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Sweet, shy Lady Esme has a little-known pastime-penning scandalous stories! But society must never find out or she'll be ruined! Fortunately, her dear friend, USA Today bestselling author Jennifer Haymore, is happy to share Esme's sensual tale of lost love and second chances . . .

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Lady Amelia Witherspoon simply must get home to her beloved family on Christmas Eve. So when a terrible storm threatens to leave her snowbound, she refuses to admit defeat-even if that means sharing a carriage with Evan Cameron, the last man she ever hoped to see . . .

Evan can't fathom why his oldest friend is as icy to him as the winter wind. All he does know is that Amelia is still the loveliest, most tempting woman he's ever laid eyes on. Their only option is to take refuge together at a nearby inn, sharing the one remaining room. Evan promises to be a gentleman . . . but it's a promise neither of them wants him to keep.

His for Christmas Details

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Becca says

This was a spicy little number that I've come to expect from Haymore. It has the common holiday trope of long-separated couple getting trapped in an inn, forced to share a room, and finding an HEA. Yes, this trope is used a lot, but it's common for a reason. It's a great holiday theme--second chances, steamy nights, and newfound joy. It works for me time and again this time of year.

This story opens with the characters meeting up after years apart and the heroine holding a mix of a grudge and attraction due to a long ago overheard conversation. The pace of this is really quick and the first sex scene comes a little fast for my taste, but it is Haymore and she does write those scenes well so I let it go. After that initial scene, the characters do start to talk and see each other with grown-up eyes and their initial spark deepens even in the short format.

Overall, I found this a nice, steamy read with a sweet HEA. If you want something short and feel like some good sex scenes to mix up the usual, overly sweet holiday novellas, this is a nice palate cleanser.

Jen says

This novella for me was just okay.

Amelia is a full figured woman who had been in love with Evan since childhood until overhearing he and his two friends saying hateful things about her, not only breaking her heart but humiliating her to all of society. Evan was not in the same social class as Amelia and though he loved her, he did not think he was good enough for her.

Years late they meet on the side of the road after her carriage breaks down during a snow storm. Evan does not understand the animosity between them, she is still the woman he has loved since childhood. After arriving at an Inn that is full and discovering only one room available for them to share, things immediately heat up and they share a night of passion. Unfortunately this does not go unnoticed by a town gossip who then runs to her family with the sordid tale. Was Amelia too quick to forgive? Is she in for another humiliating experience caused by her love for Evan? You will just have to see for yourself.

Being a novella the story is rushed and the characters and the plot are therefore lacking depth. I felt that this was more of an erotic short than a romance. Still it was a quick easy read if you are in the mood for that type of book.

Thank you to Netgalley and Forever Yours for the Arc.

Farrah says

A very sweet and lovely holiday read. His for Christmas was a wonderful historical romance novella. I really enjoyed reading this romance.

Amelia was a lovely heroine. She was a really likable character. Just genuinely nice and sweet. She has been in love with Evan for years, but a misunderstanding made her turn against him. Thankfully, she wasn't a heroine to hold a grudge and knew when to forgive. I thought she was a great character.

Evan was also amazing. He's been in love with Amelia since their childhood and always intended on marrying her, until, for a reason he didn't understand, she didn't want to speak to him anymore. But, when he was determined to have something, nothing was going to stop him. He was really sweet and adorable and I really liked him.

The romance was both sweet and spicy. Sweet, because Amelia and Evan has been in love so long, before a misunderstanding tore them apart. But, they found a way past that. And spicy because we're talking about years of longing finally coming to fruition. It was definitely hot. I thought these two were a lovely couple.

The plot was fast paced. I was hooked the entire way through. The story was so sweet and lovely and I really enjoyed reading it. And the ending was perfect.

His for Christmas was a lovely historical romance novella and holiday read. It was sweet and steamy and just wonderful. If you want a quick, light, and great holiday read, then you definitely need to check this book out.

*I received a free copy in exchange for an honest review

Mary - Buried Under Romance says

Originally published on Buried Under Romance

I adore Jennifer Haymore's novellas. This one had the perfect blend of sweetness mixed with poignant sensuality, beautifully utilizing the reunited friends-lovers trope. One misheard conversation ruined the friendship between Lady Amelia Witherspoon and Evan Cameron, a friendship that neither had forgotten, and which had grown into a deep yearning when they meet again, both stranded in a snowstorm. Will the tidings of their past be corrected? Will Amelia finally forgive Evan for his youthful mistake?

