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Melinda Sweet loved her husband before she learned of his wealth and she loves him still, despite the fact that it's gone. Unfortunately, while she knows the collapse of his Chicago financial services business had nothing to do with him, he believes otherwise. His upbeat adjustment to their new – and temporary – life on his grandfather's rundown honey farm is a foil to cover the burden of failure. She wasn't expecting to throw – in five weeks – the traditional Sweet Christmas Open House, but it's a good earning opportunity and how hard could it be?

Austin Sweet is determined to make his wife proud of him again. But he also wants to erase the sting of shame he feels from his parents, to whom he owes a debt of gratitude for arranging for this caretaking job. Getting paid to fix up this disaster is better than living in their basement, sure. But what does he know about bees? Or fixing broken plumbing? Or cleaning a chimney?

But when Austin's grandfather gives him the farm as a Christmas gift, there's only one response. Accepting the gift will secure a future that will make his wife even more unhappy than he already is. Refusing the gift will finalize the rift between him and his family, but he'd rather lose them than Melinda. Then he discovers she's spared him the choice. Austin's not-so-Sweet side rears up as he determines that he's done trying to make everyone happy. He'll get his wife back, no matter what. And they'll decide their future together.

A Sweet Montana Christmas Details

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Roxanne Snopek says

Yup, wrote it, so yup, love it.

Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says

Reviewed by Kim
for Read Your Writes Book Reviews

Roxanne Snopek is one of those authors that if I ever got to meet would just leave me speechless. So yeah, I'm a fan. It pains me to say that I'm not a big fan of her This Old House Series.

The characters in the series just don't make me want to gravitate towards them. I had an even harder time wanting to read A Sweet Montana Christmas, because the heroine and I just weren't getting along. In my first attempt at reading this book, I seriously struggled to get through the first 68%.

After spending weeks away from the book, I came back to it and made a realization about it. These characters are realer than real. They have true problems that you can see in society at large. Their lives aren't roses and fairy tales, things are a struggle for them.

A Sweet Montana Christmas is about two people, Melanie and Austin Sweet who have allowed the day to day rat race of keeping up with the Joneses destroy their lives and their marriage. This is a story of life knocking you down, you taking time to gather yourself, and then coming out from under the tidal wave you've been under.

The one thing that is abundantly clear with this story is that throughout their ups and downs, throughout their separation that Austin and Melanie never gave up on or lost the love they had for one and other. And it's that love that helped them come back together and see themselves and life in a whole new way.

Personal Purchase

Rating: 3.5

Danielle Urban says

A Sweet Montana Christmas, is one inspirational romance. Roxanne Snopek has done it again with her new novel. I love how realistic the characters and story are. The way this well-written plot unfolds, readers will feel like they are experiencing the ups and downs of one couple's journey. A love for better or worse. Decisions are super hard to make especially, when one's family pressures their child into the life they want. Roxanne Snopek has stunningly woven together a tale of a man, who finds what he really wants and goes after it.

Deep inside, *A Sweet Montana Christmas*, readers will receive a first hand glimpse into a real romance. One that will allow readers to easily connect with both of the characters. The emotional struggles feel so believable that readers will end up feeling like they are the characters. Roxanne Snopak's novel, shows readers that romance isn't easy and not always charming. That it can be a struggle and has its own rollercoaster ride like us in reality experience as well. Husband and wife are deeply in love with each other and now experiencing a bit of life's harsh cruelties. Money is not like it was yet, the wife still loves her husband. However, he feels like a disappointment to his wife and wants only the best for her. He struggles with his family pressuring him and leaving him with two choices. Will he do what it takes to make his family happy or go after what he loves and cherishes? Readers will indeed want to read this enchanting title. I felt my heart go out to both Austin and Melinda. Overall, I highly recommend this novel to readers everywhere.

Lyndy Ann ? says

A Sweet Montana Christmas is a story of second chance at romance.

Austin has lost everything he loved, his career, his money, his home and most importantly his wife who left him. He moved to live and work on his Grandad's farm which his father owns. He knows nothing about bee keeping and goat farming but thanks to his neighbour he is learning and the house is a fixer upper but he's surviving.

Melinda went to stay with her mom a month ago she has a secret which she has not shared with Austin. She drives down to the farm hoping they can work their problems through and start again. A fresh start it is tough to begin with but with time they both start talking and working together preparing for the open house that happens each Christmas.

This is a nice Christmas read with some sweet moments between husband and wife.

ARC kindly provided by NetGalley for an honest review.

Shari says

A wonderful written story of a broken marriage that needs to be fixed. Austin has lost everything on a corporate fall, so he accepts his dad's gift of turning around his grandfather's dilapidated cabin. His wife Melinda, OB nurse does not follow immediately, until her mother tells her, she needs to tell her husband her news. Melinda shows up and the mutual attraction is still there. A little Christmas magic and a new baby will help bring this couple back together.

This is the sixth book in the series of *Christmas of Montana Born*, a stand alone book but it was great to see the other residents of Marietta. I highly recommend you read this book this Christmas season.

