teach a class on his experiences, an assignment he deplores. As he sits alone at the reception, a captivating sprite engages him in conversation and before he knows it, he is feeling things he hasn't felt in a long time.

Silversmith Frankie Silvera has lost her muse. Her once-booming business is now history. She needs inspiration and believes she knows just where to find it. Frankie is now good friends with Phillip's sister, Lara, and she has had a crush on Phillip since they were children. But Phillip comes from an influential family while Frankie is the granddaughter of the Banks' housekeeper. Still, she is pleasantly surprised that he doesn't recognize this grown up version of her. As Lara's friend, Frankie is invited to the Las Vegas wedding and she is determined that the night will end with her in Phillip's bed. Certain that living out her fantasies will stir up her creative juices; Frankie approaches Phillip to put her plan into action. Seeing this vulnerable, hurting side of Phillip only draws Frankie to him more.

After a red hot passionate night together, Frankie slips out without leaving him her name or phone number. Phillip cannot get her off his mind, but hasn't given up on finding her...until he returns home and encounters his housekeeper's granddaughter...the same woman who has been starring in his recent dreams. Will the fact that she is related to his housekeeper end any chance at a relationship for them, or is this the beginning of a future together? Will Frankie's creative juices begin to flow again after their intimate encounter?

A sizzling hot read, CHRISTMAS WITH A SEAL, the sixth book in New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Tawny Weber's SEXY SEALS series, is a fun, sensual contemporary romance that will quickly sweep you up into the story. Phillip and Frankie could not be more different. Phillip is a straitlaced, by-the-book SEAL, while Frankie is the creative, more fun loving type. Whereas Phillip grew up with wealth, Frankie lives with her grandmother who is Phillip's housekeeper. However, as the two spend time together and Frankie introduces him to what Christmas should be, the love between them leaps off the page.

Ms. Weber's books never disappoint and this one is no exception. Although this story contains many heated moments, there is more to it. The characters are beautifully developed, enabling readers to empathize with them and their situations. It is heartwarming to watch this relationship come together in the midst of the holidays.

For a sexy, sassy read that is sure to lift your spirits and put you in the holiday mood, pick up a copy of CHRISTMAS WITH A SEAL. The humor, sizzling sensuality, Christmas magic, hunky Navy SEALs, quirky heroine, witty dialogue, romance and forever love combine to give readers a story they won't want to miss. Although this story can be read as a standalone, I am sure that once you read it you will seek out the rest of the series, including A SEAL'S SEDUCTION, A SEAL'S SURRENDER, A SEAL'S SALVATION, A SEAL'S KISS and A SEAL'S FANTASY. I have enjoyed the entire series and definitely recommend them!

Dottie, RomanceJunkies.com

Kathy Davie says

Sixth in the Uniformly Hot SEALs romance series and revolving around the men of a Navy SEALs team. The couple focus is on Frankie Silvera and Lieutenant Phillip Banks and set in Maryland.

My Take

I love it! Frankie has been in lust with Phillip for the past ten years but with whom she hasn't exchanged more than ten words.

I love how Weber slides background information in; she's an excellent example for authors on how to avoid the dreaded info dump. From slipping in last names to family history to ??? I also love Frankie taking her heart in hand and pursuing Phillip. The flirting prelude was lovely.

It only goes to show that dysfunction crosses all social levels from the lowest to the highest, for Phillip and Lara's extremely wealthy parents did not ensure idyllic childhoods for their children, preferring duty and abstention while Frankie, the granddaughter of the Bankses' housekeeper, had a great childhood full of warmth and loving.

There's also the setting, and I like how Weber refers to it: fantasy Phillip where anything is possible and real-life Phillip who was in total control and didn't understand Frankie. That I'm-not-good-enough trope...the first part had just enough of a twist to give it interest, but then she descends into the straightforward variety. Oh, it does make me cry, and Frankie is declining with total love in her heart, but it was too expected.

Shayla has some excellent advice for Frankie regarding that hot leather dress, and it's interesting how she ties its choice into Frankie's loss of mojo. Definitely something to think about in our own lives, see how we apply the same pattern to everything we do.

It's a sweet, fun story using the Christmas holidays to bring two people back to life. Yes, it has its tropes — including the ending, but we (and they) deserve it.

The Story

All those smokin' hot bods at this wild wedding, and there was only one Frankie wanted. She knew she wasn't in the same class, but all she wanted was one hot night.

A hot night she thought had refueled her creativity.

The Characters

Francesca "Frankie" Silvera was a celebrated silversmith. **Nana, Josephine O'Brian**, is her grandmother, the Banks' housekeeper. **Aunt Isabelle**. **Shayla** is a colorful friend of Frankie's.

