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### THE BEST NEW YEAR'S EVE . . . EVER

Psychologist Ellie Simpson is about to get a healthy dose of sex therapy. Leaving her cheating boyfriend behind, she has everything she needs for a quick rebound: Vegas, plenty of champagne, and a proposition from the sexiest man she's ever seen. As her handsome stranger helps her ring in the New Year-over and over again-Ellie finds herself blissfully losing all of her inhibitions.

Attorney Matthew McPherson is good at making women lose things, like their minds and underwear. With his athletic build and soulful eyes, he doesn't need to use his powers of persuasion or famous last name to get a woman into bed. But when morning comes, Matthew finds Ellie is the only woman he can't bear to leave-ever. It's enough to make him wonder if what happens in Vegas *really* has to stay there.

## Ring in the Holidays Details

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### Gawelleb says

25% et je sens que cela ne va pas le faire ... mais pas du tout!!

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### OpenBookSociety.com says

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Brought to you by OBS reviewer Andra

What can I say but....HOT'ish! It was a well-crafted, easy to read story. The premise is that Ellie Simpson, psychologist (and author of a book on the virtues of abstinence in a relationship), has saved herself for marriage to her fiancée Riley but is devastated when she finds out Riley has been with other woman physically since they became engaged. So to assist Ellie in getting over her heartbreak, her best friend Sidney takes her to Las Vegas for New Year's Eve. And the most out of character thing happens....Ellie ends up hooking up with a guy for a night of debauchery. Now I must say... this is where I found the plot a bit far-fetched. If a woman has waited her whole life, why would she then break this vow to herself to a veritable stranger? Can't really see it happening...but this is fiction after all.

Now the reader will quickly learn that Ellie feels she is average looking. What she is ...is a petite woman with a BAD haircut and a smokin' body. And men just ogle her "big rack". So hooking up in Vegas was not a problem. In comes Matthew....the smokin' hot guy of the story. Matthew has NEVER had a problem with his love 'em and leave 'em lifestyle but for some reason...after a HOT evening with Ellie, he does not want to move on with anyone else. The two of them essentially had a night together and did not exchange names, etc. Luckily for Matthew, Ellie did right her name on his butt cheek :)

They both go their own way...back to Denver or New York and life goes on. Except that both Ellie and Matthew cannot get the other out of their mind. As life is difficult living in New York with Riley trying to re-pursue Ellie, she decides to up and move and both she and Sidney move to Denver. During a book signing, Ellie runs across Matthew again and the attraction is still there. Needless to say, many funny, quirky and entertaining things happen as the two try to navigate the road back to each other (if that is even possible).

Aunt Wheezie is Matthew's aunt and the family match maker. She insists that all the grandkids need to get settled before she leaves this earth. So she sets her sites on getting Matthew to re-connect with Ellie. The lengths she goes to is just priceless.

I was pleasantly surprised at the depth of Matthew's character. He was not nearly as shallow as he was portrayed in the early part of the book. His connection to his family is heart-warming and showed that he was possibly ready to put the playboy lifestyle behind him. Of course – the journey is fraught with hiccups and misunderstandings, but the journey was enjoyable, funny, heart-warming and entertaining. An easy read which will supply the reader with laughs as well as potential tears (depending on your personal interpretation of the "mushy" sections).

Overall, a pleasant afternoon read.

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### **Jaime Fiction Fangirls Book Review says**

#### **Great story**

This was such a great story. I love how the story focuses on Mattie and Ellie but also manages to paint a full picture of the entire McPherson family. The writing is fantastic and I feel like this entire cast of amazing characters are my friends. A great read for the holidays without being too holiday focused.

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#### **Vanessa says**

Love the twists n turns of this love story n unfortunate moments with the mcpherson family. Wheezie the scheming aunty classic n really has her work cut out for her this time.

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#### **marieno says**

*Ring in the Holidays* takes place some years after the first book of the series. I really liked Ellie and Mattew. I liked their imperfect relationship, the simple moments they spend together and how Ellie met his family. When Mattew started to show Ellie that he's a really great guy, I really enjoyed the ride to the happy ending.

They are joined by the whole McPherson family that, of course, includes Wheezie, the matchmaking great aunt who's at it again. They would also encounter women and a teen with artistic talent in a shelter. It takes place in the holidays but it can be read at all times because it's like the humour, it's there but not all over the place.

I liked Sidney, Ellie's best friend. She was a really good best friend by the way. I also liked that the book was different from the first one. I think I enjoyed it more because of it. I feel like I don't have to choose a favorite.

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#### **Janet says**

*Ring in the Holidays* kicks off in Las Vegas, the anti-Christmas-spirit capital of the United States. Clinical psychologist Ellie Simpson had an unfortunate encounter with a dull razor, her dissertation isn't quite finished, and her fiancé broke off their engagement. Best friend Sidney has the perfect solution. According to her BFF/assistant, there can't be a better environment which in to move on than smoky, sexually charged, and salacious Vegas. Her response to Ellie's complaints about the Vegas atmosphere is dead on: "At the rate you're going, you'll live to be a hundred. A hundred-year-old, unhappy, nonsmoking, tee-totaling virgin."

