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# From Reader Review That Mistletoe Moment for online ebook

## Ann Lorz says

This is such a fun book. I really enjoyed all the stories. I love the idea of the boyfriend app that the women used for their make believe boyfriends. In each story the heroine uses the app so that's what ties all the stories together.

Cat Johnson's story, A Boyfriend by Christmas is my favorite. I just loved both Nathan and Noelle. I think their story is the most romantic of them all. It's such a cute thing that they meet on Thanksgiving, share a recipe and then she uses his name as her make-believe boyfriend. Or he would have been make-believe if she hadn't messed up.

I found myself smiling more than once as I read it.

Kate Angell's story, All I Want for Christmas Is... very good too. I like when you get a character and they are so button up that they can barley breath and by the end of the book...relaxed. That's kind of how this story went. In the beginning you liked Daniel, but you knew he was to stiff. The complete opposite of Riley. She's outgoing and fun.

This story seemed to move the fastest of all the stories but I'm not sure if that's because of page count of the story itself. The ending did feel slightly rushed but I did understand why.

Allyson Charles's story, Her Favorite Present was the hardest for me to enjoy but that's because of Gabe. He drove me NUTS!!!! At times I wanted to slap him upside the head and say...really??? It's not that he's a bad guy, it's just that he's lost his way and his thinking is all sorts of wrong. Even with saying that you know there's more to him and want to know that more.

Rachel balances out you wanting to scream at Gabe, she helps you see the real him.

This is the perfect holiday book. Easy to read and plenty a Christmas cheer and romance.

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<https://www.facebook.com/RomancingThe...>

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## Hilma B. says

When I first picked up That Mistletoe Moment I didn't realize it was three stories in one that centered around the (fake) Build-A-Boyfriend app.

What is Build-A-Boyfriend?

For a monthly fee you can customize the man of your dreams who will send you 100 text messages, 10 voicemails, and 1 handwritten note a month. Flower delivery optional for premium memberships.

What's the purpose?

To get friends and family to stop bothering you about when are you going to bring a nice boy home! They app software sends you all the proof you need to show people you're not alone so they leave you alone.

Crazy? Maybe a little.

Effective? According to these...YES!

All three stories were swoon worthy and very hot. Oww oww! It got my tinsel all up in a bunch ??

My favorite story of the 3 was All I Want For Christmas... by Kate Angell. Daniel Hayes is looking for a new personal shopper and the inexperienced but ambitious Riley Tyler gets the job. Daniel prefers a personal stylist who is already in a relationship due to a terrible past experience where his ex stylist falls for him, so Riley signs up for the Build-A-Boyfriend app. They are total opposites which makes them perfect for one another. Will they give keep things professional or give love a chance?

I definitely recommend That Mistletoe Moment if you are looking for a fun, steamy, romantic read that centers around Christmas shenanigans.

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## **Marsha Spohn says**

Reviewed at Keeper Bookshelf

Do you wish you could put together that perfect for you, designed personally by you dream boyfriend? Well, there's an app for that – just be careful what you wish for, you might get it.

A Boyfriend for Christmas by Cat Johnson – such a fun story. When the man she's been dating for years announces that he never, ever intended marriage to be a part of their relationship, Nichole turns to the Build A Boyfriend app. She's not expecting to find the perfect guy, but does indulge in a bit of fantasy about the man she recently met at the grocery store. Who knew that she'd actually be texting her Nathan – or that things would turn out so right.

All I Want For Christmas by Kate Angell – be careful what you wish for. Riley wants that personal shopper position. And she'll do what's necessary to get it... but wait. Finding the perfect present is one thing, being snowed in with her ideal Build A Boyfriend – she couldn't get that lucky, could she?

Her Favorite Present by Allyson Charles – he's been bested by his own invention. Gabe may be a founder of the Build A Boyfriend phenomenon but he has a very poor opinion of the women who use it. He meets his match when he is challenged to actually meet up with one of the women who use the app. He never expected to see stars or wish for a happy ever after with Rachel.

