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The most wonderful time of the year?

Katie Warham has just one wish this year...to have the best Christmas ever!

If only she could lock herself away in a cloud of flour and sugar at her cosy little tearoom, Crumbtious Cakes, instead of spending the festive season trapped with her judgemental mother, crazy Aunt Gina and loved-up celebrity brother Carl...

But Katie never expected her ex-boyfriend, widower Sam – and his two adorable children – to turn up on her doorstep. She didn't think that any man could tempt her under the mistletoe this year, but Sam might just prove the exception! And as the snow begins to fall and Katie puts the final touches to her famous Christmas cake, she begins to wonder, could her Christmas wish actually come true?

This holiday season, snuggle up by a roaring fire with a mulled wine and enjoy Darcie Boleyn's festive winter warmer!

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Joanne Robertson says

What a gorgeously delicious book this is! It just makes me wish I was reading it by a roaring fire, with snow outside on the ground and a plate full of mince pies beside me!

The lovely Katie runs her own tearoom with her friend Ann and has thrown herself into her business after a traumatic loss 9 years ago. She is invited to spend a family Christmas with her family, including her parents and her brother Karl, and also Sam who was her first love. Sam is a recent widower with 2 small children but there is definitely a spark when he meets Katie again. Is it possible that love could come around again for the second time?

I adored this book, I loved the strong Katie who was trying to hide her vulnerable nature alongside her grief for the loss of both her baby and more recently her granny. And Jack and Holly were absolutely as sweet as a hot chocolate with whipped cream and marshmallows! All set within that quintessential English Christmas that we all dream of spending, full of good food and drink, spent with those we love the most but remembering those no longer with us. This book perfectly balances those emotions and I found myself tearing up through the last few pages as the story came to its perfect conclusion.

I can highly recommend this as your guilty pleasure when you want a little break from the stresses of Christmas but the story also works as romance for anytime of the year. Loved it!

I received a copy of this book via netgalley so thank you to them and the publisher Carina UK for the opportunity to read it in exchange for an unbiased review.

Sue says

The title of Wish Upon a Christmas Cake by Darcie Boleyn is delicious, and the second chance romance woven into this story was just as delicious. I had no problem falling into this story that made me feel like it was already Christmas!

Darcie evokes a host of emotions through out Wish Upon a Christmas Cake as Katie very reluctantly goes home for Christmas. When she gets there, nothing is as expected and over a few days her life and her feelings change so much. For a long time, Katie has been all about her business. Trying to forget the past even if it makes her who she is today, she keeps busy. Katie doesn't believe she'll ever have her own happily ever after, so she's no longer looking. The last person she expects to see when she arrives for the family Christmas is an old boyfriend she's never forgotten - and his two children.

Family dynamics, memories and secrets are woven so well into this story. Katie and Sam get to know each other again and discover the chemistry between them is still there...but a lot has changed over the years and there is more than just the two of them to think about now. Katie's relationship with her family, especially her mother is a strong part of Wish Upon a Christmas Cake, and I liked how we learned about this...the past, the present and what the future might look like. Family secrets are revealed and I really liked how this was done and how the impact on the story was written, and how the characters handled it. I liked how the Christmas with her family that Katie was dreading turned into so much more than she anticipated, that Katie could start to heal from the past, and I really hoped that Katie would finally take the time for herself. There is a lot going on in Wish Upon a Christmas, just like in real life. Darcie writes smoothly and clearly and this multi dimensional plot made the characters feel real and the plot believable. I felt very involved and couldn't

wait to see what this Christmas would mean for Katie.

Wish Upon a Christmas Cake was entertaining with heart ache and heart lifting moments. It was easy to feel connected to the characters in this story, and to feel like I was right there with them. I liked the grown up, mature feel these characters gave me and that made them even more real in my mind.

I completely enjoyed everything about Wish Upon a Christmas Cake and would recommend it to romantic women's fiction readers.

Sarah says

Wish Upon a Christmas Cake is very much a story of loss and true love with a sprinkling of Christmas thrown in for good measure.

