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**'Twas the Week Before Christmas...**

Suspecting he can never be the man Emma Peters wishes him to be, Lucien Morgen, the fifth duke of Willyngham, decides to break off their long-standing engagement...only to discover the innocent fiancé he set aside for years has unexpectedly blossomed into a passionate, irresistible woman.

**When All Through the House...**

As the family counts down to Christmas, everyone else seems to realize Lucien and Emma are truly meant to be--except the oblivious couple. With the help of some very mischievous children, Emma and Lucien are about to discover that a little mischief beneath the mistletoe might just open their hearts to love.

Originally published in *A Christmas Together* by Avon Books, this new edition has been completely revised, with all new scenes.

## **Mischief & Mistletoe Details**

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Author : Tanya Anne Crosby

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## From Reader Review Mischief & Mistletoe for online ebook

### **Emily says**

Still on the hunt for a new, good Christmas romance. In spite of the rating this one wasn't bad, but it also wasn't really what I was looking for. Sad Lucien feels unworthy of love (blah, could he have a more inane fault) and so rejects (wow, already forgot her name) Emma to save her from himself, but finds breaking their engagement more difficult than he originally imagined due to Emma's spirit and her nieces and nephew's wacky antics at Christmastime.

If that sounds appealing, there you go. You'll probably like it. The beginning was a little rough for me, and the book suffers from some editing problems--missing words, misplaced quotes, etc. I had some serious problems with the ending, but I don't imagine everyone one will.

Ending issues: (long and detailed spoiler)(view spoiler)

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Kindle Lending Library, December '13.

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### **Adrya Ribeiro says**

Que conto fofo, para aquecer o coração no Natal. Isso que é uma família empenhada em conseguir um marido para a Emma..rsrsrs Um bando de pestes!!

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### **Maura says**

This was a pretty decent novella about Christmas. Lucien thinks he's a bad egg and in order to save the lovely and innocent fiancee from a lifetime of heartache with him, he ends their engagement. Only she's in love with him and is devastated. So when he comes back 3 years later to officially end it, she's turned into a bit of a termagant (which he sees as passion and fierceness) and he suddenly wonders if he can leave her. He obviously still thinks its for the best to end it, but suddenly she's irresistible to him. Then there's her nieces and nephew who decide to mix things up a bit and give them both their Christmas wish - whether they want it or not.

I've just come off of reading The Impostor Prince, by the same author, and I would swear the female

character is the same one! She says the same things and nearly acts the same way. Still, I feel for Lucien's situation and their angst makes for an engaging read. I had to suspend some serious disbelief to go along with the children's antics (and their father's part in it). I also felt that the ending was a bit rushed and had a few loose ends...(view spoiler)

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### **Barbee says**

Tanya Anne Crosby weaves yet another magnificent tale with that golden pen of hers in this magnificent novella "Mischief and Mistletoe".

In this book it is Spring 1838, about a betrothed couple Lucien Morgen, 5th Duke of Willyngham and Emma Peters. Emma is eighteen years old with love in her heart and wants to be loved, the usual things a young woman would want. One thing she knows is she does not want a marriage of convenience and becomes someone's breeding vessel for heirs.

Lucien, who has a fabricated scandal connected to him and grew up very neglected watched his parents very unhappy marriage that destroyed his mother wants a marriage of convenience as well as a dull wife, After Emma confesses her feelings of love to Lucien he decides to break of the engagement thinking he is saving Emma from a loveless unhappy marriage like his parents.

Lucien and Emma do not see each other for another three years, shortly before Christmas Lucien decides it is time to break the engagement officially once and for all. Expecting to see the dull young girl he saw three years ago but finds but a beautiful vivacious intelligent woman full grown, as he finds himself wanting her like no other. Emma has changed and wants nothing to do with him, but to have this engagement broken and His Grace out of her site. This time Lucien finds himself mesmerized by Emma not wanting to leave her or her loving family. Something Lucien never had but wanted very much growing up.