But waiting in the wings is Mr. Right aka attorney Matthew McPherson. He sweeps Ellie off her feet and on

to the crowded dance floor.

*Suddenly, sexual attraction became something more than just a definition in a textbook. Like iron filings to a magnet, every cell in her body shifted toward the man. Her heart thumped like crazy, her breath paused, and the pit of her stomach felt as if she had just reached the peak of the highest roller coaster.*

Matthew and Ellie decide to sashay their way out of the cocktail lounge into his suite which is “decorated entirely in various shades of red” and is known as The Heat Suite. Ellie is sophisticated and witty, quipping that the burgundy red room is “very feng shui” and eventually getting into a heated discussion with a complacent, sated Matthew about the probabilities of having female orgasms solely through penetration. Ellie makes up for lost sexual time, shimmying down the shiny brass stripper pole, racking up some impressive orgasms through outer and inner penetration, before finally slipping away in the wee hours. Why isn’t Matthew happy about being left alone with fabulous memories and a permanent pen heart drawn on his sexy butt? He thinks, “she’d given him exactly what every guy dreamed about: no-strings-attached-sex.”

Because Christmas romances are closely related to wish-fulfillment fairytales, we know that Matthew and Ellie are fated to meet again. Eleven months later Ellie has upended her life, writing a book and moving to snowy Denver. A month before Christmas, she’s at a book store table, signing copies of her bestseller Virgin Love, a paean to the joys of abstinence within and without sexual relationships, when the man from the Heat Suite smiles down at her.

*“So who can I make it this out to?” She picked up the pen. The question caused his smile to wilt and both eyebrows to lift.*

*“Don’t tell me you’ve forgotten me already.”*

Bring on the cat and mouse sexual sparring, culminating, after Ellie simply signs her name, with Matthew’s riposte,

*“That’s it? I was hoping for something a little more personal. Something like . . . I’ll always cherish the night we had in Vegas. Love, Ellie the Virgin.” He flashed her a smile, “With a heart around Ellie, of course.”*

Neither Ellie nor Matthew can forget their anonymous and sexually charged night in Vegas, because it was joyful, intimate, and life-changing. Matthew may have been her first and still her only but eleven months later, Ellie is the last woman with whom Matthew has been intimate. Even though he’s aggrieved that Ellie walked out on him in Vegas, he has to admit that he has a fatal “emotional connection” with the woman he refuses to let slip away again. The magic of the season, the loving interference of friends and family, and most importantly, the love that grows between them, make their relationship a war of the sexes that culminates in a passionate win/win.

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### **Karen says**

review to come

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## **Laura says**

Ellie, a virgin sex therapist meets Matt (Cassie's brother from book 1) in Vegas on New Years Eve and they have a one night stand. 11 months later they meet up again. Matt is mad that she took off, Ellie is wary of his player ways. Can they form a truce? Hook up again? Be friends? Matt's family figures prominently in this book. His parents who have marital problems of their own, Cassie who thinks James is cheating on her, and Aunt Wheasie is back at it playing matchmaker again. I love this series. I love Katie Lanes writing style. Great holiday read.

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## **Aly says**

Ellie Simpson is trying to build a medical practice. She's a psychologist who specialize in relationship counseling and sex therapy. What would her clients think if they knew that she's a virgin ?

Convinced that she need a vacation after Ellie's break-up, her best friend booked them a trip to Las Vegas for Christmas. After learning that her ex cheated on her, Ellie is pissed and hurt, and she then decide that there's nothing stopping her from having fun and forgetting the bastard, even if it mean losing her virginity with a one-night stand.

Matthew is a lawyer for M&M Construction, his father's company. An eternal bachelor with the reputation of a player, but lately everything bore him. Ellie is certainly not his type. But for a reason he can't explain, one night was not enough for him. Could it be because for the first time in his life he wasn't the one to leave the room the night after ? Well, he's gonna have to wait a year for his answer and to meet with Ellie again.

Here's the story of two people who weren't ready to fall in love.

It took me half the book before I began to enjoy this story and the main reason was the hero. I didn't like him. He seemed and sounded immature, douche at time, too arrogant and he just got on my nerves too much. And I really don't like wondering and not knowing if someone is joking or not when they're talking and with Matthew, it was like that all the time. To be honest, I considered giving up (a first since it's the first time I didn't appreciate a book by this author), but I continued for the other characters and I'm glad I did because they made not only the second half bearable but they also made me enjoy my reading tremendously. I read almost all of this author's series and she always give us a great cast of characters but I love the McPherson's family more and more with each books. Like I said, reading about them saved the book for me, whether it was the great-aunt Wheezie, the bickering between Matthew and his brother Patrick, their parent's squabble or their pregnant sister who jumped to conclusions or the women at the shelter where Mrs. McPherson give some of her time. I must say that while I like the originality of the romance, I wasn't completely sold on it too. A little bit too much antagonizing that felt mean sometimes.

