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Christmas has come to Cedarwood Lodge in the second part of the feel-good romance serial from best selling author, Rebecca Raisin!

Dreaming of a happily ever after at Cedarwood Lodge is Clio Winters' current focus, especially with a winter wonderland wedding expo planned. But with brides coming from far and wide the heat is on for Clio to fulfil everyone's dream of a Christmas wedding!

It seems like Clio's new business might be off to a rocky start and surrounded by love struck brides she can't help but hope for a little Christmas romance of her own...

**Cedarwood Lodge is a delectable romance told in three parts – following Clio Winters journey back to her hometown of Evergreen. This is Part Two.**

## **Brides and Bouquets At Cedarwood Lodge Details**

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## **From Reader Review Brides and Bouquets At Cedarwood Lodge for online ebook**

### **Clair says**

Clio and her team are back! After the success of the wedding anniversary party of Edgar and Imelda, Clio is now focused upon the bridal expo she has coming up ahead of Christmas to show off Cedarwood in all its festive glory. Clio has her partner-in-crime back, however it's not entirely clear why Amory has turned up unannounced....and arguably with the worst possible timing!

Kai has left as planned and is working on other jobs however Clio needs him back to iron out some issues with the building works - however is that the only reason she would like him back??

We are introduced to some new characters in this instalment, who are as lovable as those we met in Celebrations and Confetti.

I thoroughly enjoyed Brides and Bouquets, I enjoyed being back in the fold of the Cedarwood Lodge team however I continue to be intrigued by Cedarwood Lodge, why everyone seems to clam up when quizzed on its history and why Clio's mother dislikes the place so much so I look forward to the final instalment, Midnight & Mistletoe where hopefully, all will be revealed.

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### **Ria says**

Rebecca's peppy and energetic prose transfers her characters' frisson of excitement for the upcoming events at Cedarwood Lodge to the readers too. It's impossible not to be pleased with her books, this book is no different. I could feel the characters' enthusiasm to get ready for the bridal expo and Christmas season. With an undertone of mystery and blooming romances, this book is a total delight for the chick-lit fans.

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### **Michelle Simons says**

A wonderful, schmaltzy, feel good festive story. A book full of well described roaring fires and good food (a favourite of mine it must be said). What gives this book an edge is the twist running through it.

I am looking forward to part 3 to find out exactly what is going on.

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### **Bharti says**

It's all about Brides at the Cedarwood Lodge in part 2. Full review: <https://t.co/CA2xuNfEbY>

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### **Grass monster says**

This is book 2 in the Cedarwood Lodge series. We are back with Clio Winters, Clio has an upcoming Wedding fair at the lodge and is determined to make it a big success and nothing is going to get in her way to make this the best Wedding fair ever. Clio hopes that the fair will also bring in more bookings for the future and get some publicity out there. Her best friend Amory, is visiting from New York and giving her a hand. Clio has a great group of workers and hopes they will be able to pull the Wedding fair off in time. Isla and Micah still going strong, Timothy, who is Clio's childhood sweetheart and very interested in making another go of things. The chef she has hired for the fair goes AWOL on the morning of the fair leaving Clio empty handed, Clio faces some problems with the council and needs to call upon Kai, who she has fallen for but feels things won't work as Kai is due to leave after Christmas. There is also the big secret surrounding the lodge and Clio's mum. The whole town seems determined to keep what has happened under wraps and Clio continues to come up against a brick wall when she starts to research the history. Now the maze has been found, maybe Clio can finally get some answers? Or maybe it's best to leave things alone.

Again I love getting lost in Rebecca Raisin's stories, it was great being back at Cedarwood Lodge with Clio and the gang. Although I felt there was more going on in the first book and I seemed to enjoy it more. I can't say I didn't like this part because I did but I just felt more connected in book 1. I am looking forward to seeing what the last installment has in store but I'm also a little sad as we are going to be seeing the last of Clio and her friends.