Katie has never really got over her first love Sam, they have a lot of history together so when she turns up at a wonderful manor house which has been hired out especially for a family get together for Christmas with her family and Sam is there, lets just say she is faced with a whole load of emotions that come rushing to the surface.

Katie is a woman with her head screwed on, she has put all her time and effort into setting up a business with her good friend Anna and had started to give up ever finding a man to live happily ever after with, that is until of course Sam comes back into her life. She has a wonderful bond with her brother Karl and was also very close to her granny whose death she is still coming to terms with.

I loved reading about Sam's two children, Holly and Jack. They are such sweet and adorable children who really pulled on my heart strings.

Even though essentially this is a romance novel, to me it had a lot more of a deeper meaning and certainly is not your typical girl meets boy story. The author touches on a couple of things that sadly occur in real life which made it a lot more realistic and not your typical fairy tale.

Wish Upon a Christmas Cake is a lovely book and one I can highly recommend.

Many thanks to NetGalley and Carina UK for an Advanced Readers Copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Laura says

If your looking for your perfect festive read to curl up to on a Sunday afternoon then I cannot recommend this book enough - I loved it that much I finished it in one sitting, which is rare for me of late as I've been so busy.

Katie Warham is the main character in the book, she comes across as a kind yet sensitive soul, but one that is living her dream running her own cake business, Crumbsious, or so she thinks!

As Christmas approaches, Katie is dreading spending time with her family, particularly as her beloved Granny passed away only two short months ago. She's never felt that she has made her mother proud or lived up to her expectations, especially as her older brother Karl is the golden child with his celeb status, although it is clear he dotes on Katie.

To lighten the mood her best friend, flat mate and business partner Ann tells her to wish upon a piece of their famous Christmas cake, in which Katie does but isn't sure what will come of it.

Katie arrives at the very glamorous Hawthorne Manor in which her and her family are staying for the festive period, only to be fronted by an unexpected face of Christmas past... her ex and one only true love, Sam.

Katie and Sam have history, and appeared happy until events took a turn for the worst, I wont give out too many details as spoil it for you, but Katie pushed Sam away and it's clear as the story unfolds that Katie and Sam still have strong feelings for each other only each are nursing a broken heart with Katie facing her first Christmas minus her Granny and Sam facing the first one alone with his young children, Jack and Holly, since the death of his wife a year ago.

Whilst Wish Upon A Christmas Cake was a fast pace book, and was based from just prior to Christmas to early spring, it wasn't short of detail.

Darcie has a great way of telling a story with in depth details, building up a picture in your own head and making you feel as if you are part of that particular scene.

There were lots of ups and downs to the story as Katie and Sam battle their feelings, as Katie and her mother try to build bridges and they try to move on without Granny in their lives, but ultimately it was a love story based around Christmas and the epilogue which was based on the following Christmas wrapped the story up beautifully - I just loved Katie and Sam's stories.

Wish Upon A Christmas Cake had be smiling throughout, all of the characters had fabulous personalities and the bonds between Katie, Karl, Sam and his children were a joy to read.

The book made me scream and gasp at some of the scenes between Katie and Sam.... They are the type of characters you just know should be together yet find disruptions along the way.

If I had to sum this book up in one sentence it would be something like ~ It made me laugh, it made me cry but was wonderfully heartwarming, festive and romantic!

No question that is is awarded 5 flowers!

Rachel Gilbey says

4.5 Stars

Wish upon a Christmas Cake is a beautiful and heart warming tale, that really tugged at my heart strings. There is a lot of emotion and feeling that has been poured into this book, and it is delightfully told.

Katie Warham runs a tearoom, Crumbitious and is sort of dreading the family Christmas she has agreed to attend. Her beloved Granny only died 2 months ago and the pain is still raw. So she makes a wish upon her Christmas Cake to have the best Christmas ever.

What she wasn't expecting was her ex-boyfriend, and first love Sam to be there, with his two children, Jack and Holly. And what she really hadn't fully realised was the Sam was widowed over Christmas just over a year ago.

It doesn't take long for everyone to see that there is still a connection between Katie and Sam, even if Katie is trying her hardest to ignore it, due to the reason that ultimately led to them splitting up all those years ago.