I smiled a lot while reading That Mistletoe Moment and definitely got a Christmas rush feeling. I enjoyed some stories more than others, but that's normal for a three in one package. But I enjoyed them all, even though I have my favorite one – nope, not telling.

If you're looking for some Christmas cheer in the form of great holiday romances, then this one is exactly what the Christmas Elf ordered. Enjoy a touch of modern day technology on a very old fashioned thing called love.

\*I received an e-ARC of *That Mistletoe Moment* from the publisher, Kensington Books and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. That does not change what I think of this novel.

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## Gaele says

These three stories are light, cute and clever, perfect for that bite of holiday cheer when you need something easy to escape with. An interesting twist on both the newer ideas of internet dating and the incorporation of the ability to 'build' the perfect mate for yourself, the modern take is enjoyable for all.

Nicole, Riley and Rachel all want that special connection for the holidays, but everyone has a very different idea of just what it is that will make their dreams come true. Each woman has her own idea of what a boyfriend should be for them, and like many of us, the list could be endless. With several options and opportunities for choices – each learns to appreciate their newly revealed creations.

With a story that brings the app creator's life to light, complete with his own opinions of the women who have made him a success by using the app, there is a bit of something for everyone.

Reasonably solid if quick reading and developing romances are the highlight here. A touch of the holidays runs through the stories, while I wasn't hearing sleigh bells, I did see that this collection will fit nicely in for those pre-holiday, get in the mood reads.

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## Claire Robinson says

3 - **"You had me at Bourbon."** Stars.

*That Mistletoe Moment* is a collection of three Christmas novellas, all linked together by the *Build-a-Boyfirend* App. I have read Cat Johnson previously, so her opening inclusion of *A Boyfriend For Christmas* was as expected in the extremely enjoyable to read stakes.

**"Only you could sign up for a fake boyfriend and end up with a real one."**

In fact I would go as far as to say that Noelle and Nathan's story was the one that I enjoyed the most. Kate Angell and Allyson Charles are both authors new to myself, and their inclusions - *All I Want for Christmas...* and *Her Favorite Present* were Christmas cute, and easily readable but didn't quite keep my attention as the first novella.

*Time was one thing that was too precious to waste.*

This is the perfect selection for you to dip into over the seasonal period, low-drama, easy to read story-lines and likeable characters, all getting their Christmas Happily Ever Afters.

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## **Heather says**

### **MADE UP**

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I really liked these short stories. They were cute and well done despite being short.

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## **Jo Reads Romance says**

Okay, okay - I'll admit that it's the hottest day of the year (at least here in Scotland) and I'm sitting here reading Christmas stories and dreaming of chilly snow, roaring fires and hot chocolate. And I'm loving every minute of it.

I'm a card carrying member of the 'I love Christmas' club which, I'll admit, does make it a little bit more difficult to impress me with festive stories. I keep trying nonetheless, hoping that I'll find a wee gem that fills you with the spirit of Christmas no matter the time of year.

These three stories are connected by one thing: The Build-a-Boyfriend mobile app which allows you to pretend to have a boyfriend, especially handy over Christmas when you're avoiding that 'are you still single?' question.

### **A Boyfriend by Christmas by Cat Johnson**

Noelle decides being alone is better than staying with her long time boyfriend who is definitely Mr. Wrong, but there's no way she's attending the annual holiday party alone knowing her ex will be there. She needs a new boyfriend by Christmas Eve. Good thing there's an app for that and the perfect mate—or the illusion of one—is only a text away.

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There is normally one great story in any anthology and as soon as I started reading, I had this tale pegged as having that honour. Noelle is a great character, in a long term relationship but really only because they've both fallen into it. She and Nathan have such an adorable 'meet cute' as well as a great chemistry together. Nicki - Noelle's sister - is also a great character and I had to laugh at the banter between the siblings as Nicki forces Noelle to make up a boyfriend to save face after just being dumped.

