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Nobody does Christmas like Miranda Hamilton, and now that she finally has her chance to chair Magnolia Bay's tree lighting and the cotillion, which benefits her late mother's breast cancer foundation, this Christmas is shaping up to be the best ever. That is until her childhood nemesis Logan Mauldin buys his way on her committee and starts making plans of his own.

Logan Mauldin loves to get under Miranda's very sexy skin, and it's only fair. She's been getting under his since long before their first kiss at 13. Logan's the last man interested in co-chairing a Christmas committee or participating in a sexy bachelor auction, but since that night he interrupted Miranda on a date and cornered her under the mistletoe, he can't stop thinking about her. Or vying for her attention and bugging the hell out of her.

Christmas cheer isn't the only thing that heats up between the Miranda and Logan, but, thanks to a lie that is as much her fault as it is his, he loses the woman he's loved since forever. Logan will need a Christmas miracle for Miranda to forgive him. A grand gesture to melt her heart and win her back just in time for Christmas.

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Bette Hansen says

Wonderful story! Miranda and Logan have known each other their whole lives. He has always had feelings but the timing was never right. To get close to Miranda, Logan buys his way on to the Cotillion committee she is currently chairing. Although Miranda tries to resist, sparks fly!

This is a very well written story with characters that are entertaining and heartwarming. I highly recommend this one.

Donna Ciriello says

Love me some Mauldin boys! They are sweet to their mama, easy on the eyes, and will do anything to get the woman they love.

This story features Logan finally admitting that more than anything, he wants Miranda, and he will do anything to make sure she gets her Christmas miracle.

Beth says

Normally I don't review books I didn't finish. But despite all the good reviews, I could not get past the 5% point due to a bad case of commatosis. Commas were misplaced and missing to the point of distraction. I also noted a missing word. The story wasn't good enough to keep me going past the editorial issues.

Cynthia says

Finding Love

Two wonderful stories. One set at Christmas time with love finding it's way with 2 people who have grown up together. The 2nd she goes to see her boyfriend to have her car break down and find true love and be treated as a visitor.

Alissa Haley says

This is the only non-children's Christmas themed book I have ever read, and it didn't disappoint. The story was super cute, not too cliché, and the mental imagery was gorgeous. By the looks of it this is the 4th book in a series, and although I have never heard of the previous novels, this one completely works as a standalone. A great, quick Holiday read!

Stephenee says

So....I thought this book was the entire 201 pages of this story...however, the Just In Time for Christmas story is only about 100 pages and the other 100 are another story based on cowboys....not my favorite. I wish that the entire book was the story that I was reading it for, but it wasn't. I didn't read the second story past the 5th page as it was not for me.

Judi Easley says

Miranda and Logan have a common history. Now as adults one is trying to get them together and one is trying to stay apart. Of course, there is another person involved who just doesn't quite get the message no matter how it's delivered. Then someone makes a really bad mistake and needs to be forgiven. And then they are forgiven and the couple hug and kiss.

That's why it's called a romance. What Ms. Boykin has done is add in things like a cotillion, a committee, a male auction, the Six Chicks(southern belles), and three large, sexy brothers. These are all guaranteed to add to the stress and confusion surrounding a young couple who are the co-chairs for Magnolia Bay Christmas Cotillion and who seem to be falling in love finally. It made for a fun read. Though the way the author tied up the end made me wish there had been a bit more to it.

I got this story in Kindle format from Amazon. It had a free add-on book included with it (Steal Me, Cowboy) by the same author. This is an honest review for which I am receiving no compensation. All opinions are fully my own.

~ Judi E. Easley for Blue Cat Review

Jonel Boyko says

This was a lovely Christmas story. Romance and the spirit of the holidays float through the novel, creating the perfect setting for Boykin's captivating story. I love the history and Christmas traditions of this town. It was so much fun! It added to the charm and aura of the story. This novella was absolutely hilarious at times. The contrast between the characters' thoughts and their actions and reactions was quite refreshing. Wrap this all up in Boykin's well written, captivating style and vivid descriptions and you have a winner.

I really enjoyed the characters in this story. The sneak peeks at the history between the characters is charmingly enlightening. It builds the story from the inside out. I also appreciated how we got to know them not only as individuals coming together as a couple, but also in the context of family & of the town as a whole. Not only does this give readers a broader picture of who they are, but it also makes it very easy to connect with them.

This was an absolutely brilliant story, perfect for Christmas or any other time of the year. It was my first novel by this author, but definitely won't be my last.

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

Mignon Mykel says

Probably one of the cutest Christmas novellas I've read.

Teresa says

A Christmas Gift

As Christmas time approaches Logan surprises his family by joining the committee in charge of a fund raising gala for a breast cancer foundation. Miranda finally achieves her goal of chairing the committee organizing the fundraiser for the foundation named to honor her mother who died from breast cancer. Between her struggle to fight against the schemes of her archenemy and denying the attraction to Logan, Miranda has her hands full. As the better than expected fundraising efforts draw to a close, she turns her attention to Christmas, her favorite time of the year. Only Logan knows Miranda's lifelong secret Christmas wish. Will this year be the year her wish comes true? Can Logan finally get his own miracle this Christmas? I enjoyed the authors ability to weave a story of two hometown residents, both successful and smart in their own right, finding a way to finally see their Christmas wishes come true. Nicely done!