Also at this family Christmas is Katie's mother Esther, who Katie has always found in the past to be a bit critical and abrasive, her lovely father, her slightly famous brother Karl, with his new boyfriend, who is very sext, as well as Auntie Gina who is slightly mad.

With a gorgeous setting, in a large manor house, the stage is set for a memorable Christmas, and not in the ways that Katie had been expecting.

With both main characters trying to move on from their grief, as well as two young children, you can see why I often had a lump in my throat at some of the situations, for various reasons.

I found *Wish upon a Christmas Cake* to be a delightful debut novel from Darcie Boleyn. I really enjoyed the story, and the Christmas section although didn't really put me in the festive mood, was critical to the story, and well thought out, given the characters circumstances.

One thing is for certain, it is always wise to have a wish upon a Christmas cake, as you never know when wishes could come true.

Sonya Alford says

Christmas is meant to be the most wonderful time of the year, but as we all know that isn't always so. Katie Warham has just one wish this year, to have the best Christmas ever. Personally, Katie would rather lock herself away in her cosy little tearoom baking cakes instead of spending the festive season with her judgemental mother, crazy Aunt Gina and her loved-up celebrity brother, Karl. But she knows it is important that she does so especially as it is the first Christmas without her Granny.

Katie arrives at the manor where her family are staying. Little does she know that her ex-boyfriend, Sam is also there. Recently widowed he has been left to look after his two absolutely adorable children. Could Katie's dream actually come true? You'll have to read the book to find out.

There are so many Christmas novels out there, making it extremely hard to decide which ones to read and you would be forgiven for not being able to make a decision. However, having read '*Wish Upon a Christmas Cake*' I truly recommend this book.

I absolutely loved this book and I got so much out of the story. It was such a delightful, feel good read and sometimes simply hilarious. It made me feel all nice and warm inside. I loved the writing style and wouldn't have believed that this was a debut novel. Right from the very beginning my mouth was watering. The cakes sounded scrumptious and I reckon you could put on weight just by reading about them. I also loved the name of the shop. That alone would definitely tempt me in for tea and cakes and I would probably be a regular visitor.

There wasn't one character I didn't like and at times I felt I was actually there with them. Most of the characters were flawed in one way or the other. Their various experiences teach you one very important thing; to grab life with both hands.

'Wish Upon a Christmas Cake' is a beautifully told story. I am already waiting for Darcie Boleyn's next novel. That's not a hint to write faster by the way, although if you want to you can.

Kim says

What a wonderful Christmassy read.

Katie is dreading going to spend Christmas with her family and when she turns up, her first love meets her there unexpectedly. He's now a widower with two young children.

The Christmas sounds so lovely with everyone pitching in to make it a wonderful time for the two little ones. You can feel the joy in the shopping and the skating trip and choosing a tree.

It totally wraps you up and makes you want to carry on reading. Lots of romantic interest and characters you just want to add to your friends list.

With many thanks to Carina UK and Net Galley for the chance to read this one.

Elaine says

I couldn't write a review straight away after finishing this book because I couldn't see through the tears (of joy). This is a really moving second chance romance with so many twists and turns you doubt it reaching a HEA after all until very near the end. It is a heartwarming tale of love lost, reconnected and new opportunities but with obstacles to overcome first.

Katie Warham is dreading Christmas with her family. They won't all be there because she recently lost her beloved grandmother who she'd been very close to, she's not sure how she's going to cope with her diverse family, their mix of judgemental attitudes, crazy behaviour and reactions. When she finally arrives to find the man she's never been able to forget, the one she judges all others against and finds them wanting, her ex-boyfriend, is also there - with his two children - she's even more perplexed. He's now a widower and the attraction between them is at least as strong. Is there any chance of rekindling their love or are there just too many risks involved? Should they take a chance on love?

What a great story to curl up with, though you'll probably not want to put it down till you've finished reading it. It is well written with a superb selection of complex characters with interactions which cover the full gamut of emotions. There are some hilarious, laugh out loud moments, others are heart wrenching. Throughout the emotive writing makes it so easy to empathise with the emotions of the characters, you feel there hurt, pain, turmoil and love. Even the children are brilliantly portrayed!