Ultimately, we find out, as Amelia and Evan do, that they are perfect for each other and complement each other in so many ways. And when the loop circles back and their new-found affection is once again tested by the same adversary, the results this time is the guiding light to love. I have re-read this several times and highly recommend it as the quintessential short, sweet, and savory Christmas novella.

*Review copy complimentary of the publisher for an honest review.

Lexi says

** Originally written for Book Bliss book blog. I received a copy of this book in exchange for an unbiased and honest review**

Review:3.5 stars

General: I thought this was a great novella – a little too short in the overall scheme of things but a wonderful little slice of life. I'm a huge sucker for historical romances and I felt this one had all the perfect ingredients. The world building was wonderful and so easy to set myself back into their shoes. The pacing was a little quick but not a real fault to the story as the end didn't feel rushed. The writing overall was very strong as well.

However, while the story didn't feel rushed, it did feel a little bit empty. The majority of the story was spent with sexy love scenes. Which were great but left the actual romantic connection a little lacking and the story itself was cute but a bit on the back burner. I would love to read something longer by Jennifer Haymore as this novella had all the wonderful things of a big novel, it was just too short to get into it.

Characters: Amelia- Amelia seemed a bit out of time to me. Not a lot but a little to rebellious as you'll see when she "eavesdrops". I can't really give to much away without spoiling it but she was a fun character and easy to connect with.

Evan- Evan is that misunderstood male. He is all passion and romance deep down but on the surface he can come across callous and rude until Amerlia snuck her way into his heart for real and tore down his walls.

Lily (Night Owl Book Cafe) says

I received a copy of this book from the publisher through netgalley in exchange of an honest review.

A sweet quick Christmas novella "written" by the Lady Esme from Jennifer Haymore's first book in the House of Trent series.

Traveling to her family for Christmas, Lady Amelia never expected to be stranded in a middle of a snowstorm in a small inn with a ghost from the her childhood past. Evan had always loved Amelia but because she was the Earls daughter, the young gentleman did not think he stood a chance after he told his mother of his intentions and she laughed at him.

On the night of his party Amelia overheard some cruel words that sent her heart shattering and she never wanted to see Evan again....until they met again the day before Christmas.

Cute, very quick read. Never read anything by Jennifer Haymore before so this was an introduction to the author for me as well. I did enjoy her storytelling, despite having so many love scenes in the beginning of the book. That doesn't bother me, I was just a little saddened that the book ended at about 60% and the rest was a sneak peak to her other book.

I did feel bad for Amelia and what she had to go through. I was glad that she did later find out the true meaning behind Evan's cruel words that night that she had overheard him talking to the other two young man. It did melt my heart a little to see how much he cared for her, especially with what he did in her defense at the end of the book!

This really was a very enjoyable historical Christmas novella!

Nina says

I've strayed from Historical Romance for some time now and have missed reading them. Therefore, when I saw His For Christmas by Jennifer Haymore up on Netgalley I couldn't request it fast enough. The blurb was enticing and it was a Christmas story too which I could never resist!

His for Christmas tells the story of the two main characters, Evan and Amelia. They've know each other as

kids and have secretly liked each other more than friends. Fast forward seven years later and their paths crossed again on a stormy winter night. Both are traveling home, but due to the storm they have no choice, but to spend the night at the inn. Left without much choice, they end up sharing a room together. One thing leads to another and Evan and Amelia end up burning up the sheets. After the storm passes, what will happen between Evan and Amelia? Of course, the story is deeper than this, but you'll have to read to find out what happens.

All in all, His For Christmas was a cute, sweet, and sexy Historical Romance. Although, I found the dialogue to be a bit cheesy at times, I still found myself enjoying this story as a whole.

Also, a little side note the story itself ended on the 62% mark on my Kindle. The rest was excerpt previews from "The Duchess Hunt" and "The Rogue's Proposal." I wasn't disappointed by this because I felt the story wrapped up rather nicely. I just wanted to inform readers in case they were expecting a longer story.

**I received an ARC from the publisher via Netgalley for an honest review.*

thuy says

The year is quickly coming to a close which means it's time to break out the holiday reading. I don't usually go for themed books but there is something really appealing about holiday romances. I always end up reading a few during the holiday season. Though part of the House of Trent series, this novella can stand alone and you do not need to read the previous book in the series for enjoy this one.

His for Christmas is the story of Evan and Amelia, childhood friends who were once in love but have now grown apart. An unfortunate misunderstanding has Amelia believing the worst of Evan. Evan has never though himself good enough for Amelia and have given up hope of ever being with her. But when the two meet again one snowy Christmas, their old feelings resurface.