Patrice says

This book deals with the fractured relationship between the two main characters, Austin and Melinda. Melinda is a pediatrics nurse dealing with high-risk pregnancies/births, mainly due to the fact that most of the mothers are drug addicts. Austin is recovering from the humiliating loss of his and his cousin's financial

investments business. Since Austin lost all their material wealth with the collapse of the business, he accepts the offer of his grandfather's farm and property in Montana. Since they are both from Chicago, this is quite a change for them. I liked how the characters interacted with each other. It seemed very realistic. The family dynamics between Austin and Melinda and both of their parents was interesting too. Since this is also a "This Old House" book it deals with renovations to the homestead that added another element to the story. All-in-all an enjoyable read.

Beth says

This sweet contemporary Christmas romance wasn't so sweet for me. I think it was fairly well written and edited, but I felt the problems between the main characters were too drawn out. Also, note that this is not a "clean" romance, in case some might be misled by "sweet". I did like the resolution of the problems at the end of the book, but overall, I felt it had kind of a depressing feel.

Moran says

4.5 stars

I was given an ARC in exchange for my honest opinion

A Sweet Montana Christmas is part of the Montana Born Christmas series and it's my favorite in the series.

Austin Sweet lost all his money when his Chicago financial services business collapsed and it seems he's about to lose his wife as well.

Austin's dad sent him to take care of his grandfather's rundown honey farm and his wife Melinda moved to live with her mother and didn't come with Austin to the farm so Austin is shocked when Melinda shows up at the farm and tell him she wants to stay with him on the farm and help him.

Austin and Melina need to get the house and farm ready for the traditional Sweet Christmas Open House and in the process to decided their plans for the future.

I enjoyed reading about Austin and Melinda and how they were trying to work past their marriage problems and be together. I loved the fact that Austin was willing to stand up to his parents when he thought they weren't treating Melinda with respect.

I also enjoyed reading about the Sweet Christmas Open House and how Austin and Melinda took a run down farm and made it a home for them.

A Sweet Montana Christmas is a great holiday novella that will make you happy!

Jonel Boyko says

What a captivating novella. Snopek's original yet emotional story drew me in to the world that she painted before me with her words. I appreciated the in depth background to this story. Snopek takes the time to tell a fully developed, realistic, and unforgettable tale of love, loss, and redemption while taking you on an incredible journey. This well written story can easily be read as a standalone, but the warm, inviting Marietta feel is there as well.

Snopek's multifaceted character development really lets you get to know the main characters. You find out what they're thinking about situations, what they actually do, and how they feel. Readers are introduced to their individual and combined histories, while getting to know their situation in the present. It was absolutely phenomenal. I felt like I really understood these individuals and their situations. The fact that this couple is in a very difficult, emotional spot adds to the intensity of this novella. I also appreciated the way that Snopek developed her supporting cast. Readers only get to know them the way that the main characters see them. By keeping the focus on this fantastic couple readers are completely immersed in a heart wrenching yet beautiful romance.

This was my first foray into Snopek's writing. It was definitely time well spent. This is the perfect Christmas novella for those looking for a story with romance, family, and a one of a kind backdrop.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

4 STARS

Review copy provided for an honest review

I love second chance stories and A Sweet Montana Christmas is a wonderful example of a married couple who because of many outside causes have drifted apart and one last ditch effort to try and put their lives back together again. I know that sounds like it might be a heavy story and in some cases it is but more than that it is two people learning to accept their situation, learning to trust each other again, and remembering the reason they fell in love in the first place. I really enjoyed this couple's road back to happily ever after. Austin Sweet has had a horrible year with losing his business, not being able to provide for his wife and moving to take care of his grandfather's farm because he has no place else to go and his father offered him this chance to regroup. I'm going to state up front that Austin is throwing himself a pretty good sized pity party but when his estranged wife, Melinda, shows up and announces they should try and reconcile it becomes evident that she is exactly what Austin needs.

I very much enjoyed watching these two rediscover the love they once had for each other and experiencing the simple joys in life, something I'm not sure they ever really did before. They both have some big time struggles to overcome and yet somehow when they are together and communicating they seem more manageable. I love that even though "country" life wasn't something Melinda wanted she put forth every effort to make the best of what they had and to give it a fair shot because she realized it was something that

made Austin happy. The fact that Austin did everything to help Melinda feel more at ease including inviting some other women to their home in hopes of her finding friends showed how much he loved her and wanted her happy. Sure their life wasn't perfect and they had some outside forces that didn't help their situation. A sweet and wonderful story of two people believing and trusting in each other to do what was right for their relationship and in the end realizing that being together was way more perfect than being apart.