The plot has nothing straightforward in it - there are many past events and attitudes explained, surprises, shocks, discoveries and announcements to keep the reader turning the pages to find out what happens next.

I'll certainly be looking out for more by this author in future! This is a keeper, a great story that I have no hesitation in highly recommending to anyone who enjoys a very moving romance.

Thanks to the author, publishers and NetGalley, too for provided an ARC for me to read in exchange for this, my honest review.

Petra "Pippa" Q says

I must say I absolutely adore this Christmassy book cover! My only wish I had the printed version of this novel because it would be displayed right at the top of my bookshelf but not only the book cover is gorgeous I also fell in love with Katie's Warham story! What a stunning debut by Darcie Boleyn.

When I requested this book (via NetGalley) I could not wait to dive inside its pages and devour it in one go but then I spotted Jenny in Neverland planning to host a blog tour, and I jumped at the chance to be part of it. Yay!

So here is my take on Wish Upon a Christmas Cake.

The Blurb

Katie Warham, the co-owner of Crumbtious Cakes (fantastic name!) has one wish this year... to have the best Christmas ever!

If she could only spend the festive season the way she wants to but instead she is preparing herself to be spending Christmas holiday with her judgmental mother, crazy Aunt Gina and loved-up celebrity brother Carl.

But Katie certainly did not expect to add her ex-boyfriend and now widower Sam and his two children into the merry mix as well. This Christmas Katie's wish may just come true!

The Characters

Katie is a funny, quirky and lovable leading lady. I instantly bonded with her character and was curious to find out more about her past, and the reason behind her split up with Sam, the ex-boyfriend. I didn't have to wait too long, and I truly felt for Katie and understood her hesitation to commit fully to any new relationship. That was the reason behind Katie's determination to have a successful and flourishing business, and she was so hard trying to forget about having her own family for the foreseeable future or maybe ever.

Sam, the hunk of this story, is a gorgeous, sweet and very desirable ex-boyfriend who has managed to acquire a family in the ten years after their split. There is an instant chemistry and rekindling of the passion between Katie and Sam at the beginning of the book and sexual current keeps on building throughout the whole story. They both know they've always loved each other, but there is so much more at stake now than there was years ago. Katie is hesitant and worries that she is getting way to attached to Sam and his two beautiful children, Holly and Jack. Sam, in turn, feels he needs a deeper commitment from Katie because of the needs of this young children.

Katie and Sam have been through lots of highs and lows during the last ten years, and they seem to be eagerly waiting for life to provide them with new opportunities, happiness and definitely hope. I was so hoping that they both realise that the time they had apart had changed them, made them stronger, and they can come

back together with far more to offer.

I quickly discovered that the supporting characters in this story were highly likable, very well developed and complex protagonists bursting with love and care. I especially enjoyed the way Katie and her mother were trying to repair their daughter and mother relationship and despite some rather significant misunderstandings and a couple of secrets the Warham family were a very tight unit.

The Settings

The authors description of settings and festivities were so vivid and magical that it made it very difficult to put down. I loved the Crumbtious Cakes Cafe and the mouth-watering offerings Katie and her friend Ann were happily baking. The Christmas festivities were taking place in a gorgeous manor house that seem to ooze with charm and opulence.

My Roundup

Wish Upon a Christmas Cake is a story that glides in such seamless manner. It made me laugh and cry a lot (especially at the end). It brilliantly highlighted the importance of a loving family and true friendships, and if this is Darcie Boleyn debut, then I truly can not wait for her next book.

Heidi says

Three stars: A holiday romance that starts off with holiday feels and cheer, but then it goes downhill.

Katie plops down on the sofa in her cozy bakeshop. It has been a long day, and she wants to relax, but she must prepare for her family Christmas, which she isn't looking forward to. This will be the first Christmas without her beloved Granny. Besides, Katie never enjoys the drama that incurs when she spends time with her mother. Still, her parents are moving to France, so this may be the last time they can all be together for the holidays for awhile. When Katie arrives, she is startled to find Sam, her ex boyfriend and the love of her life, there with his two children. Is it possible to reignite the flames from the past with a simple wish on a Christmas cake?