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### **Sam Still Reading says**

I always say this about Rebecca Raisin's books, but they are just delightful. Think chocolates without the calories, or any kind of indulgence. It's like slipping into another world of warmth, where you just know that good will triumph over evil. After 2016, it's the kind of book we need!

Brides and Bouquets at Cedarwood Lodge is part 2 of a trilogy and I would suggest that it's a good idea to read the first book (Celebrations and Confetti at Cedarwood Lodge) first to gain maximum love for this series. Then you'll be familiar with Clio's problems – bringing Cedarwood Lodge back to its glory days even though her mother refuses to set foot in the place, the reappearance of her (newly single) first love and Kai, the master builder who has left for the west coast. Clio's best friend Amory is a strong presence in this book as she takes a sabbatical at the lodge (read: dodging her boyfriend after an unexpected proposal). The girls are on to their next project for the lodge – a bridal expo to showcase the possible role of the lodge for that dreamy winter wonderland wedding. Of course, things don't go to plan when the local council refuses to let the brides into the chapel, citing structural issues. This is where Clio needs Kai back in her life and reluctantly, she calls him. It's a glimmer of hope for Clio that he helps out so readily – maybe Kai feels the same way she does? But then there's her first love Timothy who is suggesting he'd like to get to know Clio again and her mother refusing to give up the secrets of the lodge...it's all too confusing!

We meet in this instalment Amory's boyfriend, Cruz who is a hotshot on Wall Street but has a former life as a chef. When Clio's chef bails to join a cruise ship, she turns to him in desperation and Cruz definitely delivers! It also makes him consider his career in a new light and changes Amory's thoughts on him. Could there be extra love blossoming in the kitchen?

I loved the multiple plot threads going on in this novella, but we're still left on tenterhooks as to the fate of Clio and Kai. Will she be bold and tell all? Or will she explore a new relationship with Timothy (and his scary children)? It's a wonderful, fun read just right for the holiday season.

Thank you to HQ Digital for the eARC. My review is honest.

<http://samstillreading.wordpress.com>

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### **Aisha says**

Lovely uplifting book, I started the third book as soon as I finished this one! Love this series.

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### **Julie says**

A new Rebecca Raisin title is always a major cause for celebration and HQ Digital are truly spoiling her fans with her latest tale, Cedarwood Lodge, a juicy, romantic and feel-good serial told in three parts that is absolutely impossible to resist. In the second installment, Brides and Bouquets at Cedarwood Lodge, the drama, romance and thrills just keep on coming and readers are sure to continue to fall in love with the wonderful world which this talented author has created!

Christmas is coming and Clio Winters is as busy as ever trying to promote Cedarwood Lodge as the premier location for sumptuous and beautiful wedding receptions. Clio is determined to put all her time, money and energy into achieving her goal and she will stop at nothing to achieve her objective – regardless of all the stress, anguish and sleepless nights that it might entail. With a bridal expo about to take place at the Lodge, Clio is determined to pull out all the stops to ensure that everything goes off without a hitch. She is determined to make this event a resounding success and with her best friend from New York, Amory, coming along to lend a helping hand – not to mention a great crew behind the scenes – Clio is quietly confident that her dream of turning the Lodge into one of the country's top wedding locations will become a reality. But does fate have other plans in store for her and Cedarwood Lodge?

Her best friend Amory might have brought her Manhattan flair and style to Cedarwood Lodge, but beneath her glitzy and glamorous exterior lies a broken-hearted woman worried about her relationship with the only man who has managed to get under her skin, her sexy as sin boyfriend, Cruz. Clio cannot help but worry about Amory – even if she's got a lot on her plate at the moment: not only does she have an expo to organise, but she has to contend with an old flame intent on rekindling their relationship, staff going AWOL and a good-looking man who has made it perfectly clear that he does not plan on sticking around after Christmas...

Will a Yuletide miracle manage to solve all of Clio's problems and make her dreams come true? Or are all of her hopes and dreams doomed to fail?

