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Six Award-Winning Authors have contributed new stories to A Timeless Romance Anthology: Silver Bells. Readers will love this collection of six historical novellas, all centered around the Christmas season with one thing in common: Romance.

In NY Times & USA Today's bestselling author Lucinda Brant's delightful novella, FAIRY CHRISTMAS, Kitty Aldershot is orphaned and forced to live on others' charity. Offered a home under the generous roof of her relatives, the Earl of Salt Hendon and his countess, Kitty wants for nothing, not even the affections of Mr. Tom Allenby. But when Kitty stumbles across a letter written by Lady Caroline that reveals how Mr. Allenby would be ruined should he marry the likes of Kitty, she realizes she has been fooling herself all along. Kitty's world crumbles around her as she recognizes she will forever be alone with no prospects at all.

Sarah M. Eden's charming romance novella A CHRISTMAS PROMISE, Sean Kirkpatrick is trying to get to his new place of employment, Kilkenny Castle, in order to start as the new stablehand. His only requirement is to drive a team of high-spirited nags from Dublin to Kilkenny in a certain amount of time. Unfortunately he winds up in a muddy field, stuck, lost, and running out of time. He's about to lose the job before he can prove himself capable of finishing his first assignment. When Maeve Butler arrives on the scene, Sean isn't sure if she's intent on rescuing him or bent on torturing him with her fiery wit and lovely dark eyes.

In Heather B. Moore's enchanting novella, TWELVE MONTHS, Lucien Baxter's best and most incorrigible friend, Will, dies unexpectedly, leaving behind his new bride and unborn child the week before Christmas. Will's last request is that Lucien watches over Cora, not just as a benefactor, but as a husband. When Lucien does his duty and proposes to Cora, he's turned down flat. But over the course of the next few days, Lucien discovers that marrying Cora wouldn't be any sort of duty after all, but a matter of following his heart.

In Lu Ann Staheli's sweet romance novella, A FEZZIWIG CHRISTMAS, Dick Wilkins and his best friend Ebenezer Scrooge have been looking forward to the annual Fezziwig Christmas dance for weeks. Ebenezer is practically engaged to Annabelle Fezziwig, and Dick hopes to start courting her younger sister, Pricilla. Once the dance starts, and Pricilla arrives, as pretty and charming as ever, Dick discovers that he's not the only man vying for her attention. His best friend advises Dick that he has to win Pricilla's heart, as well as her mother's favor. Losing his heart has suddenly become very complicated.

A TASTE OF HOME, a captivating romance by Annette Lyon, we meet Claire Jennings, who's on her way to spend Christmas with her family. As she rides the train with William Rhodes, who grew up across the street, memories of Christmases past flood her mind. He may be twenty-one now, but she can't forget his torturous teasing from their school years. At the rail station, Claire discovers that her home is under quarantine because her little brother has measles. She's stuck in town, away from her family, on her favorite holiday. William stays behind with her, and as Christmas Day approaches and her homesickness deepens, she discovers that perhaps he has changed in more ways than one.

Becca Wilhite's entrancing novella, MY MODERN GIRL, follows Margie, who lands her dream job as a clerk at Macy's department store in New York City. Margie might be new in town, but she's determined to

succeed and prove to Henry that moving to the city was the right decision. As the Christmas season approaches, Margie realizes that being a “modern girl” might not be all she had dreamed of and Henry might have more to offer than she ever imagined.

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# **From Reader Review A Timeless Romance Anthology: Silver Bells Collection for online ebook**

**Rhonda says**

4 STARS

This is a sweet romantic collection of six novellas. They are all around Christmas. They are different stories set in diverse settings. I have read books by a few of the authors but a couple I have never heard of before. I would read books by any of them in the future.

I can't decide which one was my favorite. The Fairy Christmas has some sweet characters and a couple of romances.

A Taste of Home the setting was Salt Lake City which was a familiar setting to me. The character was stuck not being able to go home after traveling along time by train because her family was under quarantine with measles.

I guess a Christmas Promise I would have to say I enjoyed the most. Lots of teasing bantering between different characters.

Each story was a clean read. Each Christmas was different. I wish they were longer stories. I would like to read more from these authors in the future.

I was given this ebook to read so I could give a honest review of A Timeless Romance Anthology: Silver Bells

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**Julia says**

This is a very sweet book, as I read the stories, I remembered the books I read when I was little, like Little Women, Eight Cousins??, Under the Lilacs, Anne of Green Gables, etc. (The cover of the book, reminds me of Claire, from the fifth story)

Pros:

The six stories in this book are romantic, pure and innocent, all set around Christmas Time, my favorite is A Taste Of Home,I fell in love with the story of Claire and William, I loved it!

Cons:

The storys are too short!! I know, they're novellas, but I was wanting to know a little more of each of the couples...

I recommend this book for girls and tweens.

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**Linda says**

A Timeless Romance Anthology: Silver Bells,

These short stories are a quick and easy read. Each wonderful story was set in a different time in history and made you feel what it might be like at that time.

Fairy Christmas 1767 by Lucinda Brant; I fell in love with Kitty in the first chapter. Her thoughts were real but with a surprise twist. Loved her aunt and the secret she held. Now I know what a Yule Log is!!