What I Liked:

*Wish Upon a Christmas Cake is a book that features a second chance romance, holiday cheer as well as working through difficulties in familial relationships. I liked that it had a realistic feel, and I especially enjoyed the holiday setting during the first portion of the book.

*The romance is a second chance romance. Katie and Sam started dating when Katie was only seventeen. Then a heartbreak and emotional event caused Katie to pull away and leave Sam. Neither ever got over the other, though they tried. This is a romance that takes its time to reignite, especially considering the circumstances. I was a bit leery when I learned Sam's situation, but once he explains what really happened, I was onboard. I liked that it never felt rushed, and that both parties were extremely cautious. The romance felt very genuine and realistic, and I liked watching it slowly unfold.

*Even though the romance is the main focus of the book, there are other relationships that are explored. Katie has always had a prickly relationship with her mother. I liked the way Katie and her mother came to terms with the past, while setting down a new positive foundation for the future. There is also the relationship between Katie's brother, Karl, and his boyfriend, and how they are forced to keep it a secret

because of Karl's career. Then add in the Sam's relationship with his kids, and Katie's best friend Ann's romance, and you have an interesting and eclectic batch of relationships to enjoy and explore.

*The beginning of the book is set in a cozy manor house in the English country side during the Christmas holiday. It has snow, Christmas trees, gingerbread cookies and plenty of holiday cheer. I loved the holiday setting during the first portion of the book.

*The ending draws to a nice close without any leftover issues or questions. This is a stand alone.

And The Not So Much:

*The first half of the book was charming as it was set during the holidays, and it featured two old friends and lovers reuniting. I enjoyed the sparks and the chemistry and the holiday theme. Then the second half the book returns everyone to the real world. The second half falls off the tracks a bit. It basically is all about Katie continuing to second guess her feelings to Sam. Lots of stumbles in the romance. I totally understood Katie's hesitation and her dilemma, but it got old to have her constantly rehashing her worries over and over. It took away from the feel good for me.

*I loved the way Katie's mom came clean about the past, and I was excited for the possibility for the future, I was hoping for a bit more though as far as the future, and I was a tiny bit disappointed that she continued with her plans for France.

*Katie has an up and coming bake shop. I was excited when I started the novel as I always enjoy books with a cozy bakery setting. Unfortunately, very little time is spent in the bakery, and the wonderful food descriptions that I love were not really there.

Wish Upon a Christmas Cake starts out strong with its lovely holiday setting and the igniting of a second chance romance, but unfortunately the second half flounders with too much second guessing as far as the romance goes. I did enjoy all the different types of relationships and how everything settled out, but the second half was flat in comparison to the first.

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Posted@Rainy Day Ramblings.

Joanne says

Usually I like to read at least one Christmas or wintery book at this time of the year but this is my ninth Christmas based book so far! I don't know if it's been a bumper year for Christmas reads this year but I have read so many lovely Christmas stories. Wish Upon a Christmas Cake is another romantic, festive read. Katie has immersed herself in her business since breaking up with her cheating boyfriend, Harrison, earlier in the year. Her business is a cake shop with the wonderful name of Crumbtious Cakes and the cakes we read about in the first couple of chapters sound mouthwatering! Her business partner and friend Ann persuades her to make a wish upon her Christmas cake for a happier year ahead. When Katie arrives at the large Hawthorne Manor her family have hired for the Christmas period she is quite taken aback to discover that her first love (and ex-boyfriend) Sam has been invited too with his two young children, Jack and Holly.

I really loved the way the romance between Katie and Sam was rekindled. They hadn't split up because they didn't love each other any more but you'll need to read yourself to find out why. The old attraction is clearly still there for both of them but this year, and in particular this Christmas, both are in mourning. Sam's wife died the previous Christmas and Katie's much loved Granny also died during the year. Their shared history

and confused emotions about whether they should acknowledge their feelings for each other was convincingly portrayed. They so obviously love each other still and are so right for each other but now there are children involved too and Katie's dedication to her business mean they both have other commitments to consider.

