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Holiday surprises await two lonely hearts in Hardman

Tom Grove just needs to survive a month at home while he recovers from a work injury. How bad can it be to return to Hardman for the holiday season? He arrives to discover his middle-aged parents acting like newlyweds, the school in need of a teacher, and the girl of his dreams already engaged.

After the loss of her parents and her fiancé abandoning her to spend a year abroad, Lila Granger needs a change of scenery. She leaves her home in New York to spend a few months with relatives in Hardman, Oregon. The idea of stepping off the train into a place that gives her a true sense of coming home never entered her mind. Neither did the notion of falling in love with a man who clearly can't wait to get away from the small town.

The Christmas Quandary is a sweet Victorian romance, full of laughter and heartwarming moments, perfect for a holiday read.

## **The Christmas Quandary Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Christmas Quandary for online ebook**

### **jackie comstock says**

love this series soooo much!! can't wait for more!!

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### **Mandy Boerma says**

This book was amazing. I've read the whole series (that's currently out) and this was the best! In fact, I think it was my favorite Christmas story this season. Funny, clean, relatable characters. It was an awesome story. Even several weeks later I still chuckle over this book. I laughed out loud while reading, which is rare. A great story. I'm exited for the next book and hope that book 8 ( or 10 really keep the stories coming) is Percy and Anna's story.

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### **victoria says**

Fantastic Christmas Victorian romance series. Thoroughly enjoyed!!!!

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### **Mary Jane McLeod says**

#### **Great series**

The more books I read in this series the better I like them. This had me smiling as I was routing for these two characters to get together. Can't wait to read the next one.

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### **Crystal says**

#### **So sweet!**

This story was Sweet, romantic, and just plain wonderful! I have adored Tom since Christmas Calamity, and am so glad he got his own story. Lila is a terrific match for him.

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### **Cynthia says**

This was such a heartwarming read of going back to ones roots. Who said you can never go home has never lived in a town like this and feels the pull of their love. There is nothing like a small town where everyone knows everyone, helping and doing what needs to be done. It is almost as if they are one Big Family. To be able to go home feel their love as they pull you in taking your troubles a way for a little while. Touching

base, meeting new people, hugging old ones and just getting lost as you catch up. Sometimes going back brings you to a better time and place in your life, it might even have some bad memories but at the same time it might bring it all back around and right it's self letting you find what your heart most desires.

What wonderful character they are so full of surprises. One comes home to recover from an accident the other comes home because she is feeling lonely. Both have so much going for them so many miles apart but both know there is something missing. Tom doesn't plan on helping out with the children and Lila doesn't plan on helping him. Neither had plan on the attraction they feel and the pull that is so strong. Lila is soon to be married to another man. Tom is finding his self wishing he was that man. These two are going to have to work out what they truly want and if they can find some middle ground long distance relationships just do not work. What will Lila do about her soon to be groom if she decides she is right where she needs to be.

I loved this little town and the people in it. The supporting characters are just as wonderful as the main. It was so nice to come back and visit with some past characters, catching up with them and finding out what is new in their life. From the first book in this series I have always felt like I was coming home, visiting family and friends between these pages. This is one author that knows how to pull you in keeping you laughing and smiling as she spins her humor in her plots. Giving you a delightful story that keeps you eyes glued to the page through the twists and turns she writes. I was so pulled in I didn't know it was so late. I just could not put it down until I finished it. What's a little lost sleep when you can be this entertained? I might have been tired the next day but I sure was wearing a smile which made my day so much better. Everyone needs laughter in their life and no one does it like Ms. Hatfield. I love her sense of humor which comes out in her stories. I can hardly wait for the next book in this series to come out. If you are looking for a new author and a clean read that keeps you laughing you should pick up this series. Very few authors can give you a story where their love shows right through the pages like this author can.

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### **Vickie Raynor says**

Another timeless book by Shanna Hatfield. I was taken back in time and got to know the townsfolk and the era. I was feeling everything the characters felt as I was laughing, crying and smiling throughout. Tom and Lila stole my heart. Every book I read by this author amazes me with how she is able to draw me in from the beginning. Can't wait to read more!

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### **Glenda Kinard says**

Can I just move to Hardman yesterday??? I love this quaint little place. Christmas Quandary the 5th book in this wonderful wonderful Hardman series was just as fantastic as the four previous books. Tom Groves who we meet in book three as a student and assistant to the Alex has come back home to Hardman to recover from a injury. Lila Granger who has come to Hardman to stay with relatives while waiting on a fiancé to come home from studying overseas. The minute Tom and Lila's eye meet the sparks start. One simply must read this story to find out how Lila and Tom can end together even after said fiancé shows in Hardman to claim his intended. Shanna Hatfield is such a Wonderful Author that can write the most Heartwarming stories with just the right amount of tenderness, laughs and sass.