Losing yourself in a Rebecca Raisin novel is one of life's pleasures and readers are sure to love this exciting, enthralling and totally compelling tale of friendship, romance, secrets and family. Brides and Bouquets at Cedarwood Lodge is an uplifting, romantic and spellbinding story fans of Jill Shalvis, Debbie Macomber and Jenny Colgan are going to love!

Fast-paced, enjoyable and terrific from beginning to end – I cannot wait for Part 3 of Rebecca Raisin's mesmerizing Cedarwood Lodge serial!

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### **Jo says**

Really enjoyed this second installment. Cedarwood Lodge is ready and open for business for its first wedding expo. Love is in the air for more than one character although we are left hanging on the will they won't they front at the end - I have my fingers crossed. The mystery surrounding Clio's mum remains and the book ended with me wanting to know more. Can't wait for the next book. Thank you to the author for my copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

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### **Kim says**

I love the return to Cedarwood Lodge. Clio is busy planning the first wedding expo and getting the lodge picture perfect for all the brides. Disaster strikes when something is overlooked and means the return of a certain character. The romance in the book keeps you guessing and hoping and I look forward to seeing how this all works out in the next book.

I absolutely love this series and could just imagine the lodge set up for Christmas and the expo. You could imagine the brides excitement at finding the perfect setting for their special day. You feel invested in the characters and wondering about the secrets hidden at the lodge.

I can't wait for the next book in the series- I hope it's out soon.

I voluntarily read an ARC of this book and would like to thank NetGalley and the publisher.

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### **Carol J. Hertkorn says**

#### **Don't buy this book.**

This is word for word of the first Cedarville Lodge although it is only one third of the story. I am guessing that the next books tell the rest of the story. I feel cheated.

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### **Kaisha (The Writing Garnet) says**

All reviews can be found on my blog at <https://thewritinggarnet.wordpress.com>

It only feels like yesterday that we were giving a warm welcome to Clio Winters and Cedarwood Lodge! Luckily for us though, barely any time at all has passed and she is BACK! Well, technically she isn't back as she didn't leave Cedarwood Lodge in between books...you know what I mean. ANYWAY!

Brides & Bouquets is centred around what Clio does best; wedding planning. However, wedding planning at Cedarwood Lodge is a bit different for Clio this time around, as she is working with an unfinished lodge. Will Clio and her Cedarwood army be able to turn Cedarwood lodge into a wedding haven for her bride

visitors?

I have been so excited about this book ever since I finished reading 'Celebration's and Confetti'. Such a moreish storyline with intriguing characters, my expectations were rather high for Brides & Bouquets! I believe that this series can be read standalone, but in my honest opinion, I would advise that you read them in order, from the beginning otherwise you might end up wondering who the pansy everyone is.

It did take me a little while to warm up to the storyline. I genuinely thought that I could slip back into it as if I hadn't been away, but I felt like a bride with cold feet. It could be the fact that I had read the first book a few weeks ago, read quite a few books and come back to the series again...I may have sabotaged myself. Anyway, once I got into it, the storyline warmed me up like a cup of hot cocoa by the fire!

The descriptions of each room, the Christmas tree, as well as items from the bridal expo made me feel as though I was in Cedarwood Lodge myself, seeing everything with my very own eyes. Surreal feeling!

I must admit, this review is a bit difficult to write as I am having to be super careful not to give anything away, especially as every situation in the book is very closely linked to another. Just to clarify, that isn't a bad thing! Not for you anyway, it is for me as I want to tell you ALLLLL of it, but I can't. That would be mean.

I found myself liking Clio even more in this book as we got to see more of her personality, as well as watching her grow as a person. She has more of an edge to her this time but I have a feeling that there is more to her that we haven't seen yet. Compared to the first book in the series, Brides and Bouquets felt more emotional in a way I can't really explain, definitely positive though!