I was a bit surprised by the quickness of the declaration and proposal but that's more based on the length of the story as opposed to the quality of the tale. I could have done with the story being longer but that's the mark of a really good short story.

A sprinkling of festive touches, enjoyable characters and a nice smattering of sexiness makes this a really great tale. I'm now on the lookout for some longer stories by Cat Johnson - her writing style and storytelling could make her a future favourite.

#### All I Want for Christmas Is... by Kate Angell

It's Christmas and Riley Tyler is desperate to land the job as personal shopper to CEO Daniel Hayes. Not only has she to find the perfect gift for the uptight businessman, she has to find herself the perfect boyfriend at the same time so she looks like the perfect candidate. The Build-a-Boyfriend app is a lifesaver, until it's standing in the way of happily ever after.

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Kate Angell is the only of the three authors in this anthology that I have read before but seeing as that was a long time ago, I'm as unfamiliar with her newer works as I am the others. I had already pegged Cat Johnson's story as the great story in this collection so imagine my surprise when this story managed to delight me as much as the first.

The story is not new - straight laced CEO meets free-spirited, quirky girl and finds love as well as the joy of the season. The way that this story stands out is that it's so subtly done and the characters written so true to life that it never feels the same as others or too standard.

Daniel was great character - I especially loved the way he was baffled and intrigued by Riley. Riley herself was fun, likeable and while quirky, was probably more like your average girl than many other heroines.

The Christmas present challenge, snowstorm and Christmas decorations really gave this tale a touch of Christmas but the descriptions of the ornaments really gave it a some festive magic. Lovely.

If I did have a very minor criticism (I admit I started to feel like I had to find something so I wouldn't be waxing lyrical about all the stories!) then it would be that the sexual tension that built up between Daniel and Riley when they were being kept apart by Riley's 'boyfriend', slightly dissipated when the pair finally got together. Again, I would have loved to read more about this pair and their story.

## Her Favorite Present by Allyson Charles

Gabe Harrison is determined to make himself and his company - Build-A-Boyfriend - a success. Too bad that he seems to be losing the respect of his co-founder and best friend for labelling his app users as losers. So a bet is born. All he needs to do is prove that the women using the Build-A-Boyfriend app are pathetic and he wins. It's also too bad that Rachel Sanders is the furthest thing from pathetic and while he's still all about winning - the prize is now Rachel's heart.

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Okay, this story must be especially rubbish in order to make up for the first two, excellent stories, right? Wrong. So, so wrong. This tale was also amazing - this time going for a different spin on the Build-a-Boyfriend theme. Sure Rachel was a user of the app but, unknown to her, Gabe is the CEO and developer of the company.

The way this tale worked so well was because at the start, Gabe wasn't a particularly nice guy. Oh, he wasn't terrible but he was a bit of a dick to be honest. The fact that by the end of the story I was not only liking him but rooting for him, just shows what a good job the author did.

There's plenty of heat in this tale - definitely a story to revisit on a cold winter's night. Delicious! Rachel and Gabe were just perfect for each other and I especially liked their teasing banter and the fact that Rachel wouldn't give an inch and didn't fawn all over the handsome Gabe.

I could have done with a wee bit more grovelling from Gabe at the conclusion of the story but there was still a satisfying conclusion.

I really can't quite believe that I've found an anthology where I really enjoyed all the stories. All three authors have delivered with a great, contemporary tale that will warm your cockles and get you into that festive Christmas mood. I would highly recommend this anthology and recommend that you get your hands on a copy, get yourself settled in and ready for Christmas no matter what month it is.

\* I received this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review. \*

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## Deborah says

I am a sucker for Christmas stories and this little trilogy is sure to get you into the holiday spirit! We are treated to three stories by three different authors featuring a new "build a boyfriend app".

