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The best Christmas present? The unexpected romance that brings two former classmates together for a lesson in holiday magic...

With its festive Snowed Inn and year-round Christmas store, the pretty town of Tall Pine knows how to do the holidays right. But this year, Liv Tomblyn's homecoming trip may be bittersweet. Liv's grandmother died soon after Thanksgiving, leaving a lifetime of belongings to sort through. Soon Liv is surrounded by memories, including a retro silver Christmas tree. And there's Liv's old friend Scott Leroux—the one-time class clown who's become the town's go-to handyman.

Scott enjoyed helping Liv's Nammy with little fix-it jobs in recent years, but now he's wondering if the crafty grandma had a much larger project in mind. Everything—from Nammy's mysteriously malfunctioning heater to that silver tree—seems to be conspiring to throw Liv and Scott together. Not that Scott objects. For though Liv insists she'll leave Tall Pine when the holidays are over, he's hoping their holiday kisses might thaw her resolve and make this Christmas truly unforgettable...

Praise for Sierra Donovan's *Do You Believe in Santa?*

"This story is like the perfect cup of hot chocolate: sweet, warm and nostalgia-inducing."--*RT Book Reviews*

Praise for *No Christmas Like the Present*

"A charming holiday story that combines the magic of *It's A Wonderful Life* with the warmth of *A Christmas Carol*." --*Donna Alward*

"Donovan packs this contemporary romance full of all kind of Christmas magic."--*Publishers Weekly*

"A stand-out story."--*RT Book Reviews*

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Pam says

Wonderful story of a journey through sadness & into a life of love. After being gone four years, Liv has come home for her Nammy's funeral. She plans on staying for a month to be there for her mother & sister & to help them pack up Nammy's things. She feels guilty for not coming home after college or in the years between to see them. Between a breakup and a time consuming business, she can't afford the time but is determined to take it. Scott does a favor for Liv's mother & sister & picks her up at the airport. From this moment, you feel pulled into the story. The author has a way with her narrative that brings you into the characters live & makes you feel the emotions they feel - the pain, depression, love, laughter & sorrow. The characters are very realistic and easy to love. Scott is struggling with finding a relationship, trying to get people from the home town to see him as a grown up business owner not Scotty, the kid. Liv is practical, organized & dependable. That's what makes it so hard on her as she loses control of her emotions & business. There are twists in the story that keep you involved & entertained. Several things happen in Nammy's house that make you wonder about them. This was a great book & I really enjoyed it. It runs you through the entire gamut of emotions. Grab a Kleenex & start reading!

Sonya Wasden says

This was a sweet, clean romance that revolved around the magic of Christmastime.

Liv Tomblyn's grandmother, Nammy, had passed away around Thanksgiving so she had come home to Tall Pine, California. She had been voted "Most Likely To Succeed" when she graduated from high school and was now living Dallas where she was running a successful business with her partner, Terry. She had only come home to help her mom and sister pack up her Nammy's home so it could be sold. She had no intention of staying past her return date of two days after Christmas. She also hadn't planned on meeting an old classmate, Scott Leroux. She remembered him but with no romantic interest. But, as they spent time together, those feelings began to change into something sweet and wonderful if only she could let herself accept it.

Scott was the local handyman. He had done a lot of work on Liv's Nammy's home and had grown very close to the woman. So, naturally, he wanted to help as needed when they were packing up and preparing the house for sale. He was fascinated Liv and began to see her as a possible romantic interest. He had a reputation for being the in-between guy. Someone who helped girls get over a heartbreak and then they moved on to someone else. It isn't what he wanted but that had been his history. The girls he dated all liked him but not enough to stick around with him. Was he to be forever doomed? Would he ever be the guy that the girl wanted to stay with for good?

This was a well-written story and friendship, love and memories with the beautiful background of the magic of Christmas wound through the story. I enjoyed the time I spent reading this story very much. I happened to be reading this story the week of Thanksgiving and finished it Thanksgiving morning so it felt very real because of the time of year around the holidays, too.

I was given a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Amanda says

Originally published at Desert Island Book Reviews

I love Christmas, and even though it's still way, way too early for most things Christmas, I'm always up for holiday-themed books. Clearly, the publishing industry agrees, since many of these are released in early fall. This book, which seems like it would be centered on the holidays, really is more of a "winter" book than a holiday one. It's also not really what I would consider a romance, and because of the disconnect between what I thought it would be and what it is, I didn't enjoy it as much as I'd hoped.

Liv and Scotty are set up to come together for a heartwarming holiday romance, but for me, it never really worked. First of all, Scotty's involvement in the story seemed really contrived. He doesn't seem to have any particularly close relationship with Liv or her family, with the exception of her late grandmother, and yet he gets called in to help with some frequency. Second, to me, they had no chemistry, and the romance isn't shown to us at all. We're told the characters are attracted to each other, but it doesn't really come across as genuine.