Emma's family see's what the engaged couple does not that Emma and Lucien do love each other even though they cannot see it. So with the help of some meddling relatives and three little mischievous urchins. Both Lucien and Emma find out love really does exist and conquers all.

This book was truly a magical holiday book that pulls you into that feel good holiday spirit no matter what season you read it in. I loved it!

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### **Anaïs Wilde says**

Muy bonito. Quizás le falta un poco de "picante" para mi gusto, pero está muy bien ambientada y realmente te transporta a una navidad en la campiña inglesa.

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## **Carla says**

A novella fit for the season. Lucien Morgen, Duke of Willynham, has returned to Newgale to end the engagement he found himself still in after four years, to Emma Peters. Admiral Peters was more of a father to Lucien, with the Admiral's death along with harsh words to Emma the last time they saw each other – this should be simple. That is until Emma's brother, Andrew, his wife, Cecile, and their children lend a hand once it is evident that there is no greater match for each other.

Emma convinces herself that she is glad to be rid of Lucien, only to find him still beneath their roof (sometimes under some unusual circumstances). Lucien who thought he would be glad to be rid of such a burden, to be released of such fears that have harbored him since childhood, keeps being drawn closer to the light that beams from within the woman that he thought he no longer wanted.

Sweet, quick read. Perfect for that quiet time and a pick me up romance. Filled with wit, humor, and Christmas spirit.

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## **Brenda says**

### **I loved this holiday romance.**

This holiday tale by Tanya Anne Crosby is totally delightful.

Our heroine starts out a very naive young woman who has no clue why her betrothed has decided he doesn't want to marry her.

After years pass before he decides to show his face she shows her anger at his disregard.

What will his reaction be? Will he decide he loves her after all?

The characters in this humorous story alone make it not to be missed.

Our heroines nieces and nephews are a wonderful addition to this story with their naughty antics.

I gave this book 4.9 of 5.0 stars for storyline and characterization and a mild sensual rating of 2.5 of 5.0 flames. There is very little intimacy in this sweet Christmas romance.

It is a truly delightful read for this or any Christmas season. I borrowed this book via KindleUnlimited. This in no way affected my opinion which I reviewed voluntarily.

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## **Michaela says**

„Eine Bescherung für den Herzog“ ist eine Novelle der Bestsellerautorin Tanya Ann Crosby.

Die Handlung spielt Mitte des 19. Jahrhunderts im viktorianischen England. Erzählt wird die Geschichte von Lucien Morgan, dem fünften Herzog von Willyngham, und Emma Peters, Tochter eines Admirals.

Drei Jahre sind vergangen, seit Lucien Morgan seiner Angetrauten erklärt hat, dass er die bestehende Verlobung lösen möchte. Jetzt soll die Entscheidung endlich auch öffentlich bekannt gegeben werden und so

stattet der Herzog Emma und ihrer Familie kurz vor Weihnachten einen Besuch ab. Aber das vermeintlich so unschuldige und sanftmütige junge Mädchen hat sich mittlerweile zu einer Frau entwickelt, die ihren eigenen Kopf hat und mit ihrer Meinung nicht länger hinter dem Berg hält. Und als wären die Funken und Fetzen, die zwischen Emma und Lucien fliegen und sprühen nicht schon genug, schmieden auch Emmas Bruder sowie dessen Frau und Kinder ihre eigene Pläne, um den beiden unglücklich Verliebten doch noch zu ihrem Happy End zu verhelfen.

