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*Two clashing colleagues stuck together for Christmas--will opposites eventually attract?*

Patrick has been single since he broke up with his cheating ex almost a year ago. With Christmas looming, he's resigned to spending it alone with only memories of happier times for company. When a business trip with a co-worker leaves them stranded in the Lake District due to heavy snow, it seems Patrick will have company for Christmas after all. It's a shame his companion is Kyle, who's undeniably attractive, but annoying as hell.

Aware of Patrick's reluctant admiration, Kyle basks in the attention even though Patrick isn't the type of man he normally goes for. Averse to relationships after being hurt in the past, Kyle enjoys the occasional hook up, but has given up on seeking anything more meaningful.

Stuck together, their antagonism escalates along with a heavy dose of sexual tension until it finally ignites. What starts as a Christmas fling soon feels like something special; but will their tentative connection melt away as the snow thaws? If they're going to take a chance on finding happiness together, they'll have to put their differences aside and learn to trust one another.

Contains: enemies-to-lovers, snowball fights, bickering, spanking, a cute dog, a wise old lady, mistletoe, and a happy ending (of course).

## Stuck with You Details

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### Eugenia says

#### Awkward....2.5 Stars.....

Well, I wanted to like this story. I was ready to like this story. Enemy to lovers? Sign me up! Snowed in? Excellent! Spanking? Even better!

The thing is....I didn't like the story. Something about it was off. Something about it it was solidly "meh." Like a day old ham and mayo sandwich. It's probably OK, the mayo might dodgy, but overall definitely underwhelming.

I didn't feel a connection between the characters. Their fights and banter were not entertaining. Everything felt superficial. Their spanking kink and role playing was awkward and felt forced.

Parts of this novella were OK. But that's just it...parts. as a whole it didn't work. I like this author and have enjoyed the Housemates series. This is the second Christmas novella of Northcote's that I've read and it's the second that I didn't like. Maybe there is a theme here. I think I'll avoid further Christmas stories by this author for the time being.

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### Elsa Bravante says

Dulce, muy british, pero me ha parecido muy soso, no he visto ninguna química entre la pareja, me costó terminarlo, no me interesaban demasiado...

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### Adam says

Some feuding-colleagues-to-lovers with a side of kink and holiday feels? Yes please!

Since breaking things off with his cheating ex, Patrick has been living a lonely life. To make matters worse, he has to put up with his annoying younger mentee.

Kyle is the opposite of Patrick - an outgoing party animal who prefers hookups over relationships. He knows Patrick finds him annoying, but he finds his tight-laced mentor equally insufferable.

I thought Kyle was a riot. He's a total brat, but the kind you can't help but love.

And Patrick would seem to agree.

When the two are snowed in together in a remote English village, it doesn't take long for them to butt heads.

But the anger's just hiding a different kind of tension - one that the two MCs begin exploring pretty quickly.

Let me just say - Kyle and Patrick are **hot, hot, hot**. The light kink was unexpected, but totally welcome!

While the snow rages outside and our two MCs find creative ways to get warm and cozy, their mutual dislike gradually melts away.

I really liked seeing how their assumptions of each other were challenged. Patrick realizes that despite Kyle's antics, he has a heart of gold. And Kyle comes to appreciate why Patrick's

And best of all, the two let themselves be vulnerable around each other. I won't lie, I may have swooned a little bit.

Of course, not all is automatic sunshine and roses, but the happy ever after was perfect.

I also really liked the secondary character of Mrs. Wilcox.

Overall, 'Stuck With You' hit a lot of high notes for me, with a sweet and steamy romance and a strong dose of holiday cheer, and all of it in a quaint English country village. Recommended!

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### **Cadiva says**

This festive romance is as hot as the cover but also a superbly paced frenemies to lovers trope with the added bonus of a Christmas stranded together plot.

I loved prickly Mrs Wilcox, she of the mostly finished available to rent pigsty, and Mike the village shopkeeper with the kind of welcome which is often found in small villages.

The Lake District setting was a subtle one and it again worked well as the location for two disparate people to get stuck together and realise that opposites attract more than they expected.

And, speaking of expectations, I wasn't ready for the light kink but oh boy did I love it when it turned up. Although, on the face of it, Kyle being twinkish and Patrick all dominant might have seemed obvious, it actually evolved beautifully and unexpectedly in the narrative.

I always love Jay's festive romances and this was no exception.

#ARC kindly received from the author in return for an honest and unbiased review.