This is a short, sweet romance that isn't very deep but is still enjoyable. I really like stories about reunited lovers, especially when one is still mad at the other. Evan and Amelia are both very likable characters and I was rooting for them to find their HEA.

Because of the short format, there isn't much time for a lot of character or story development. It is a bit predictable and I had a hard time recalling much of the story only a few days after I read it. However, I still enjoyed it and would recommend it for historical romance fans looking for a light read.

Jennifer says

A short and sweet Christmas time novella "written" by Lady Esme from The Duchess Hunt. This novella is way different than the 0.5 novella which if I remember correctly was way shorter than this one and moved even quicker.

It's always hard with novellas to have deep character development when you have only so many pages. But in this novella you have childhood friends, misunderstanding, turned lovers.

Lady Amelia was on her way to her childhood home to spend Christmas with her family when her carriage

breaks down. Her rescuer is none other than her childhood friend that she always loved and thought she would marry. They are forced to spend the night at an inn and its during this time they are both able to come clean about what forced them apart so many years ago.

Lady Amelia has been widowed for over 2 years now Evan asks her if she has children. I think it would of been interesting had she had a child. I don't think I've read a book where the widow has children and then meets the hero.

But needless to say, it's a short sweet story of second chances at love.

Athena says

Given by the publisher for an honest review

It's a short sweet historical romance..It's about 2 young people falling in love with each other as children and falling apart..It's about 2 young people who rediscover their love once again..

It has a very sweet aura about it..Yes there are some hot steamy scenes,too!!..But I would definitely describe it as a very sweet and innocent short love story..

>>Amelia is a very kind and generous woman,who has been feeling betrayed by her best friend and first love for many years..She has had a not so flattering opinion about herself;thus settling for a man and settling for content life..She is however a very strong woman..She has grown into a realistic and intelligent woman,who sees the truth and not misconceptions of it..

>>Evan is young man who has never fallen out of love from his first love..He has always loved her and when he learnt she married someone else,his heart broke..So it took him years to find her again and pursue her like he always wanted and like she always deserved..

In conclusion, His for Christmas is a lovely short romantic story with historical influence..
You can't do wrong by reading it!

Quite Lovely and Sweet! It makes you look for simpler eras..

KathyAnne says

I really loved book one of the House of Trent series... *The Duchess Hunt* and I'm looking forward to book two which is coming soon called *The Rogue's Proposal*.

This Novella did not hold the same appeal to me as the *The Duchess Hunt* but it was short, sweet and sexy. Evan and Amelia come together as a result of a snowstorm and they find a way to keep each other warm!(wink wink) They had known and liked each other when they were younger but due to an unfortunate misunderstanding never came together. It didn't take long for them to re-discover their buried feelings of attraction. This novella is heavy on the erotica and light on story... So, if you are looking for a little bit of erotica to fill up a couple of hours and you are a fan of this series then this is sure to please.

At the end of the novella there are excerpts to both the *Duchess Hunt* and *Rogue's Proposal*... and, yep I will be picking up book two of this series as soon as it comes out.

I'm not a fan of the cover... it's too modern looking... it seems like it needs a cover that better reflects the time

period. Or, maybe I'm just too picky. Anyways, despite the cover... I do recommend this series for fans of historical romance.

ARC provided by FOREVER publishing in exchange for a review.

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Sandy M says

I so enjoy Jennifer Haymore's writing, and it's unfortunate that I've gotten behind in reading her books, something that happens more often than not with readers who have books everywhere. This Christmas novella has re-whetted my appetite for her stories. I'm definitely going to get back on track with her work, because I know I've been missing so much in those I've not read yet.

Amelia is determined to make it home for Christmas, despite the snow covering the land and still coming down as fast as it can. That's when the law of averages works against her and her carriage breaks down with miles to go. Hopeful and then grateful she and her driver don't have to walk to the next town when another carriage comes along, Amelia vows to do just that and walk when she discovers who it is offering refuge from the cold, as well as a much quicker way to get home.

Puzzled at Lady Amelia's response to his offer, Evan eventually talks her into going with him, with the hope he can find out what it is that's causing her frosty attitude toward him. They grew up together and always got along well, and though they haven't seen one another in a number of years, he can't understand her animosity. The plan to drive straight through doesn't go well, and they are forced to stop at a roadside inn for the night – and share one bed in the last room available.