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### **Cindy says**

A great series where every book takes place at Christmas. Perfect December reads for the western historical romance fan! Hatfield does a lot of research into her books and always notes at the end of the book some of the things she learned in her research which I always find fascinating.

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### **Rose Marie Ray says**

This was another excellent book in the series. It held your interest and kept you reading to find out what happens next. I would like to visit a place like Hardman. The people really are friendly and caring. Ready to read the next one. I have loved all the books.

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### **Julynn says**

Tom Grove has come back home to recover from a broken arm but gets much more than he expected with his parents expecting, the teacher he enjoyed needing a substitute, and a girl visiting family sweeping him off his feet. Lila Granger is finding Hardman the home she never knew she needed and her family and friends better than anything she's experienced before. Can Tom and Lila figure out their place in this wonderful Oregon town? Ms. Hattfield gives us a lovely ride in this 5th installment of the Hardman Holiday series.

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### **Kay Defreese says**

Another sweet Christmas romance by Shanna Hatfield. This book started out making me laugh in the first five pages. Tom Grove has been living in another city working as a writer. We got introduced to Tom when he was still a student in Alex's classroom. His parents were not expecting him home and he walks in on his parents when they were having a romantic moment. Something is going on in the town. Seems like everyone is expecting. Filly is not expecting but she does have a two month old baby.

I loved this romance but got frustrated by Lila Granger. She was a little too wishy washy. She knew toward the end of the book that she did not love the man she was engaged to but she did not have the gumption to break it off with him and go with her true love. Well, you know how most love stories go. The girl ends up with who she is supposed to be with but in the meantime there are some broken hearts.

I am loving this series. I'm hoping that she will write some love stories with the children all grown up. How about one with Toby and Erin?

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### **Dorothy Roller says**

What is not to like about going home back to your roots and finding something new that perhaps you would have missed, something really important if you didn't go back home once in awhile. A long stay is even better because you find what you have been missing by being gone. Family, friends, small town where

everyone knows each other and then a new arrival who you hadn't seen before. A beautiful new arrival that you are lucky enough to get to know.

As for these stories in Hardman, Oregon, at the best time of the year, I enjoy going back each year to get reacquainted with old friends and some new and new fun adventures, some twists and turns, new babies each year and of course budding romance that may or may not go right.

Shanna Hatfield knows how to write fun characters, sassy women who bring out the best in the men in their lives, family connections and of course romance. Shanna writes in a way that draws you right in like when her hero comes home to surprise his parents and finds a bit of surprise at home when he searches for his parents. She knows how to write about romance as she is a hopeless romantic herself. She adds mischief and sass, sarcasm, and family celebrations you want to be part of.

I loved this new Christmas story in the Hardman Christmas series with the Granger families and all their friends. It is exactly like returning home for Christmas but to find something more than a celebration of Christmas but a celebration of new lives and new friends and why not a love for the rest of your life.

Uplifting, fun, adventure, and clean and hopeful. My kind of Christmas story.

I love all of Shanna Hatfield's stories. I have only read her historical ones so far but plan on reading her contemporary stories as well.

This is a MUST READ as is the rest of this series, and of course her other Series. This story surprised me a bit when another town in another series was mentioned along with one of her characters, Pendleton, OR. That is another series that you must read. I guarantee you will love them if Historical western romance is a genre you love and even if you aren't sure try them anyways.

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### **Julie Jobe says**

Another sweet and sassy read by Shanna Hatfield with some funny and wonderful surprises within the very first chapter! I absolutely loved the chance to catch up with the delightful Hardman folks we already know as well as get to know better some we've only gotten a glimpse of in the past. Ms. Hatfield has a way of creating whole towns with lovable families and characters you'll get to know, fall in love with, and want more of. Once you've read one of her books in a series, you'll want to read the rest to get to know the other characters. (While I highly recommend the other books in the series, this book can be read as a stand alone and it's not necessary to have read the other books in order to follow the storyline.) Each character is different and has their own personality and background and it's so much fun to get to know each of them. I loved getting to know Tom Grove better in this book and meeting Lila. Tom is a kind yet masculine hero you can't help but root for and Lila is sweet while also being quite full of sass. I enjoyed both characters very much. While I did like Lilac a great deal, I did grow frustrated with her indecision and seeming inability to see what was right in front of her nose. Thankfully at least (Spoiler Alert), she does finally come to her senses and the story makes good on delivering a HEA. The Christmas Quandary is a very enjoyable read to check out, especially right here around the holidays!

\*\*I was provided a copy of this book by the author. All opinions in this review are my own.

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### **Nana says**

#### **Returning home to recuperate from a broken arm; brings more changes than Tom could fathom.**

Who would have thought he would become a big brother at his age. Substitute teaching opens up a future he

did not anticipate.

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