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### **\*J\* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

#### **3.5 Stars!**

Not my favorite Jay Northcote read. I just didn't find Kyle very likable.

The transition from enemies to lovers was done pretty well.

The spanking was....interesting.

I don't know, it was okay. I liked it but I didn't love it.

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#### **Judith says**

4 Stars.

**Take two co workers who apparently can't stand each other,a blizzard which leaves them stranded in a sleepy village in the beautiful Lake District,some delightful residents and you have a charming Christmas story.**

**Patrick** isn't looking forward to spending Christmas alone but the last thing he was expecting was to spend it with **Kyle** but that's exactly what happens when Kyle's car breaks down a few days before Christmas on their way back from a work meeting. It seems '*there's no room at the Inn*' is quite fitting as the only option for them is to rent a half finished cottage owned by a local.

**The two men might not have got along at work** but it turns out **they've both had a simmering attraction to each other,so why not have some festive fun under the covers?** The sex is HOT but they quickly realize they might just have a future together.

I loved the charming setting and a snowed in theme is one of my favourite things and the Author got the **Christmas atmosphere** just right...it was delightful. The Epilogue finished the story of perfectly.

Recommended.

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## **Ky says**

### **\*4.5 stars\***

I usually avoid stories where the characters are trapped together and by the time they are free again they have found true love forever, but for this one I had to make an exception because of the author.

I'm always enjoying Jay Northcote's stories and this one didn't disappoint. For some reason, even though everything happened in less than a week, it didn't feel rushed or like I was reading an insta-love story. It's worth mentioning here that we also have an enemies-to-lovers trope (okay maybe just heavy dislike) and it still worked! How is it possible?!

We have co-workers Patrick and Kyle with the former training the newbie later. There is no love lost between them and they can barely stand each other. When their boss sends them on a work trip just before the holidays they go thinking that it would only be two days and then they can be rid of the other until next year. Kyle's car though had other plans and it broke down in the middle of nowhere on their way back so they ended up spending a few days (Christmas day included) in a small town waiting for the car to be fixed.

The attraction doesn't take long to make an appearance but they have both been hurt in the past and even though they are dealing with it in different ways the result is the same: they are reluctant to take a chance again.

It's really good light read with little to no angst, but I wouldn't say it's fluff. There are no big declarations and no cheesy phrases. The development felt real and the way they gave each other a chance and little by little left first impressions behind and started really getting to know the person within was satisfying.

Close quarters, bad weather, quirky and kind people and an energetic dog that is always game for a walk help change their minds and by the end of their holiday adventure nothing is the same.

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### **Aki | nose buried in books | ❤? | says**

4.5 ?

Give me an enemies to lovers story with HEA and I am a very, very happy person! ?

This story is light, easy and sweet just like a Christmas novel should be! I am a big fan of this author and this story didn't disappoint me!

Recommend

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### **~◊~Doxi(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~◊~ says**

Patrick and Kyle are new colleagues, but there's no love lost between them.

Patrick is messy to Kyle's orderly. He's seven years older than Kyle and despises Grindr, of which Kyle seems inordinately fond.

Kyle is snarky, high maintenance, and flirty. Patrick is not.

Patrick dresses for the weather. Kyle does not.

On the surface, the men are nothing alike, but they've both been betrayed; they understand hurt and loneliness.

When they get snowed in on a business trip, they make do with wine, cheese, biscuits, and dinner at a pub. They help out an elderly woman (who lends out her cottage, a remodeled pigsty, so they have somewhere to stay until the weather clears) and realize that sometimes opposites do attract.

**The weather may be cold, but the sex is HAWT.** Hello, spanking kink! Patrick is obsessed with Kyle's arse and puts his Christmas present to good use.

This is not a complicated story; it's filled with quiet moments, awkward moments, and moments of utter contentment.

**I'm a fan of the snowed-in trope, and it's done well here.** The MCs are forced to share a bed and kiss under a mistletoe. Is there a better recipe for romance?

These guys bring out the best in each other, even if they're afraid to try. Kyle's attempt at making Patrick jealous backfires big time. And Patrick jumps to false conclusions. Can they kiss and make up?

I read this book in one sitting, like I do most of Jay's stories. His writing style really appeals to me. It's breezy and effortless.

I adored Mrs. Wilcox and Dex, her fierce German shepherd. The ending is a heartwarming HEA, complete

with family found and promises kept.

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### **Ariana says**

\*4,5 stars\*

That was such a delight!