A Boyfriend for Christmas by Cat Johnson- Noelle has been dating George for five years and is expecting a proposal soon. Her dreams are squashed when George reveals he's never entertained the thought of marrying her! With Christmas right around the corner she decides to buy the build a boyfriend app on her sister's advice. When she names her fake boyfriend Nathan, after a guy she met at the grocery store and sent a recipe in a text to, she mistakenly starts texting the real Nathan. (4 stars, 3 flames)

All I Want for Christmas by Kate Angell- Daniel, CEO of a financial corporation, is in need of a personal shopper. He interviews three women. Their task? Buy him a present that they believe will call to him. The



one that wins, gets the job. When the one that wins ends up cooped up in the building, in a snowstorm, overnight, with no power-things get cozy. Surrounded by Christmas cheer, a personal connection is made! (4.5 stars, 3 flames)

Her Favorite Present by Allyson Charles-Gabe, one of the inventors of the build a boyfriend app and is a Christmas bah-humbug! He is tasked with getting to know one of the app's clients on a personal level at the behest of his co-workers. He has a certain mind-set about their clients and the others do not share his views. When he meets Rachel, she is nothing that he expected. He certainly didn't expect to fall so hard so quick! (4 stars/3.5 flames)

This was a very cute and quick read! The stories are independent of each other and can be enjoyed when you want a little holiday cheer! I loved the modern take on a holiday story by using an app which is prevalent in today's world of technology and dating. Each woman had a very different reason for using the app and I loved the creativity each author implored! Out of all the stories, Gabe was the most cynical. His views of his app's clients was awful! I loved that he got a rude awakening and the big, bad boss unexpectedly fell in love! Such sweetness!!

4 stars/3 flames

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## Mudpie says

A fun and pleasant read. Made up of three novellas and all new to me authors, I have to say the second tale is my favourite because of the slow burn (1 week only I know but compared to the other two which practically had them doing the deed almost the first time they met...)

1. I like the refreshing plot and how the mistake made heroine message hero by mistake. The way they met was sweet...him letting her have one of his cranberry packs.
2. The whimsical heroine who's the total opposite of the money numbers hero...she reminded him of the little boy he never got to be so it was very sweet. I liked that the hero was honourable in not poaching an attached woman, and the sexual tension was so yummy!
3. The plot too was interesting. Scrooge who looked down on his own customers but dying to make more and more money, deprived childhood notwithstanding. Heroine made him a better man by making him happy... wish he had grovelled more to seek forgiveness.

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## Forever Young Adult says

**Graded By:** Stephanie

**Deck The Halls:** Clipart Amalgamation

**Most Festive:** "A Boyfriend For Christmas"

**Sort-Of Festive:** “All I Want For Christmas Is...”

**Least Festive:** “Her Favorite Present”

**Melt My Marshmallows:** Scorched

**On A Scale from The Grinch to Buddy The Elf:** No Sex In The Champagne Room Santa’s Sleigh

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## **Georgianne Georgiadis says**

The Mistletoe Moments has 3 short stories within it. Each one is the typical girl has a boyfriend hopes that they will get engaged for Christmas or soon after that. And she also meets a new guy. In a Boyfriend for Christmas Noelle has it all or so she thinks she has a boyfriend who she thinks that this will finally be the year that he proposes. She meets another guy when she ruins her cranberries for Thanksgiving his name is Nathan who numbers she gets in exchange for a bag of his cranberries and her recipe for cranberry sauce.. Her boyfriend does not proposes in fact he does not even see himself being with her. So she breaks up with him and her sister convinces her to use Build a Boyfriend app. This way her family will leave her alone. She use names her fake boyfriends Nathan, so if you think she gets them confused you are right.

In all I want for Christmas Riley is one of three women who are trying to get a job as a personal shopper for Daniel. He gives them a challenge to buy him a gift the other woman choose expensive gifts where Riley chooses a train set. He hires Riley they get stranded at company headquarters in a major blizzard they have to spend the night there. The usual happens they fall in love

Her favorite Present we meet the developers of the build a boyfriend app.