Brides and Bouquet is a heart-warming tale that may leave you wanting to change your career straight after reading it. Full of fabulous humour, likeable characters and a truly cosy setting, this book will warm you from the inside out and fill your heart with a bouquet of joy!

Thank you LRR, Rebecca and HQDigitalUK

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### **Sally Coles says**

Cedarwood Lodge is up and running and preparing for its first brides expo and Clio is panicking as there is so much to do and she has forgotten to follow up the planning on the chapel - luckily the gorgeous Kai is able to come back and help out!

Clio's friend Amory has also arrived at the Lodge after leaving New York in a hurry and Clio needs to get to the bottom of what is going on with Amory and her boyfriend Cruz. Isla and Micah are still going strong so romance is definitely in the air so lets hope the brides feel it!

Another good story and looking forward to the last part so that we can find out what the mystery is with Clio's mother and the maze

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## **Karen Whittard says**

Thank you to Netgalley, HQ publishing and Rebecca Raisin for the opportunity to read this book for an honest review.

You can find my review on both Goodreads and Amazon as of today under my name of Karen Whittard.

I have been a massive fan of Rebecca Raisin for quite some time now. I love the way Rebecca writes with such warmth and fun. Bringing the characters to life before your very eyes and making you feel like you are part of all the action. I have loved the series

The Gingerbread cafe, the bookshop series and the series set in Paris. So when I saw that Rebecca had written another series set in the gorgeous Cedarwood lodge I jumped at the chance to read the books.

Knowing that I would be in for a treat, and boy as always Rebecca to never disappoint. I have brought and read the first part of this series and loved it. So when I was granted a book from your publishers to read this book for an honest review. I must admit I jumped up and down with glee. I couldn't wait to hop right into it. This is a wonderful second part and the third part has been on preorder for along time now. So I can't wait to read it.

This is a really lovely addition to the series. Part two sees Christmas coming to Cedarwood Lodge and what a stunning backdrop this would be for the most festive time of the year.

Clio is still trying to bring lots of attention to the venue and decides that it would be a delectable place for weddings to happen. Which it would be. I mean the place sounds stunning. So Clio is preparing to have a wedding expo day. With brides coming from far and near to view the event. It takes a lot of planning and a careful touch to bring everything together. Will Clio be able to pull it all off in time?

I really loved this romantic Christmas tale and cannot wait for the next book in the series.

Happy reading everyone

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## **Julie says**

Brides and Bouquets at Cedarwood Lodge by Rebecca Raisin is a 2016 HQ publication.

This is the second installment in the Cedarwood Lodge e-serial by Rebecca Raisin.

It's Christmas time at Cedarwood Lodge and Clio has gotten the lodge ready to host events now and is hoping to cast the net by hosting the winter wonderland expo. She has her hands full, and of course, like Murphy's law, what can go wrong, will go wrong. Can Clio pull everything together in time?

Although Clio's possible love interest has left, she's still harboring feelings for him, but she is also being pursued by her old boyfriend. However, Clio is super busy with the lodge and has plenty of heavy drama to deal with in regards to her mother's long kept secret that involves memories of events that took place long ago at Cedarwood Lodge. Her refusal to confess to Clio is driving a deeper wedge between them.

In the meantime, Amory and Cruz are going through a rough time as their original goals and plans seem to

have melted away. Amory is nervous about the changes and the pressure to commit to marriage and children.

Rebecca Raisin has a knack for creating characters I want to cheer for and can relate to, as well as stories anyone can enjoy. This e-serial is a very nice idea and I've been really enjoying these short updates and developments from this delightful cast of characters.

A lot of serious relationship issues crop up in this second chapter, which led to many changes. Some are awesome and I loved the curves some of the characters were brave enough to endure, and has me looking forward to the last chapter in the series with great anticipation. I can't wait to find out how everything turns out. Naturally, I want Clio to finally get her own happily ever after, and of course I hope she and her mother can finally put the painful past behind them. The suspense is killing me!

4 stars

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