In short, Katie Lane's amazing writing style was still at work and this book was full of great ideas, but it felt short for the first half because of the hero's attitude and personality.

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## **Annissa Thomas says**

### **Steamy**

Nice and steamy virgin romance. I love the stories where the guy is the one most convinced that they should be together.

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### **Tina "IRead2Escape" says**

#### **3.5 Stars**

#### **Hotness Rating 3 out of 5**

Ring in the Holidays is the 2nd book of the Hunk for the Holidays series by one of my favorite authors Katie Lane. Although, this book wasn't my favorite of hers I enjoyed it quite a bit and would definitely recommend it to anyone looking for a story that will give you a little bit of everything. Ms. Lane gives us a fun story with a bit more depth than is offered by some contemporary romance books. The characters are well-developed and real.

Matthew McPherson has been able to talk his way into and out of any situation pretty much his whole life. But, there is just something about Ellie that makes him forget his charm and brings out his worst. He had an off-the-charts night with her in Vegas and if he's being honest with himself that's what scares him the most. He can't get her out of his mind and that's never happened to him when it comes to a woman.

Ellie Simpson has just found out that her ex-fiance didn't just break up with her because he was unhappy in their relationship. It seems he cheated on her. This is a particular kick in the teeth considering she has been saving herself for their wedding night and he seemed on board with this. Well, she's in Vegas now and what better place to let loose and be someone she's not? One hot, anonymous night with a super hot guy was exactly what she needed. Except that one night was a night that she not only can't forget, but seems to be coming back to haunt her. She's moved to a new town to start her own Psych practice and ride out the success of her newly released best-selling self-help book. She's not sure what's more of a problem coming face-to-face with her biggest fantasy again or seeing how much her book is affecting the relationships of so many couples.

Matthew drove me crazy in so many parts. I loved his heat and passion, but his inability to let go of the past and get to know Ellie for who she is and not who he thought she was made me want to smack him at times. He came through in the end, though. The secondary characters, other than Ellie's best-friend, who I thought was not a very supportive and loyal person, were what made the book. I am very interested in reading more of this family and hearing their stories.

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### **Lori says**

I really enjoyed this fun book! Psychologist Ellie Simpson is a thirty year old virgin. She left her cheating boyfriend and headed to Vegas with her best friend for New Year's eve. Having a few drinks and a sexy

stranger gives her a night she'll never forget! Matthew McPherson is a playboy through and through! One night with Ellie cramps his gameplay! They never exchanged names and months later they meet each other again. And they can't stand each other! This book makes you laugh, cry and get into the Christmas spirit!

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### **Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says**

Reviewed by Gemini

Ring in the Holidays is the second book in Katie Lane's Hunk for the Holidays Series. The series is about the wealthy and successful McPherson siblings finding love. The first book, Hunk for the Holidays, was about the only sister. This one is about the youngest brother, Matthew "Matt" McPherson and the Sex Therapist that he meets in Las Vegas named Dr. Ellie Simpson.

While ringing in the new year with his friends, very eligible Matt McPherson makes a bet with his friends that lead him to proposition the very sexy but virginal Dr. Ellie Simpson. This proposition leads to a unforgettable one night stand where neither person knows the other's name but wish that they had. The craziest thing about it all is that Matt has slept with over a hundred women while Ellie had just now had sex for the first time. Fast forward eleven months later and neither one has forgotten about the other nor had sex with anyone else. They both lived in different parts of the country until Ellie and her best friend/assistant Sidney decide to move to Denver where Matt also happens to live. However, what brings them together again is the book about abstinence that Matt's mother gives to his sister. Ellie wrote the book and Matt sees her picture which allows him to find her at a book signing. Sadly, Ellie has a lot of baggage due to her father's sex addiction that makes her opposed to having any future contact with Matt who she puts in the same category as her father. Luckily for Matt, Ellie is intrigued by his sexual background so she agrees to be his therapist while she secretly uses him as material for a new book.

I don't want to give too much away so I will just say that everything that happens from start to finish in Ring in the Holidays is entertaining. The dialogue is witty and intelligent. Ellie and Matt have plenty of sexual chemistry but they are also good together in other areas. In addition, the McPherson family is just as intriguing. Their Aunt Wheezie is the ultimate matchmaker so she finds a way to meddle in her family's lives and they don't even know that they are being manipulated. She's the smartest old lady that you will ever see. Nothing in the book was predictable except for the happily ever after which was very refreshing.

\*Received a copy of the book from the publisher and voluntarily reviewed.\*

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### **Michelle the Romance Witch says**

4.25 stars. funny sweet sexy and heartbreakin... full review coming soon to the blog

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### **Margaret Devaux says**

It was a little better than okay!

