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## **Laura says**

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A CHRISTMAS FOR KATIE is a totally sweet Christmas novella. The main character is six year old Katie Weaver, but there is also the librarian's point of view, Jayne Donovan. She's been unlucky finding love when she fell for an ex-Amish man and he married an Amish widow instead. Now, Katie is convinced that if Jayne falls in love she'll do what Katie wants her to do—get real people to stand in for the nativity instead of the sad pieces that are currently there—and going missing.

If you like Christmas novellas, you'll love this one. I ended it with a sigh of contentment and a smile. \$3.99. 111 pages.

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## **Debbie says**

"A Christmas for Katie" by Shelley Shepard Gray gets 5 stars from me. This is just a short story about Katie Weaver who was a live nativity this Christmas in front of the library. She is 6 and a half years old. The librarian Jayne didn't want anything to do with it. Katie believing it was because she had a broken heart because her uncle John had broken up with her prays that God sends her a man to fall in love with. Then a new man walks into the library right at closing time and then there is a scream and they find an elderly lady laying on the ground. And a wiseman is missing from the nativity set and then more pieces are missing. It's a good thing the new stranger is the sheriff of the town. Ella, Katie's aunt is pregnant and has trouble and Katie

believes it is her fault but everything does work out in the end. I love the ending. Do they ever find the missing pieces of the nativity and does Kate get her live nativity, you will have to read the book to find out. This story is a novella based on the characters from the Families of Honor series

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### **Barb Klein says**

“A Christmas for Katie” by Shelly Shephard Gray is a book by one of my favorite authors. It is a perfect Christmas read and a wonderful gift to give for Christmas. All Katie wants is a beautiful nativity scene in front of the library on Christmas Eve. However sad the present one looks, there is also the fact that someone is taking pieces, one at a time, and ruining what was left of the nativity scene. Katie’s wish is that they could have a live Christmas nativity with real people playing the part. Along with this story line, we have the imminent birth of a baby and the beginnings of a romance between the town librarian and one of the deputies. This is a heartwarming story, and one that I know you’ll like.

I received a Kindle copy book at no charge from the publisher in return for my honest review.

You can read my review on my blog at <http://wp.me/p2pjIt-3Y>.

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### **Paula-O says**

Shelley Shepard Gray writes "A Christmas for Katie"

This tiny book has a big lesson for everyone, children and adults too.

Katie is just 6 but she has a heart that leads others to see A Christmas nativity in a different light. This one is plastic and sits by the library in a small little town.

Katie is loved by many in this little town and they all listen when she talks of how bad the nativity is and needs help to make Christmas special.

The librarian Miss Donovan is sad after a romance did not work for her.

Connor is new to the town and works for the sheriffs office. He is lonely and recognizes the same in the Librarian. Can these two find a friendship that just might blossom at this time of year.

A mystery appears when some of the nativity pieces disappear.

Shelley writes a wonderful lesson for all in this tiny book that can be read in a day but you will want to go back and savor it later. I know I do.

I want to know more about the Weaver family and about the friendship of Jayne and Connor.

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### **Aimee M says**

While this is a cute story about a little Amish girl, Shelley Shepherd Gray obviously has little knowledge of libraries. Any public library in America should be ashamed if they have a nativity outside because libraries are meant to be a religion-free space. I'm disappointed that the premise was under-researched and it gave me a sour response to the story as a whole.

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## **D.J. says**

Shelley Shepard Gray does a superb job showing the feelings of six-year old Katie, who is trying to be obedient, but no one else seems to care as much as she does that the Christmas nativity is about to fall apart. Her solution? Well, fixing it would be a good start, but even better, to have a live nativity using people and animals!

Katie then turns her attention to the librarian, Jayne, who she feels is lonely and needs a husband... but when Jayne meets Deputy Conner Fields, she is smitten, without any help from Katie. Ms. Gray just seems to have a knack when it comes to twists and turns. Who else would think to add a Christmas kleptomaniac to the list of characters!

Of course everything turns out just the way the reader hopes... sometimes even better than expected.

I enjoy reading about a community, shown in a continuing series of books, with more and more revealed with each book. Ms. Gray does exactly this... and I am always eager to read the next book in each of her Amish series. So far I have never been disappointed.