I loved everything about this:

Patrick and Kyle are colleagues, with Patrick being 7 years older and Kyle's mentor (it is a mini 'age gap' but I liked it.)

Patrick sees Kyle as a spoilt child and hates his Grindr habit.

Kyle thinks Patrick is stuck up and boring.

So no wonder they don't get on. Until they get stuck in snow and ice in a small village in the Lake District in the north of England.

I enjoyed the scenario immensely because I can virtually see that little village shop, that pub, that ice-cold holiday flat right in front of my eyes. And it felt real in many ways.

I certainly loved the verbal sparring between the MCs, their gradual (emotional and literal) thawing and all the Christmas vibes surrounding the story. (Ms.Wilcox and Dex!)

However I was taken completely by surprise by the kink! (and so were the MCs lol) And what a good surprise that was. These guys sizzled fabulously together (and with all that cold around it was just as well!)

Highly recommend this! It is a lovely and hot Christmas romance!

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### **Amy says**

Overall I enjoyed Stuck With You. Jay has an easy-to-read writing style that I love.

But I did find Kyle very hard to warm up to. He was a bit of a brat, and not in the cute playful way. He came off as a conceited party boy who spends too much time on Grindr. I didn't really understand what Patrick saw in him. Once he let his guard down, I grew to like him a little more.

Jay did a great job moving Kyle and Patrick from enemies to lovers. Throw in a wise old woman from next door, her loyal German Shepard, and a heartwarming epilogue, and you've got yourself a nice holiday read.

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### **\*~\*~Fawkes, Padfoot, and Prongs~\*~\* says**

**Very, very sweet book :-!! Definitely recommended!!**

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### **Barb ~rede-2-read~ says**

ARC provided by the publisher through Scattered Thoughts and Rogue Words in exchange for an impartial review.

From the first chapters, the animosity between Kyle and Patrick intrigued me. Patrick is Kyle's mentor at their job, and the slightly older man is the responsible type—very serious and focused. Kyle, on the other hand, is good at his job but dresses a bit more outlandishly, flirts, and seems to take life a lot more lightly than Patrick. When the two get stuck in the snow on their way back from a business trip in the Lake District, their differences are much more apparent.

Patrick gets out his winter coat, hat, gloves, and boots, while Kyle has to make it to the nearest village in a lightweight dress jacket, no hat or gloves, and his dress boots. After Patrick saves his butt—literally—as he falls a few times on the trip to the nearest village, the setup of their basic differences is sealed.

And yet, the two strangely connect, and when Patrick threatens to spank Kyle, and Kyle's brows rise in anticipation, the storyline takes a positive turn. Though they have sex that night in the small rental shed (former pigsty) they located, the relationship and ultimate romance takes a while to build. And though the story takes place over the course of several days, the author takes the time to allow them to get to know one another and to develop feelings that go beyond attraction. There's not much else to do but talk...and spank...and...celebrate Christmas together with the elderly landlady and her dog.

This is quite a heartwarming tale, with a focus on togetherness and family of choice during the holidays. It's also interesting, with great characters, beautiful scenery, and an easily believable story. Jay Northcote always delivers a smile to my face and a warmth to my heart. This one is no exception.

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### **.Lili. says**

- Enemies to lovers*
- Forced proximity*
- Some naughty spanking*
- Opposites attract*

All the things that I love, but I didn't connect with. **Stuck with You** by Jay Northcote was just okay for me.

As for the characters, I did like Patrick; I had a hard time with Kyle. There was something about his personality that made him across as a bit of a turd. It took most of the book to warm up to him, and by the time I did, it was a little too late.

The relationship development had a nice pace; it didn't feel rushed.

BUT the sex scenes- they were a little uncomfortable. It felt awkward. Maybe they were meant to be seeing

as they disliked each other at the start? I don't know.

I think it's a case of "me and not the book." The writing wasn't bad, and the story was cute, it just wasn't a slam dunk for me.

3 Stars

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### **Jay Northcote says**

This is my 2018 Christmas novella. It came in a little longer than usual at 53,000 words, which wasn't super convenient given that life stuff meant I ran really close to my deadline. But the characters needed those extra words to get their shit together.

After a panicked start, I enjoyed writing this one. I've never written a story where the characters argue so much before, so it was challenging but a lot of fun. The enemies-to-lovers trope was a new one for me to tackle, and I feel like I gave it my best shot. If you decide to read it, I hope you'll end up loving Patrick and Kyle as much as I do :)

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