On top of that, that majority of the story is about Liv and her family cleaning out her late grandmother's home. It's sad on the one hand, but also completely flat on the other. It may just be my personal experience, but these people seemed remarkably put together for just having lost someone they loved. Not even waiting a week after the memorial service, at Christmas, to clean out her house? Seems unreasonably quick to me. Plus, death and loss don't inspire me to see or feel romance, so it's a little weird that this is the basis of the story.

This book wasn't terrible, but it wasn't for me. I didn't like that Christmas took a backseat to a more depressing storyline (especially with Christmas being in the title) and I didn't like the paltry amount of romance the book contained. I gave it two stars.

*ARC from Zebra via NetGalley

Sascha says

4 1/2

As I have been scrambling to catch up on a backlog of reading after pretty much taking November off for writing, I have been trying to get through all of the holiday ones so that you might find something to read with your eggnog, Christmas tree, and fire blazing in the fireplace. What I've learned in the past couple of weeks of reading Christmas-themed novels is that it's not as easy as it looks.

Later this week, I'll do a list with all of the holiday books, I've read and reviewed so you might find a favorite.

Sierra Donovan's *We Need A Little Christmas* jumps to almost the top of the list by taking all of the elements that you would expect in a Christmas story and then presenting the story of a family losing a valued

member just weeks before the holiday.

read more: <https://saschadarlington.me/2016/12/0...>

Kristen says

Lovely story that will get readers in the Christmas spirit. Great characters and a smoothly flowing storyline will have readers drawn in from the very first page. A moving story filled with love, laughter, tears, and finding your path through life. Definitely recommend!

*ARC received from Net Galley in exchange for a honest review

Katie W says

I love this little Christmas town located in Southern California and the charming people who live here. In this installment, Scott and Liv, two former high school classmates, are reunited when Liv's grandma, Nammy, passes away and she comes home for a month to help her mom and sister. Scott hasn't ever left town and is now the resident handyman.

Christmastime is a very nostalgic time for many people. Although the reader doesn't meet Nammy, she becomes real through the traditions and memories that are brought to life throughout the book. As Scott helps this family go through Nammy's belongings and fix the house up to sell, Liv gets to know him in a new way--as adults. There is an attraction between them, but boy, does Liv fight it! The magic that happens when they kiss and the kind and gentle man that Scott has become should be enough for her to do what she needs to do, but she fights to the bitter end, which is a little frustrating. I would've given up.

I love the way this family becomes closer through a loss. This book can stand alone, but it was so much fun to see the characters from the previous novel make appearances. I love how small towns are bound together and step up to help each other in various ways.

There is a thread of magic that shimmers at random moments. This is a magical season and a magical place, one that I'd love to visit if it were real. There are a few things that I would've liked to see wrapped up--I felt like there are a few loose ends, but overall, it's an enchanting story.

Content: very mild language; mild romance.

I received a copy through Netgalley. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

Susan Newkirk says

A wonderfully sweet and tender romance, with a high dose of holiday and family love.

Shelleen Toland says

This was a fun and quick Christmas romance. Liv's Grandmother has passed away so she came home to help her mom and sister to say goodbye and clean out the house. She ends up meeting up with Scotty who is the handyman of the town. As he helps them with everything she starts having feelings for him. But her home and business are back in Texas and she needs to get back to a business that she isn't sure will be there anymore. I received this from netGalley for a review.

Laura says

WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS is not a Christian Romance, but it does start with a funeral and has a few mentions of a Christian song (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms) and a pastor who makes a mention or two of God.

Liv is a very take charge individual, organized, and in control. She hates falling apart at her grandma's funeral and is crushed she hasn't taken time to visit her family in four years. Her sister is pregnant, but feeling insecure and unneeded since Liv is taking charge and bossing her, and her mom is healing from a fall where she broke her ankle. With the funeral and cleaning out of grandma's house, there's a lot of taking charge to do and organizational skills needed.

Scott is a handyman and seems to be a daily call for Liv's family as the house seems to think it needs to keep Liv and Scott thrown together. A new furnace that won't work...when you want it to, but will come on when it's off, a trap door that closes without warning, and more.

I like Ms. Donovan's books usually, but this one felt a bit slow and draggy. The usual sparks are missing, and characters I liked in her previous book act a bit like jerks in this one.

I did hurt for Liv. Scott seems like a fun type guy but he didn't move beyond that for me.

If you like Christmas books that are not Christian, then WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS might be a good one to consider.

I bought a copy of this book, but not from amazon. I won't show up as a verified buyer there. I was not obligated to write a review, and all opinions are my own.

