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One Perfect Christmas picks up with Alice and Joe one year on... He's a bigger star than ever, and Alice has managed to maintain her anonymity. But how long can that last? Will this be their first - and last - perfect Christmas? And where is Lukas?

Snuggle up in front of the fire to read this magical wintery short story about what happened next...

## One Perfect Christmas Details

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## From Reader Review One Perfect Christmas for online ebook

### Lucy says

I just wished that this was longer & the full story, they get photographed & .....

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### Stacey says

Read: 2 January 2013 (originally November 2012)

Why: Loved One Perfect Summer

Rating: 3.5 stars

Brief synopsis: Alice and Joe return in the sequel to One Perfect Summer - a novella available only as an e-book - catching up a year after their Dorset reunion.

What I thought: I said I would be honest in my reviews so here goes - I didn't like this. If it hadn't have been the sequel to One Perfect Summer (and possibly a bridge into the next instalment), it would have only been a 3 star rating.

This short story is very short, more of an extended epilogue and much shorter than other novellas I've read. To make the matter worse, a lot of that is spent recapping parts of One Perfect Summer and because of that, there isn't much of a story - they've bought a house and Joe's built a snowman is about the gist of it.

It's a real shame as I loved all of Paige Toon's other books but this one left me feeling as though nothing at happened. I would rather have waited longer for a full sequel. That said, it won't put me off buying The Longest Holiday when it is released in May 2013.

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### Hannah says

Joe and Alice such a perfect match. I love the public kiss while punting. I loved this short story. I want it to carry on.

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### Monica says

Got it today and had to read it! Absolutely great!!

Having said that i would really love a sequels.

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### **Rachel Keaveney says**

I didn't see the point of this book, why not just wait and do a sequel?! She ends the book as if there will be another short story? I did love the story and loved catching up with Joe and Alice but felt a little disappointed!

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### **uma says**

The main character was super annoying but I just read it so I could just know what happened.

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### **Silke says**

<3 Argh ich würd so gern mehr über Joe und Alice lesen <3

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### **Britt says**

Did really love this book but i agree with everyone else when they say that it would have been better as a sequel than a short story!

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### **Kim says**

OMG I'm so mad! I totally forgot I was reading a short story. When I clicked next and the story was over I was like what?!, Oh yeah I'm reading a short story lol. Alice & Joe one year later! The story shows you Joe & Alice's life since the end of One Perfect Summer. You get to see updates about Jessie, Emily and Alice's parents as well. We get a glimpse of how Alice is dealing with dating a celebrity and the obstacles they face since Alice decided to keep their relationship a secret. The only horrible thing about this is, its short :(

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### **Robyn says**

Feel quite mean with this rating but it just seemed pointless and didn't really go anywhere. Doesn't really help that I can hardly remember a thing about "One perfect summer"!

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### **Leah says**

After finishing Paige Toon's latest novel One Perfect Summer, I immediately rushed to my Kindle to read the

short story sequel to the novel, One Perfect Christmas. I'll be honest, I wasn't a big fan of One Perfect Summer. I didn't like Alice very much, and I felt it was a re-telling of Pictures of Lily but in a different setting. Plus, the ending was horribly abrupt. One Perfect Christmas goes a little way to patching up the rough ending, but, really, Toon should have just held her horses and wrote a full-length sequel rather than bowing to fans demands and rushing out a short story sequel that takes all of 10 minutes to read.

It does feel as though One Perfect Christmas was a filler. That at some point in the future, we will see Alice and Joe again in some capacity. I'll be honest, I found it too short to really get to know Alice and Joe in a relationship after so much time apart. I thought it all seemed a bit too perfect. Yes, they loved each other very much — at 18. We're now meant to believe that nearly 10 years on, they still feel exactly the same and that they haven't changed at all since they were teens. I don't want to sound as if I'm on a downer as Toon is a brilliant, brilliant author, I just felt that this novella and its prequel were a bit idealistic.

All I will say, is that I hope The Longest Holiday gets Toon back to her best, back to the best I know she can produce. The good news is that it seems it will. The first chapter is at the end of One Perfect Christmas, and I like Laura already, so bonus. One Perfect Summer and One Perfect Christmas just weren't to my liking, sadly. They just weren't as good as Toon's previous 5 novels.

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### **Rhea says**

Awww I loved reading about Alice and Joe again...I wish it would've been longer haha annoying how she ends it, just when something good was about to happen. I definitely can't wait to see what Paige Toon has in stall for these two!

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### **Ricci says**

Urghhhh just as the book was getting really really really good it ends! Loved how we were given a glimpse of Alice & Joe's relationship & how it came together. Just wished we given a bit more as the ending was abruptly finished & slightly rushed! But it was nice reading about old characters, can finally have a bit of closure!

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### **Nina says**

This was such a cute and enjoyable read. I loved finding out more about what happened Alice and Joe after the end of "One Perfect Summer" and really hope we might get another short story about them in the future!

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### **Sara says**

One Perfect Summer was such an enjoyable book..

As a girl with a similar experience, I loved getting lost in the story of Alice and Joe.. so when I found out that there was a short story that told what happened next, I immediately bought the e-book.. It was a big disappointment!

A fair share of the story was recapping what happened in One Perfect Summer.. There is a wedding, and there is a hint to what may happen next, but.. nothing was developed!

If the intention and purpose of this "book" was just to get the faithful reader even more hungry for a potential sequel, then goal achieved!

But otherwise, I do not see the point, and I would have much rather waited for a "proper" - complete sequel rather than catching up like this. This is like going for coffee when you could be going for a nice meal!

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