Das Buch ist eigentlich nur eine Novelle, dementsprechend knapp fallen natürlich auch die Handlung und die Entwicklung der Charaktere aus. Dennoch hat Tanya Ann Crosby es geschafft, den inneren Konflikt von Lucien schön herauszuarbeiten. Während die „alte“ Emma ihm in ihrer Lieblichkeit und (vermeintlichen) Sanftmut) viel zu zerbrechlich vorkam, ist er nun fasziniert von der selbstbewussten jungen Frau, zu der seine Verlobte sich entwickelt hat. Emma hingegen ist fest entschlossen, dem Herzog zu zeigen, dass sie ihn weder braucht noch will und das Ende der Verlobung geradezu begrüßt. Während Emma und Lucien mit sich und ihren Gefühlen füreinander beschäftigt sind, beschließt jedoch Emmas Familie, dass sie den beiden auf die Sprünge helfen müssen und hecken dafür allerlei Streiche aus.

Mir hat die Geschichte wirklich gut gefallen, weil sie romantisch und heiter ist. Ich bin kein Fan von düsteren Liebesgeschichten, und fand diese hier besonders charmant, weil sie sich nicht so ernst nimmt. Die Charaktere sind liebenswert, die Streiche der Kinder sind zum Brüllen und die Beziehung zwischen Emma und Lucien ist einfach unglaublich romantisch.

Mir hat's gefallen!

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### **Kbee says**

Audible Romance Package

AUDIOBOOK: Listened to 4 February 2018

3hrs 17min

Narrator: Marian Hussey

It was ok the kids made it fun.

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### **Trish R. says**

Overall, this was a fun story BUT I could have done without Lucien thinking about what he'd like Emma to do with/for him sexually. Believe it or not I love sex in my books but not in a Christmas novella. This is my first story by Ms. Crosby and I doubt I'll read more by her. Her sex scenes are just a little too nasty for me.

It was a cute story about Lucien breaking his and Emma's betrothal but then finding it difficult to want to leave Emma's and her brother's Christmas festivities. But Emma trying constantly trying to rush him off because she was so heartbroken she didn't want to be near him. What the kids did to try to get him to stay was pretty funny. It was a good read.

As to the narration: Marian Hussey did a great job on the voices and she reads with nice emotions.

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### **Tom Prejsner says**

#### **Romance**

Thank you for sharing these wonderful romance novels series books. Please keep writing more of these wonderful books. Thank you

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### **Sharon says**

To have what you need and throw it away and then find that it's what you need and may not be able to get it back makes this an excellent, if short story. This was my second reading and just as good as the first.

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### **Lissa says**

In romance under the mistletoe

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### **Kristine says**

Original review can be found at <https://kristineandterri.blogspot.ca/...>

In my hunt for some Christmas cheer to get me in the Christmas spirit I decided to pick this novella up and give it a try. In the interest of full disclosure I will admit that I have never really been drawn to historical romance. I love historical fiction but tend to stay away from these types of books. I don't know why.

I have to admit that I enjoyed this novella more than I thought I would. At only 78 pages I can't really say too much about it but it succeeded in giving me some holiday feels. Who doesn't smile at love discovered during the holiday season.

If I had to dissect the story I would say that the characters were a little weak especially Lucien. A broken betrothal because he didn't feel worthy but with no explanation was a little unbecoming. Also the fact that his feelings changed three years later when Emma was more mature, beautiful and self confident was a little slimy. However, I adored Emma's family and their closeness and holiday traditions.

In the end this novella did entertain me for a short time and succeeded in putting me in the holiday spirit.

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### **Nicole Laverdure says**

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I have read two books by this author and I always find them well written and interesting! This is a family saga filled with charm and tenderness. This romance is the story of Lucien and Emma! Lucien, who did not believe that he was good enough to marry Emma, decided to cancel his betrothal. However, three years later, he meets Emma again, who has become a beautiful and smart woman. She does not understand the reason why he did not want to marry her and remains mad at him.

The family perceive that love unites these two young people, so they all conspire together to reunite them by every means. Will Lucien and Emma have a second chance? Will love get them back together, as it should be? This is a short Christmas novella! It is fast paced, funny and charming! Even, if it is a holiday romance, it is a romantic love story!

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