Jaime Fiction Fangirls Book Review says

4.5 Stars

I really enjoyed this story but probably wouldn't suggest it to anyone who prefers strictly romance and NEEDS sex to round out a story. This read more like chick-lit, which I'm perfectly fine with.

This story warmed my heart because it came across so authentic and when I'm home under a blanket trying to keep warm, authentic and sweet are exactly what I need.

Isidora Subotic says

Liv is back in Tall Pine for her grandmother's funeral and it stirs all sorts of memories. She is also reunited with Scott, who is remembered as the class clown and that is about it. Scott has been doing small jobs for a long time for Liv's grandma but it seems Nammy was trying to get Liv and Scott together...

This book felt a bit empty. Liv doesn't really want a relationship (really hesitant) so for a romance book, nothing can/does really happen... On the other hand, there were some sweet parts (like crying, which means comfort ;). The romance came almost only at the end...

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Keeper Bookshelf

Returning to Tall Pine once again was such fun. I adored last year's *Do You Believe In Santa?* and have it on my re-read list for this year's Christmas season. Oh, and watch for familiar faces to pop up now and then – I love running into old friends. *grin* This year we'll meet Liv and Scott, former classmates whose lives separated into different directions after school. Liv moved away to start her own business – Scott stayed in Tall Pine becoming the “go to” handyman around town. But now their lives are going to come together once again – and with a little meddling from a loving Nammy's spirit who knows what magic might happen this Christmas season.

We Need A Little Christmas is full of a loved grandmother's sweet memory as Liv settles down for the difficult, yet loving task of packing up her beloved grandmother's belongings. She'd meant to come home sooner, but four years had passed in the blink of an eye and now Nammy was gone. In recent years Scott had done many repairs at Nammy's and found himself somewhat adopted into the older woman's affections... and perhaps her matchmaking as well.

I enjoyed Liv and Scott's slow fall into love. Definitely a clean romance, this couple seemed guided by unseen loving hands with all the small odd things that were happening around them. I like to believe that Nammy was doing her matchmaking still. Scott is a content, happy man doing what he loves. Sure, fixing things isn't a big money maker type of job but he enjoys tinkering and the satisfaction of a job done well. Liv is driven in her work, and will only be home for a few weeks. Can love keep her here with Scott? Only time,

and reading the story will tell.

This is a story that has many emotions wrapped up in it. Sadness, grieving, frustration, happiness, hope and eventually love. I wouldn't call it depressing but I will say that if you have memories of your own loved ones that have passed on... you might bring back a memory or two, hopefully they're happy ones.

We Need A Little Christmas is a charming, loving and satisfying Christmas Romance. One that I'd recommend without hesitation. You'll feel good, enjoy a clean romance and maybe relive a few Christmas memories of your own.

I received an e-ARC of We Need A Little Christmas from the publisher, Kensington Books – Zebra and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. That does not change what I think of this novel.

Kaylee Nizza says

LOVED IT!!! This is a great way to start off Christmas reading. I loved Liv's character. She is stubborn and has her pride. Scott is hot and does everything he can help including getting Liv to stay in her hometown and with him. This book is very heartfelt. Loosing your grandma before or after Thanksgiving is never easy. I can relate to that myself.. I couldn't put the book down. I was just so engrossed in the story. I felt like if I put the book down I may miss something important. I highly recommend reading this book. I look forward to reading more books By Sierra Donovan. Thank you Netgalley and Kensington Publishing.

Terri says

Review also found at <http://kristineandterri.blogspot.ca/2...>

I received an advanced copy of this book from the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. The expected publication date is September 27th, 2016.

I know, I know. It is only September and why am I reading a Christmas story already? I will tell you why. It is never too soon to get your Christmas shopping done and I thought this would get me in to the right spirit. Also, who doesn't love a Christmas story?

This was a really cute story. It will appeal to those who like romance but prefer them clean. Nothing more risqué than kissing to be found in this one. It was just long enough without being too long.

I absolutely loved the town this story was centered around. It not only had a Christmas store but it also had a Christmas hotel. Now that is something I would pay money to stay at. Everything about the town felt warm and inviting and to be honest was my favorite part of the story.

It was refreshing to see the romance between Liv and Scotty blossom slowly without the between the sheet action. Many times that is just fill in a story and lacks substance. the absence of that actually had you feel the emotion a little more. Now, with that in mind, this relationship did seem to develop out of thin air if I had to be a little critical. I didn't mind though, it still entertained me.

This is my first Christmas read this year, and my first story by Donovan. I believe there may be more stories that center around this town so I am going to have to check them out. Overall I was pleased with this book.

Shirlee McCoy says

Such a sweet lovely book. I enjoyed it immensely.