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## **Bette Hansen says**

Three wonderfully heartwarming and sizzingly sexy stories of three couples brought together when an inventive new app called "Build a Boyfriend" is used. Each story is warm, steamy, whimsical and 5 star fun. Perfect for lifting your spirits and leaving you smiling.

A Boyfriend by Christmas by Cat Johnson - When Noelle decides to use the app to fend off her pushy family after she breaks up with her boyfriend of more than 4 years she uses the guy she met in the grocery store as the perfect boyfriend. When she starts texting with what she thinks is the service but are actually going to the real Nathan things get real interesting real fast!

All I Want for Christmas is... by Kate Angell - Riley Tyler wants the personal shopper position Daniel Hayes is interviewing her for but his requirement of anyone applying be in a serious committed relationship has her turning to the "Build a Boyfriend" app for cover. She and Daniel couldn't be more different so any attraction between the two of them wouldn't happen....would it??

Her Favorite Present by Allyson Charles - Co-founder of "Build a Boyfriend" Gabe Harrison is convinced that the only women who use the app are losers who can't find a real boyfriend. His partner Ben doesn't believe that a makes a bet with Gabe that if he takes the time to get to know a customer he'll change his mind. When a hilarious elevator encounter brings Gabe face to face with Rachel Sanders, the very customer he is charged with getting to know even he has to admit he might be wrong.

Grab a copy of this one and relax during the holiday season with 3 incredible stories. I highly recommend it.

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### **Gale says**

What a fun software app! I won't retell the stories but I did love the whole concept, from start to finish. In *A Boyfriend for Christmas*, I was hooked as soon as I read the supermarket scene. Nathan and Noelle are adorable together and it was a fun, sexy story. *All I Want For Christmas Is...* touched that part of my heart that always feels for the underdogs. It's hard to think of Daniel as one considering he was raised in an affluent family but he is missing out on personal connections. And then Riley walks into his life... I so enjoyed their interactions and banter and really loved Riley. *Her Favorite Present* had Rachel and Gabe navigating a relationship except that Gabe is one of the owners of the company that owns the boyfriend app. Through all three stories, this application helps these folks meet, work through the women "dating" someone else, and them all coming into their own. I have to say Gabe rubbed me the wrong way but overall I loved this book.

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### **Truusje says**

I really didn't like *A Boyfriend By Christmas* by Cat Johnson. I just couldn't suspend my disbelief of any of it. Besides, it really annoyed me that Noelle (the name was enough for me to roll my eyes) found it important to make sure Nathan I've she wasn't one to sleep around, and the condoms in her bedroom were her ex boyfriend's.

2 stars.

*All I Want For Christmas Is...* by Kate Angell was much and much better. I really liked her writing and I'll be looking out for a full-length novel.

4 stars.

*Her Favourite Present* by Allyson Charles was just ok. Not bad, but not particularly great either.

3 stars.

One thing I liked about this anthology is that all the stories were centred around the same app. It made for a nice connection between three very different stories.

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### **Brandy says**

I was gifted an ARC copy for an honest review. A fast paced, fun, cute read. Guaranteed to get you in the Holiday spirit. Even with 3 stories, I finished this book in a weekend basically. I was also introduced to 2 more, new to me authors in Cat Johnson and Allyson Charles. I really wish that these stories, or I should ammend that to say, I wish the build a boyfriend app were real. I would totally download this app. Lol. What a cute, modern, relevant to today storyline. Seamlessly interwoven into these 3 stories. And we get to meet the creator of the build a boyfriend app, Gabe Harrison in Allyson Charles' *Her Favorite Present*, when he

unexpectedly finds love himself with his own app.

As the Holiday's near, 3 single, twentysomething women take a thoroughly modern approach to romance and wonder if the best and most complicated gift of all is just a click, tap, or swipe away. The Build a boyfriend app lets you simply input the stats of your dream guy, and witty texts, passionate emails, hot instagram pics, even flowers start flooding in. No more awkward questions or pitying looks as you face the Holiday's alone. But when the New Year dawns will these 3 women be waking up with their true love beside them?

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