Jennifer says

This review was originally posted to Jen in Bookland

Just in Time for Christmas was a fun, quick holiday read. I really enjoy the enemies to loves thing. Well as long as it is not abusive enemies. When it is like this story I really enjoy it. When the two main characters just fight a lot, but not in a mean, hurtful way. More bickering and stuff and everyone knows they really like each other, but it takes them a while to figure it out. It is fun.

Logan and Miranda grew up together. They have never gotten along. Logan always tried his best to get under her skin and rile her up. He still does, but something has changed for him. He now realizes there might be a bit more there between them. Maybe he will have to fight to see if they could really be something more.

Miranda doesn't trust Logan. He is always there annoying her and she doesn't want to deal with it. When he buys his way onto the committee for the holiday celebration that Miranda is organizing she is not happy. This is the first year she is in charge and she needs everything to run perfectly. She can't have Logan messing that up. Only he is there to help and to try to prove to Miranda that they are good together. That they could be happy. And he does help. But she hates him right?

I really enjoyed this read. I loved watching Logan try and worm his way into Miranda's life, but also the back and forth between them. It was a fun, cute holiday read.

Carol Tietsworth says

A thoroughly enchanting story about almost unrequited love.

Erin says

A cute Christmas romance.

I liked this book okay. A fun, short one for the holidays.

Not exactly for anyone who wants a clean book. There was a hot and heavy scene and some innuendos. But still sweet and not too much drama.

It also just kind of ends. But happy, of course.

Veronica of V's Reads says

This is a cute story with lots of heart. Miranda and Logan have always had sparks--but sometimes those have led to more hellfire than passion. Miranda's dedicated to organizing the Christmas cotillion of Magnolia Bay. It's a labor of love, especially because the charity it supports is in memory of her mother who died years ago to breast cancer.

Logan buys his way onto the cotillion committee with a huge donation to the charity. It aggravates Miranda, because, well, this gal holds a long grudge. Back in college it looked like Logan favored Pammy, a mean-girl rival of Miranda's, and Miranda never let it go. Their sexy-sparring disappeared and it's only been in the past few years that Miranda's even spoken to Logan--he's determined to change that. Their latest interactions sizzle with all the passion missing with Miranda's newest boyfriend.

Naturally, Pammy insinuates herself into the cotillion committee as well--she's been burning a flame for Logan since....forever. She even orchestrates a bachelor auction in the hopes that she can buy a date with him. Miranda's miffed, but what can she do? The auction is raising money hand over fist, even if Miranda can't afford to continue bidding on Logan. Thank goodness some internet gal is outbidding Pammy at every turn.

There are lovely side characters who don't hesitate to point out Miranda's stubbornness, and Logan's lunacy. All their friends and family are convinced they are in love, but neither Miranda nor Logan will take the final step to sealing the deal--until the cotillion. Logan is as bold as he can be, and it ends up being a real problem. A Kick-Him-Out-Of-Bed type of problem, for Miranda. Good thing Logan can think on his feet, because he's fed up letting Miranda isolate herself from love, his love.

I had guessed the ending, and I was rewarded in kind. Things seemed a bit rushed at the end--I wondered what in the world happened to Miranda's previous beau--but it seems clear that this novella is linked to others either written or soon-to-be. No cliffhanger here, just a lot of strands that appear to be woven into the story lines of other characters. I really liked all the texture the author gave to the setting, and the world of Magnolia Bay. It was clear that Miranda had a deep love for her hometown, and her friends. Logan's a stand-

up-guy, for the most part, and his mistakes are very human--and very forgivable. I was glad Miranda finally took a good look at the man who seemed ready to pause the earth's rotation if it might win her affection. 'Cause that's a gem right there.

Mojca says

****ARC provided by publisher through NetGalley****

There are stories that make you go “awww, that’s so cute” and there are stories that make you do the aww-thing but also tug on a nostalgic heart-string. This was one of the latter.

The hero and heroine were childhood nemesis, all the teasing, pulling of ponytails, barbs, and sometimes anger only a disguise for their true feelings. Having had a childhood nemesis of my own, I know what that’s like. Unfortunately, my story didn’t end up like the one between Logan and Miranda. So, let’s talk about them and their story, shall we?

At the beginning, I was a bit “meh”-ish about it. The heroine ran a B&B was nuts about Christmas, was chair of the Christmas festival committee. Okay, I guess. Well, the “meh”-ishness lasted only until the hero came into the picture. You see, Logan made a generous donation in order to get the co-chair position on the Christmas festival committee. And reading about Miranda’s reaction to that particular development, I immediately knew where the story was headed and just what was going on. With both of them.

It was funny, light-hearted, sexy, cute, and sweet, and I loved the little flashbacks thrown in to make us understand where the “animosity” between the H/h came from. I loved the bachelor-auction twist, although I suspected there was more to the mysterious bidder than met the eye (I just didn’t guess the right person). The story flowed nicely, the characters were well fleshed-out...I just didn’t like the heroine’s reticence. Or more to the point, I didn’t like how she kept juggling with two guys at the same time, when it was obvious, there was only one possible contender in that mess.

Also, where did that guy disappear to in the end? I mean, he was always there and then just conveniently went “poof”? A bit of a loose end there.

I also felt the last “bump on the road to HEA” was a tad redundant, but it served as the fulfilling of a Christmas wish (or a Christmas miracle), so I guess it served its purpose.

But, the last few objections aside, it was a great little novella with wonderful characters, great small-town environment, and a wonderful romantic story.