Lieutenant Phillip Banks, a Navy SEAL whose call sign is "Sir", is Lara's estranged brother and the object of Frankie's lust and fantasies.

Lara Banks, the daughter of high-society snobs, is a friend of Frankie's and has been gone for the past eight years, dancing. Their mother, **Ellen**, was fancy.

Dominic Castillo, part of Phillip's SEAL team, is Lara's new husband. **Lieutenant Commander Blake Landon** is their CO. **Alexia** is Blake's wife. **Petty Officer Lane**. **Lieutenant Commander Mitch Donovan** is a legend and the admiral's grandson; he'll take the mission Banks so desperately wants. **Evan Exner**, a friend of Phillip's, has joined his father-in-law's real estate firm. **Commander Roberts** is another CO.

Valdero, code name "Candy Man", is a drug kingpin.

Millicent, Olivia, and **Deirdre** are some of Josephine's friends at the seniors' center. **Margie** is a friend of Shayla's in retail.

The Cover and Title

The cover is definitely a big girl's Christmas present with a bare chested hunk crouched under a Christmas tree and wearing a Santa hat. The publisher is promoted in a blaze of red and black ribbon across the top while the author's name is white and large just below the center and the book title is in a smaller font below.

The title is a sharing by Frankie with Phillip, celebrating *Christmas with a SEAL* who's never truly experienced the holiday as it should be.

Helen says

I loved this story it is one you will pick up and not want to put down Phillip Banks "Sir" is his call sign with The Seals is strong and very straight forward that is until he meets Frankie she turns him upside down and brings emotions out that Philip never knew he had. After Phillip is captured and tortured and then saved by his team he is at his sister's wedding when Frankie sets her eyes on the one person that she has had a crush on since her teenage years Frankie is the granddaughter of the Bank's housekeeper but he has no idea who she is Frankie is an artist who creates jewellery but she has lost her muse and she is sure Phillip can help her get it back but what for Frankie should have been a one night stand and something that Phillip never does turns into a sensual passionate journey to a wonderful HEA where both Frankie and Phillip learn so much about themselves and each other. I highly recommend this one and by the way keep a fan handy while reading awesome story :)

Cathy says

This was a very hot and steamy holiday read. I really enjoyed it. Silversmith Frankie Silvera had been raised by her grandmother, who was a housekeeper/cook for the rich Banks family. She has had a crush on Phillip for as far back as she can remember, but he and his sister, Lara, barely knew she existed because of their parents machinations. Frankie became friends with Phillip's sister after they had grown up and was invited to Lara's and Dominick Castillo's wedding. Phillip is a hot shot Navy SEAL leader whose recent mission was compromised, and he was captured and tortured by a drug cartel leader. Frankie sees the brooding Phillip at the wedding and approaches him and entices him to have a one night stand with her; not telling him that her grandmother has worked for his family for many years and they knew each other as children. She thinks that by having a one night stand with him that her creative juices for making jewelry will improve since she has been in a slump for almost a year. Phillip has a new mission all planned out to catch and eradicate the kingpin of the drug cartel that tortured him for 3 days. Shortly after he returns to his base in California, he is told that the mission leader will be someone else and that he is being transferred to Annapolis, Maryland to train cadets. He is very angry at being denied his mission, but goes back home to his dead parents house in Maryland to live while he is training cadets. Once home, he sees Frankie as she is coming in to serve him, thinking that it is Lara that has come home. He is a very tortured man and because of his upbringing, he hates the idea of anything to do with Christmas. Frankie loves Christmas, and sets out on a mission of her own: Operation Christmas for Phillip. Please read this story about two tortured people who find themselves in each other. You won't be sorry. I was given an ARC by the author, but the opinions I have are my own and don't have anything to do with the ARC

Dianne says

When an ever-so-proper, wealthy, by-the-books SEAL is removed as leader of his group after a mission gone bad, he is forced to come home on leave. The cold, yet beautiful home has never held any warm memories for him, especially around the holidays. Frankie grew up around this mansion, her grandmother being the cook, but she only watched Phillip from afar, star-eyed and crushing on him.

When fate gives her a chance to connect with the hot SEAL, she decides to pull out all of the stops to make her Christmas the best ever by snagging some quality alone time with Phillip, hoping to take some of the starch out of his shorts. Can one quirky woman who has been down on her luck get her best gift ever in the arms of her dream SEAL, or will their different standings in life preclude any chance of love?

Phillip has only his SEAL career and things are changing, making this Holiday Season another reason to hate them. Frankie has made him her Christmas project, determined to have him singing both Christmas Carols and declaring his love for her. Has she taken on more than she can handle? Will she end up with a broken heart? Is she depending too much on the magic of Christmas to make her dreams come true?

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