Their intentions are good. Their anger and upset with each other slips by the wayside amid the lust sparking between them. All the feelings that have been part of them for years and all of these new feelings, good and bad, that have taken over come together in a night neither Evan nor Amelia though would ever happen. Even with that now between them, however, they have a bit of a way to go to find that even keel for them to move forward, including the issues their respective parents have with any future union in store for them.

I like the spin Ms. Haymore puts on these stories, writing them for Lady Esme, a character in her previous works. Something a little different and lots of fun. The Christmas theme is used wonderfully throughout this short story. You feel it to the bone from the characters and the era and all the festive decorative details. This is a warm holiday jaunt that will bring anyone's mood into focus for the season.

See my complete review at <http://www.goodbadandunread.com>

Anna's Herding Cats says

Whew, yeah, if you're looking to heat up the holidays His for Christmas will hit the spot. Things get down right steamy as Lady Amelia and Evan Cameron find themselves stranded by a winter storm and unable to resist the fires sparking between them despite years apart and a rocky past. I'm a total Christmas story junkie. Add in a second chance at finding love and I'm a gonner. And I totally got the warm fuzzies over Evan and

Amelia.

Okay, so, these two. They've known each other since they were children and were each others first loves but a misunderstanding and just life has kept them apart for years nursing old hurts. I really enjoyed watching their romance unfold. Seeing Evan work at figuring out what he'd done to cause such pain for Amelia all those years ago and setting to fixing things. He was just a great guy it would be impossible not to forgive. Amelia was lovely too. She's sweet and caring and I totally got her hurt feelings and why she felt the way she did.

What was great about them was that even though there was drama between them they both came across well balanced and rational. They listened to each other, thought things over and moved forward without being overly dramatic. It was just nice to see that for a change.

"Sorry," he murmured.

She turned to face him, her gaze replete with satisfaction. "Hm?"

"Sorry if I scratched you. With my beard."

She gave a lazy smile. "I like how it feels against me. It's rough..."

"I see." His grin turned sly. "Do you like it rough, Lady Amelia?"

He watched the flush rush over her skin. She pressed her lips together and didn't respond, but her eyes glowed and he knew he was right.

Just like that, he was hard again.

So, heat. Like I said, this one is steamy! Way steamier than I was expecting. Like bite your lip make you squirm good. And I loved it! These two get to the good bits real quick but it worked since they've known each other their whole lives and really cared about each other too. And even though there was a lot of loving happening it didn't distract from the romance and them working through their troubles.

Haymore proved, once again, that she is a master at crafting a truly lovely and heart warming romance. I chuckled, I squirmed and even got a little teary as Amelia and Evan found true love and overcame their past. I left this one smiling a dopey little smile and can't wait for the next book.

Reviewed for herding cats & burning soup.

Gaby says

Posted at Oh My Books!

Christmas is here! LOL I know some of you are still celebrating Halloween or preparing for Thanksgiving, but over here it's already Christmas!. I love Christmas so I don't mind, my family and I are already decorating our home and preparing for our vacations :P

Anyway, I love holidays stories and this year I started the season reading His for Christmas. It's a sweet story about two childhood friends who fell in love a long time ago but moved on with their lives. Amelia is young but already a widow, and while traveling to meet with her family has an accident in the road. It's Evan, her childhood friend-crush and neighbor, who found her and help her even against her wishes...

Their story had the perfect balance between sweet and steamy. Amelia and Evan are definitely still attracted to each other but Amelia still carries the scar of what Evan did to her when they were teenagers... and Evan still thinks he isn't good enough for her. Stranded in an inn waiting for the snowstorm to stop, they found passion and leave their past behind, to finally have their happily ever after (after some scandal of course hehe).

His for Christmas is a sweet short historical romance, perfect to start the season. It was a little bit predictable and too short to really explore the characters, but I still liked it.

Sassy Moms Say Read Romance says

Adri's Review:

On her way home for Christmas Lady Amelia ends up having trouble with her carriage and decides with the help of her driver John to make their way to the nearest town in the middle of a snow storm. The one thing she doesn't expect is that the man who not only hurt her deeply as a young girl, but that she still has strong feelings for is the one that runs into them in his own carriage.

Evan has spent the last seven years away from home and is finally heading back to see his mom and aunt when he comes across Amelia, the one woman he's loved since he was a young boy. The only thing is he can't understand why she is so cold and distant with him. But once he finds out he sure does wish he never knew.

Eventually he does get her back home, and makes it his mission to use the chance she's given him to make it up to her for life.

This was a sweet story about how one can redeem themselves as well as how we need the full story before we can decide what the truth is.

Happy reading... Adri