Along side the love story, there are plenty of other characters and things going on that will keep you wanting to read on. Katie's mother and father are about to emigrate to France and want this one big family Christmas together. Katie gets on so well with her dad but has always had a difficult relationship with her mother. Her adored big brother, Karl, is rather famous and this year has brought his boyfriend Angelo who is very insightful and not afraid to speak about things others in the family ignored. Her dotty Aunt Gina is a bit more in the background but provided a good few smiles heading off for some 'afternoon delight' with her latest man Tanberk.

There's plenty of snow, plenty of emotion, plenty cosy moments by the fire and a lot about second chances and true love which all help to make this a lovely festive read. Definitely another to add to your Christmas reading list.

(Thanks to the publishers Carina for providing a review copy of this book via Netgalley.)

Maryline M's Bookshelf says

This review was first published at M's Bookshelf - <http://mssbookshelf.blogspot.com>

This is hands down one of the most heartwarming Christmas stories I've read. Both cover and title are cute and have the promise of a fun, romantic winter read. After just a few chapters however, it was quite clear that *Wish Upon a Christmas Cake* would be much more than just 'cute and fun'. It really got to me. It's emotional and passionate, heartwarming and hopeful with a bit of humour. The issues Darcie's characters have to deal with are tough and complicated, but she really succeeded in dealing with them in a believable way. Some wine and good food and a bit of a romantic atmosphere didn't just lead to a "happily ever after". Her characters worked through ups and downs and it made me fall in love with them even more.

Wish Upon a Christmas Cake is a must-read this holiday season, and Darcie Boleyn an author to watch!

Carlene Inspired says

My original review can be found at <https://carleneinspired.com>.

A warm, Christmas story of second chances, love, loss, and family.

Katie has thought of everything to avoid Christmas with her family. She could stay at home taking care of her cake shop, Crumbtious Cakes, and avoid family entirely. The Christmas spirit wins though and an unexpected visitor is there to meet her under the mistletoe. Her first love, and now widower, Sam is joining the family Christmas with his two children, two dogs, and a lot of unspoken feelings. Katie made a wish on a Christmas cake and she's about to find out if Christmas cake wishes really do work.

I really enjoyed *Wish Upon A Christmas Cake*, it's a wonderful debut by Darcie Boleyn. The characters are

so well described I felt like I was watching it all happen in a movie; I was picturing moments from The Holiday the entire time. The minor characters, particularly Katie's brother Karl and his beau, Angelo, were my favorite. They brought life to scenes and the interactions of all the characters brought understanding to the overall emotion of the house. I really enjoyed reading about Katie and Sam's past and present, how their lives worked out after so long and where they were headed going forward. Both characters are dealing with grief, old and new, and their meeting again after so long really brings some feelings out. I teared up several times, laughed out loud quite a bit, and smiled even more.

If any of my followers are looking for a lighthearted read for the holidays, I highly suggest you pick this one up. Not only does it contain more depth than you'd think, it's got all the qualities of a romantic and beautiful white Christmas.

Kate says

Katie and her best friend Ann run Crumbtious Cakes, a small tearoom that has been their shared dream for so many years, it was a way for Katie to move forward after her life fell apart nine years ago following a traumatic loss.

Now, she has to deal with another loss, her beloved Granny has passed away and now she and the Warham family face their first Christmas without the matriarch. If this wasn't enough, Katie knows she will have to face her mother Esther. She and Esther do not see eye to eye on many things, and Katie fears that her judgemental, over critical mother will make this Christmas hell for her. But Ann, being her best friend makes a valiant attempt to cheer her friend up, bringing her a slice of their famous Christmas cake (in lieu of a wishbone) to make a wish.

Katie makes it to the Lodge the family are staying at for the Festive period and is startled, shocked and stunned at who she meets when she arrives. Can it really be him after all these years? Yes, it's Sam, her first love, standing there in this wonderfully romantic setting, looking so grown up and handsome. Katie has to keep her emotions in check, cover her surprise and shock before facing her mother. Later Katie finds out that Sam is a widower, raising his two children (and dogs) after the tragic death of his wife. Can Katie resist opening up old wounds and remembering what it was like being in love with Sam, can she avoid physical contact with him to stop her heart skipping? Might that wish made in the tearoom actually come true?

