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Meet the Reading Group: six women in the seaside village of Little Sanderton come together every month to share their love of reading. No topic is off-limits: books, family, love and loss . . . and don't forget the glass of red!

Grace knows that the holiday season is going to be different this year. No turkey, no tinsel, no gorgeously wrapped gifts under the tree . . . how on earth is she going to break it to her little boys that Christmas is effectively cancelled? And can she bear to tell anyone her embarrassing secret? Enter the Reading Group: Grace's life might have turned upside down but there's no problem they can't solve.

## **The Reading Group: December Details**

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### Sedotte Dai Libri says

3 stelline e mezzo!

Ciao Sedotte, rieccomi qui per parlarvi di questo Spin-off Natalizio.

Grace è una madre ed una brava moglie, innamorata della vita e pazzamente attratta dai sentimenti umili. Da un po' di tempo si è rinchiusa nel suo guscio, la sua sofferenza è tale da dover decidere di rinunciare all'unico incontro con le sue adorate amiche, un appuntamento libresco in Dicembre.

Un punto d'incontro, una parola, tante chiacchiere, risate e libri, uno sfogo e un voltare le spalle a quel destino che le mette il bastone fra le ruote. Scappare dai problemi e da quella sofferenza che non può cancellare. Grazie al dolcissimo Marito Ben, Grace si decide e si convince che quella serata fatta di dolcetti e libri potrà aiutarla. Giunge all'appuntamento con il cuore in lacrime, perché sa che le sue amiche una volta vista, sarebbero arrivate al suo problema. Un problema troppo grande per la sua famiglia. Un pensiero che la consuma.

Le sue amiche, un gruppo di donne che guardandola negli occhi, riescono a farla parlare e confidarsi con loro per risolvere il problema e pregare per un miracolo.

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### Dash fan says

#### Fantastic short story of friendship

Having previously read the January book, this one came up on Amazon for free and I couldn't resist getting it as the previous books was so fantastic.

Della has kept this book very short but has packed so much in.

This paticular book focuses on the friendship of the reading group when tough times hit Grace one of the group members.

Without giving anything away, she's a very proud lady but having her friends around her she breaks down and reluctantly tells the group what is happening.

They quickly all pull together offering help and support in every way.

There is an emotional connection to Grace as Della has chosen real life emotional issues that effect people every day.

You really could connect and feel Grace and Ben's pain and the proud feeling Ben has to protect he's family.

I would highly recommend this short story as it packs a punch and leaves you wanting to read more, which is exactly how Della left the January book.

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**Nicola Clough says**

This was a new author for me and will be reading more was a very quick book but well worth reading all about six women who are in a reading group and how Christmas for one of them isn't going to be easy but can the friends help her out. Well worth reading.

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**Cora Tea Party Princess says****5 Words: Perfect length for mulled wine.**

Super short, and quite sweet. It was OK for a freebie, but doesn't give much away about the larger arc of the story, except for the general theme of friendship.

That said, I will definitely read on as I liked the writing style and I'm addicted to serials. It'll be interesting to see which character is focused on next.

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**Katherine Hayward says**

Sweet reading-related story for Christmas. I couldn't resist this on Amazon- Christmas and a book club in the same book. Just my type of book to really relax to. It's a great short story.

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**Yvonne Morgan says**

new author to me but liked this style of writing ..quick but very enjoyable...

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**Melisa says**

A sweet short story about friendship. I'll be picking up the full length book to find out what else happens with these reading club friends.

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**Julie says**

Lovely short story with a Christmas but not overly Christmas theme. Must admit to a happy tear and look forward to reading January's Reading Group.

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### **Lisa Houston says**

Nice introduction to the reading Group. Though not keen on these little instalments. Why cant the writer just write a book, like normal without a small insert in december. Do we have small stories to look forward to in the future or more?

Just felt we were getting to know Grace and her group of friends when the book was over.

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### **Stephanie Wood says**

This short story was a great introduction to a new series which I'm looking forward to reading.

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### **Rita says**

This one came up on Amazon for free.

A short read over a cup of coffee.

A simple story about friendship and how friends are important when times are difficult.

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### **Cheryl says**

This is a 3.5 star read.

A gorgeous, heartening short story about the power of friendship, especially when times are dark. The author has done a remarkable job in producing characters with such depth and an enticing plot in such a short body of work. This would make an excellent Christmas read.

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### **Jules says**

*The Reading Group: December* is a short festive story about life's struggles and the value of friendship.

This is an ideal quick read with a hot cup of tea and a mince pie.

Currently available free on Amazon Kindle at the time of posting this review.

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### **Il confine dei libri says**

Salve lettrici.

Oggi vi parlo di "Libri, amore e segreti", la breve novella che apre la serie di "The Reading Group" di Della Parker. Sinceramente, non avendo letto la trama,

non avevo capito che questa serie fosse composta da novelle, invece è proprio così.

Il libro è composto da una novella per ogni mese, e così da un libro per ogni novella, perché ci troviamo davanti a delle lettrici accanite.

Questa novella anticipa la serie e racconta di come, nel mese più bello e freddo dell'anno, Grace, la protagonista, invece di passare le feste in compagnia, si ritrova piena di pensieri e preoccupazioni.

Ma Grace è fortunata, ha delle anche speciali che sistemeranno ogni cosa, o quasi.

In poche pagine, l'autrice è riuscita a catturare la mia attenzione grazie al suo stile leggero e lineare. La lettura scorre veloce, ma sono poche pagine, quindi non mi sento di dare un giudizio troppo sbilanciato. Siamo a Natale e, come ho già detto, ci troviamo davanti a una madre di famiglia con più di qualche preoccupazione. Ma Grace è fortunata perché una lettura sembra darle la spinta giusta per affrontare ogni cosa, e come noi ben sappiamo, un libro può aiutarci davvero.

E voi amiche del confine? Vi tufferete insieme a me in questa avventura che ci accompagnerà per diversi mesi?

Buona lettura!

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### **Gemma says**

This was a short introduction to The reading Group.

I loved the relationship and bond between the 6 friends.

I enjoyed December, and will be adding the full length book to my reading list .

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