Rosemary K says

Melinda Sweet and her husband, Austin, have gone through difficult times. They lost their way when Austin's company collapsed during the economic downturn. He went to Montana to take care of his family farm while his wife stayed behind. Now Mel has come to see her absent husband. Can they repair the damage to their marriage and start over? Mel is a very giving woman. She tried hard to support Austin, but now she is exhausted and afraid. Austin feels that he failed her. His confidence has been destroyed. After all he couldn't support his wife. This story has great emotional depth. It touched me as I saw the devastation of their marriage. I was moved when Mel and Austin finally turn to each other and took comfort in their love. Stress and pain had driven a wedge between them, but the peaceful life in Montana helped them heal. The serene setting and the caring people added to the story. Roxanne Snopek writes characters that you care about and she made me believe that a second chance at happiness is possible.

Cary Morton says

Review originally posted to Author Unpublished: <http://authorunpublished.wordpress.com>

Ah, another wonderfully written book by Ms. Snopek. *A Sweet Montana Christmas* is the heart-warming, tension-filled story of Melinda and Austin Sweet—a recently separated couple who've had their share of hardships and are willing to give it one last go before they give up entirely on one another. It is a story of love, friendship, and family, and I ate up nearly every minute of it.

As with all of the author's books, the writing was impeccable. The story moved along at a good pace, it was easy to read and follow along with, and the colorful narrative and dialogue seemed to melt effortlessly into the background. I was absolutely absorbed in the storytelling.

The only problem I had with the book, and trust me, it was very much –my problem–, is that I'm not a big fan of romance stories that start after-the-fact of the couple's relationship. Melinda and Austin were already married, already in love at once point, and I didn't know them as a couple. I wish I'd gotten to know them when they were first in love... I think it would have helped cement their relationship for me. That's not the author's fault though. That's every bit my own problem, and I recognize it—and so I'm not marking points off the overall score.

That aside, the story was beautifully written and full of both heartwarming and steamy moments between Melinda and Austin. The cast of characters, though brief, seemed authentic. I wanted it to work out for the couple, and though there were a few niggling details that bothered me (like the fact that Austin had magically become more muscle-bound in the time between he and his wife had last seen each other) overall, the story was a short, but engaging delve into the small-town Montana life, and I enjoyed it. I'd be happy to recommend this short little story to anyone looking for a sweet holiday-themed read, and I encourage you to

take a look at the rest of the author's work. I have had the privilege of reading quite a few of her works over the last two years, and everyone of them has been remarkably well written. If you like cozy romance stories, you'll enjoy this.

Elaine says

4.5 stars

A heart warming story about the couple involved in a marriage torn apart by the collapse of a financial business and lack of communication which is given a second chance out at the rundown honey farm in the Montana hills. They love each other but will they communicate and share their love to rebuild their marriage despite the adversities they're experiencing or will problems again intervene to split their relationship?

Austin Sweet feels he's let everyone down, even though the failure of his business wasn't actually his fault. He's lost his job, home, social position, everything and is in danger of losing his wife, too. She's a midwife and collapsed at work after being attacked, she's scared to do the job again and ran away to stay with her Mum because Austin wasn't really talking to her. Now she's going out to join him on his grandfather's honey farm, unsure of what the future holds for her and her husband.

The characters are made so realistic by this fantastic author, you feel every emotion along with them, their hopes, fears and angst, beautifully portrayed to the readers in this superb story. The couple are going through hard times and have to work together to rebuild their relationship and their new home. They are learning together about the farm, the animals and each other. A great story of hope for the festive season - I really enjoyed it and will be looking out for other books by this author in future!

Thanks to the author, publishers and NetGalley too
for letting me read this book in exchange for this, an honest review.

Sue Gerhardt Griffiths says

4.5 stars

Christmas is just around the corner so it's time to get crackin' and read a few Christmas tales and to start me off I chose something short and sweet.

Christmas is not the main focal point in this story but that didn't bother me as it still had that christmassy feel.

This is my second read by Roxanne Snopak and I'm really liking her stories. A Sweet Montana Christmas is a pleasing tale set in rural Montana and is the second book in the This Old House series.

Austin and Melinda Sweet's marriage is a little rocky, can the dilapidated honey farm save their marriage? Fantastic storyline, great supporting characters and a few familiar faces pop in from book one which was exciting, I always love it when a character/s from another book pops in. The Sweet's Christmas Open House is described beautifully. It's a magical time at the honey farm for all those who visit.

A delightful read.

Emma says

A Sweet Montana Christmas by Roxanne Snopek

When a failed businessman and a nurse on leave take over a rundown honey farm, they are forced to work together and rediscover the joy that once filled their marriage. But an impossible choice – her career or his triumph – nearly tears them apart for good.

It takes a blizzard, a power outage, a pregnant woman and a Christmas miracle to remind them that they can overcome anything, as long as they are together.

how did Austin Sweet and Melinda Sweet meet?

what is Melinda job?

will Austin Sweet and Melinda be more than friends?

who is your favorite character in this story?

And why?

Was Melinda happy now, without him?

Are you reopening Sweet Montana Farms?

will Austin Sweet and Melinda stay together?

A Sweet Montana Christmas by Roxanne Snopek is a wonderful well written 5 stars book.

I highly recommend reading The A Sweet Montana Christmas by Roxanne Snopek.

I am looking forward to reading more books by Roxanne Snopek.

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