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Jared and Alex Douglas-Ross enjoy the freedom of their lives as couple without children, but still intend to have one or two...someday. They register as foster parents as step in that direction, but any real plans for having a child remain a vague part of their future. A time that turns out to be closer than they imagine when fire, once again, changes the course of their lives.

## **A Home For Christmas Details**

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## **From Reader Review A Home For Christmas for online ebook**

### **Michelle says**

This didn't work for me. One, it seems the book never saw an editor. Two, I just felt like I had no idea what was happening half the time. They get this baby and it isn't until another character mentions it that we even find out the baby is African American? It just felt like details were left out and the ending was unsatisfying to me. Just...meh.

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### **Lisa J. says**

3.5 stars. That didn't turn out quite how I expected, but I still enjoyed this chapter in Alex and Jared's lives. It's always great to visit them. I don't think there's a couple more sweet and tender with each other. Now, I really want to know how the next Christmas turns out.

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### **Lisa The Novel Approach says**

We all know what happens to plans in romance novellas. While on a mission to seek out yet another property for Jared to rehab and sell as low cost housing, he and Alex come upon a building on fire. They don't realize it, but fire is going to turn their lives upside down again. As will the children in that burning building.

See the entire review at The Novel Approach: <http://thenovelapproachreviews.com/20...>

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### **Deeze says**

Some books you just hate, and this is one of them.

Oh I'm sorry I meant hate to see END lol.

I fell in love with Alex and Jared from the first and have just fallen deeper and deeper with every book. This is seriously my all time number 1 series, others may come close but I can't imagine Jared and Alex being replaced.

My disappointment in this book is the usual, TOO DAMN SHORT.

As a holiday read this was everything I could want, a little angsty drama but a much bigger hope and happiness feel.

Jared and Alex are so real to me, I feel their love, and wish everyone could have a couple like this in their lives.

Cassie is a sweetie and I fell for Devon in a heartbeat. I certainly hope we will see more of them in future instalments.

I do have one more disappointment though, Jens did not make an appearance until the end and if I'm honest I didn't like the vibe I got. (view spoiler)

So to recap, I LOVED this instalment, and am very happy to give it the full 5 stars. Just one question, when is the next book out?

**ETA** I'm still living in hope that Diane comes back and continues this series.

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### **Bev says**

**At long last, another visit with Jared and Alex from The Making of a Man series. I adore the series, and can only give this heart-warming little Christmassy novella the 5 stars it deserves. Jared (be still my beating heart) leaps into a burning house to rescue a baby and her brother...who promptly disappears and leaves Jared and Alex 'holding' the baby so to speak. What happens after that is for you to discover, but we'll be getting more stories, yay!!**

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### **LaShonta says**

All I can say is so good!! It's Alex and Jared. \*sigh\* I just adore them!!

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### **jules0623 says**

This didn't feel very cohesive to me which is a shame as I've enjoyed the other books in the series. And it just seemed to... stop. No real ending or resolutions. Odd.

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### **Don Bradshaw says**

It's been a long time but it was great spending time with Alex and Jared. I enjoyed the story but it felt like a short story to me.

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### **Shelby P says**

Can I say that I so do not like the new cover models. They are fugly as fuck! Okay now that that's out of the way. It was nice to re-visit Jared and Alex. I thought the story would go one way but it went another and I'm okay with that.

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### **Marsha Spence says**

Wonderful!!

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### **Elsa Bravante says**

Realmente sigue la misma línea que los anteriores de la serie, pero esta vez..., supongo que no me ha gustado demasiado la historia.

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### **Anke says**

Somehow I was swimming around in this story without being able to hold on to something, like perhaps the overall storyline? I still liked Jared and Alex enough, but I couldn't relate to the time of their live, where it fit in to the whole overall and even the round-up in the end did nothing for me. Perhaps it's time to let this series go.

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### **Sadonna says**

Love love love this series. Jared and Alex beginning to build their family. Another wonderfully heartwarming holiday story for these two. I'm so happy to have them back :) I could read about them forever.

Some scary moments in this one - some flashbacks for Alex and a little bit of heartbreak for Jared. But as usual, things work out the way they need to, especially with Jared doing the planning :)

Lovely and inspiring story with lots of small cameos from our favorites - Stevie and Clark and Jared's mom. Honestly cannot wait for the next book.

Thank you Diane for bringing them back to us!

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### **Tina says**

A Home for Christmas is the sixth novella in Diane Adams' successful Making of a Man series. While reading this series, we have followed Jared and Alex for approximately thirty years. What started as a teenage crush on Alex's part has evolved into a long-term, much tested but deeply loving relationship. We have seen their friends develop relationships, overcome hardships and build families of their own. Reading A Home For Christmas was, in a sense, like coming home. I have loved these characters from sentence one of book one. The next generation's story is unfolding in a separate series of free shorts on Diane Adams' website.

Jared and Alex Douglas-Ross are successful in business and in life. They have been together happily for decades. Their lives have been turned upside down by fire, both literal and figurative before. They are enjoying their childless life, spending tons of time with Clark and Stevie's family at either one of their neighboring homes. They are all set up to become foster parents, but have nothing planned for the immediate future. They both want to have children, but it is a vague plan for "someday".

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By now, I feel like I know Jared, Alex, Stevie, Clark and all their children. Over the course of this series, they have all played integral roles at various times. They are complex characters, not just props for the main characters. I like these people. Stevie and Clark had their own book in Clark's Story. But their story has continued to be told expertly by Ms. Adams along side Jared and Alex's story. Clark and Alex grew up together as best friends and they are growing old the same way.

It is a good thing to see an author following her characters through time. Allowing us to see them mature and age just like the rest of us. We are privy to their struggles and triumphs. They have grown from boys with crushes to men with profoundly loving, long-lasting relationships. Some things never change. Like Jared and Alex's chair and the tree in their yard. And Stevie's need to nurture yet another child. These unchangeable things are comforts to regular readers. They are what make us come back again and again to catch up with this mixed bag of family members we have grown to love.

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### **LauraSt says**

Oh my god! \*gasps after seeing there aren't more book in this series\*

I have to say I can't wait for the next one, I couldn't read about Jared and Alex being 80 and I'd still love them.

This was a wonderful Christmas shortie. I thought Devon and Cassie were too cute for words and I have to admit I was in a constant battle of not knowing how it was going to end because I had forgotten J and A's kids' names. But it was a very surprising end and so cute I just melted.

I'm in freaking love with this story, I'm 150% devoted to Jared and Alex and I will be definitely putting this author on alert to get the next installment as soon as it's released.

I also loved how the characters are so consistent, they're the same, they have the same quirks and words they usually use like "God Jared" and even this part made me smile so big I thought my face wouldn't hold...

*"I love you," he whispered against  
Alex's mouth just before he took his lips  
in a heated kiss and the world fell away.  
"Oh, damn." He heard Clark groan  
from across the ocean. "Dude, I swear to  
God, you better not touch his back..."*

Because to all devoted fans, we all know what happens when Jared touches Alex's back!

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