Second chances are a major part of this novel, can Katie and Sam manage a second chance, will there ever be a second chance for Katie and Esther - will their relationship improve? Even Ann joins in the theme of second chances with her own dilemma. All that Katie knows is that she never really fell out of love with Sam and his reappearance in her life has reignited the flames for her, she even feels something towards his children, almost wondering what it would be like if they were hers.

Family dynamics are wonderfully portrayed, the reader is thrown straight in to the wonderful Warham family, meeting Esther and Charles (Katie's parents), Karl (her older brother) and his partner Angelo as well as Aunt Gina. The entertainment of the group being together for Christmas is enjoyable to read, Katie and Karl have a great connection that you can really feel from Boleyn's writing. Memories of Granny are well used in this novel to portray what an important character she was for them all, how phrases she used can spark a feeling in someone that kick starts them again.

There were many laugh out loud moments reading this book, comparisons between Santa and Katie were

particularly funny (when you get there you will know what I mean, it's in a conversation with Aunt Gina), so much so, I almost snorted tea! Little gems like that in the writing really set Boleyn's work apart from other Christmas reads. Despite being classed as a romantic novel, this was funny to read to, it was deliciously entertaining to read, and the sort of book you could happily read in one sitting (unless like me you have a toddler that wakes up from a nap and you have to put the book down!). There's definitely a feel good factor about this, you desperately want a happy outcome for everyone, you want Katie and Sam to rekindle their love, you want Katie to become stepmother to Sam's children and for them to have another child together. You want Katie and her mother to move past the hurt between them and work out things out. You want Katie's Christmas wish to come true!

I would recommend this to anyone that enjoys Fiction, Romance and Comedy genres.

I would like to thank Carina UK for the copy of this book in return for an honest review and if you would like to buy a copy, this book was published on 2nd October 2015, a copy can be purchased here [Wish Upon a Christmas Cake \(UK Kindle Version\)](#)

Ana says

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'Wish Upon a Christmas Cake' is Darcie Boleyn's debut and such a sweet, romance read. The cover is simply stunning, and I think the team from Carina UK had done an amazing job on the cover art.

'Wish Upon a Christmas Cake' is a story about old sweethearts, and I absolutely adore those kind of stories. Katie and Sam used to be together (for years actually), but after an unfortunate event shaken their lives, they parted amicably and moved on with their lives. Katie decided to focus on her work and never look back on her past, however seems she doesn't have much success in her love life. Her parents invite her and the rest of the family in a gorgeous manor to spend the Christmas together. As one of closest and oldest friends of her brother Carl, Sam is invited too and after years of not seeing each other, Katie and Sam are now in the same house spending the most beautiful and magical time of year together.

Many things have changed for both of them, both Sam and Katie tried to move on with their lives, however the sparks are still there and Katie just might get her Christmas wish come true.

This was such an adorable, and fast read. I really liked the story, though it did have a more serious tone at times. It was so enjoyable to see how things were gradually building and the romance didn't seem rushed or forced. As most of the other light hearted Christmas stories, it was predictable but it didn't mean I enjoyed it less because of it. On the contrary, I was thrilled I'll get my dose of a big fat happily ever after and I sure got it.

Sam was an adorable character, he's gentle and kind and though he's been unfortunate first by losing Katie, then his wife, he's a dedicated father and an amazing friend. He appreciates the people in his life and does

everything to make them happy. However, Katie was less likable, in my opinion. She's focused on her work and despite fully understanding what happened to her, I simply didn't approve of some of her choices. She seemed doubtful without a real reason, and I didn't understand why she needed so much time to realize some things. The romance was sweet yet dragged at times, and I wished things could move faster.

'Wish Upon a Christmas Cake' might not be that memorable Christmas book for me, but it was definitely an enjoyable one. Perfect for curling up by the fire on these cold November days. If you're a romance fan, or love your story with a bit of Christmas magic and sparkle, then this is a book you'll love to check out. Despite it being a debut, it's clear Ms Boleyn has a talent, and I'll definitely be on a watch out for her next release.