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## **Kim Justice says**

Amazing, Awesome, Tear Jerk-er, Love, sweet, sad, mysterious, then add in CHRISTMAS..... Well what else needs to be said. This book will be one that I will go back to as a Favorite Christmas story to read again and again.

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## **John says**

I Have liked everything I have read so far from Shelley Shepard Gray. Although I have not read the the series that precedes this book, I read this book because it was a Christmas story. I now plan to read the previous 4 books in order at some point.

This book was not that long, but it still had a complete story and did not feel liking. I am sure it offered some closure to people who read the series. With some shorter books you almost feel cheated of part of the story, that is not the case with this book. That is not to say things aren't pretty much wrapped up with a bow on that top at the end of the book, but hey its Christmas and as for me these are the top of stories I like when it comes to Christmas.

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## **Billie says**

This is a sweet Amish novella with Katie Weaver the main character at six and a half years old. It revolves

around her favorite librarian and the rundown nativity set in front of the library. Katie wishes Miss Donovan, the librarian would find a love interest and be happy. The nativity pieces start disappearing so there is a bit of a mystery. This is when the new deputy in town investigates. Nice holiday book.

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### **Mercedes Cordero says**

A very cute and sweet story of love, hope, and faith. Written very well, this novella gives us a glimpse into the wonderfully precious mind of Katie, a lovable 6 year old girl. Katie is a sweetheart. As any child, she is full of big ideas, great enthusiasm, and a tender innocence. Author Shelley Shepard Gray has done a great job writing this girl and what goes on inside her mind. Although there are nice supporting characters, and we get to see their points of view, too, it is Katie who kept my interest, and had me smiling.

Here we have a little girl interacting with adults in a very believable way. The close relationship Katie has with Ella, her sister in law, is heartwarming. Katie's interactions with her mother are funny and tender, as well as her friendship with Miss Donovan, the librarian. Miss Donovan is a nice character with some past hurts and a willingness to move forward. Anyone can identify with her sadness and her desire to come out of her shell, which is why Katie's determination to find her a boyfriend is understandable and very touching.

The mystery behind the nativity figures' disappearance is a fun one; quite predictable but entertaining, nonetheless. There is not much suspense, just a lighthearted mystery, and a simple investigation that serves as a backdrop to the developing attraction between the deputy, Connor, and the librarian, Miss Donovan. Their romance was a little too fast paced, but clean and charming.

There is something, though, that did bother me: the characters sometimes lack consistency. Miss Donovan seems to be shy, someone who keeps to herself, but she is pretty straightforward in her attraction to Connor. It also did not make much sense to me that Miss Donovan is the librarian in a small community and she had no idea who the attacked elderly woman was, although this lady visited the library quite often.

That said, this novella is a great Christmas read; a nice reminder of how God answers prayers, even when we might think it's a little too late, or when people around us think it's not worth it.

This is book 3.5 in the series and the author, very nicely and seamlessly, interlaces past stories from the series into this delightful Christmas story, which most certainly makes the newcomer reader want to go back in the series to find out exactly what happened. So, although she brings us up to speed, she piques our curiosity just enough to make us want to know this family, this community, better.

4.5 out of 5 stars

\*I received a copy of this book in exchange of an honest review.

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### **Jasper says**

Great Book

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### **Barbara says**

I have loved the Weaver family since the beginning of the series. Katie helped me to remember the wonder of child-like faith is a glorious thing. Thank you Shelley.

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### **Carla Harris says**

**Like any Amish story it has a happy ending.**

Jayne and Katie have a very interesting story that is told between an Englisher and an Amish little girl who wants a Nativity of real people on Christmas Eve. It is a real Christmas story.

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### **Wall-to-wall books - wendy says**

A very simple but sweet Christmas Novella. This quick one had a little of everything. A little mystery, a little romance, and a little Christmas spirit.

Good character development. all the characters were likable and true/believable. There was a mix of Amish and "English" so it made the story that much more interesting.

The ending, however, was a little more open ended than I would have liked.

But still a great story!

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### **Amanda says**

I really like this author. Great Christian novel.

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