A Christmas Promise Late 1820's by Sarah Eden; "Old Tom" tells a love story set in Ireland. Sean gets lost on a cold and rainy night and that's where the unknown romance begins. Maeve's brothers are the typical brother's with their teasing. I almost felt sorry for Sean. "Old Tom" gives this story a surprise ending.

Twelve Months 1907. by Heather Moore; Will has a strange request to ask of his friend and one time partner in a law firm, Lucien before he dies. As the story unfolds after Will's death, Lucien learns of his friend's marriage through the eyes of Cora his widow. Will Lucien be able to carry out his friend's last wish?

A Fezziwig Christmas 1790 by LuAnn Brobst Staheli; Dick is falling for the beautiful young lady Pricilla Fezziwig his boss's daughter. As he and his coworker and friend Ebenezer Scrooge (yes Ebenezer Scrooge ) help get ready for the big Christmas Eve dance they talk about Mr. Fezziwig's two daughters. Ebenezer wanting to ask for one of his daughter's hand in marriage while Dick, wants to ask to court the beautiful Pricilla. But one thing is standing in his way.

A Taste of Home 1913 by Annette Lyon; Claire Jennings is heading home for Christmas with her long time menace Will. Both are traveling from California to Utah. As she travels with him she sees how handsome he has become but the memories of the teasing keeps getting in the way. As they reach Utah Claire gets a note that her brother has the measles and the family is quarantined. Will tries to make it a Merry Christmas for her and show her the sights of Salt Lake.

My Modern Girl 1924 by Becca Wilhite; I really loved this story. I've always wondered what the 20's were like. I found this story humorous because of how "modern" she wanted to be. (compared to the 60's when I grew up) A small town girl Margie leaves her boyfriend Henry, to go to the big city. New York. She lands a job at Macy's and Macy's first Thanksgiving Day parade.

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## **Rane says**

I always love when the Timeless Romance Anthology comes out and the Silver Bells Collection brings another cute collection for the season!

### **FAIRY CHRISTMAS by Lucinda Brant 3.5 stars**

Starting off in a misunderstanding it takes another older couple whom are finding love to help a young woman in her own love filled journey.

### **A CHRISTMAS PROMISE by Sarah M. Eden 5 stars**

I always look forward to Eden's works in these anthologies with their charming stories of love and A Christmas Promise is no different. With a lost Sean Kirkpatrick whose on his way to his new employment and finding love unexpectedly in Maeve Butler who helps him find his way in more than one way. This was just another excellent example of Eden's works with beautiful characters all around and a few surprises along the way.

*"..But the trait that most defines us is the heart of a poet, and it shows most in quiet moments like that one, when a hopeful sort of love is born."*

**TWELVE MONTHS by Heather B. Moore 3. 5 stars**

The power of healing that loves brings to a young woman Cora, when her cheating husband suddenly dies leaving his best friend Lucien Baxter to help pick of the pieces. Didn't care for the husband cheating to be so pronounce but it was sweet to see the Cora and Lucien falling in love slowly.

**A FEZZIWIG CHRISTMAS by Lu Ann Staheli 4 stars**

It was wonderful to see a well known Christmas character like Ebenezer Scrooge as his younger self and helping his best friend win the hand of his lady love.

**A TASTE OF HOME by Annette Lyon 4.5 stars**

Claire Jennings is on her way home along with her old childhood nemesis William Rhodes. But when news reaches her that she can't go home, she sees a different Will who tries to make her Christmas a memorable one to help with her homesickness and loneliness.

Another sweet story with beautiful descriptions of a bygone Utah.

**MY MODERN GIRL by Becca Wilhite 3 stars**

Margie is making her way in the world and living her dream of living in the city. But she finds not everything as it seems and finds surprises and love in Henry the man she thought she left behind...

There was a little something for everyone in this anthology and made one happy for the Christmas season!

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**Katie W says**

**FAIRY CHRISTMAS** I thought this was a sweet story that took place in the late 1700s. Kitty is an orphan and has every reason to be bitter about life, yet she isn't. She is so sweet and tries to ease the lives of those around her to make up for their generosity towards her. She would love for nothing more than to win Tom's affections, yet wouldn't dream of ruining his reputation and career, which goes to show how selfless she is. Tom is such a shy and bashful man, yet he is very kind. I loved the foreign prince--he was a fun character to have around. Clean!

**A CHRISTMAS PROMISE** Maeve is such a fiery girl and before he knows it, Sean is whooped! Sean needs this new job, but gets stuck and lost and has to rely on Maeve to help him out. I loved that banter that ensues. Fun characters with a spin on a story that isn't your typical holiday romance. Clean!

**TWELVE MONTHS** Don't we all have a friend who is the more dramatic and dominate of the friendship? That's exactly the case in Lucien and Will's unlikely friendship. They are so opposite and for some reason,

Lucien feels a strong pull of loyalty toward covering for Will's casual mistakes. When Will dies suddenly, Lucien promises to care for his new wife and unborn baby. Cora has been devastated by death not once, but twice, and doesn't want to marry again, yet Lucien has a way of worming his way into her heart. Lucien is such a kind and patient man and Cora is as sweet as can be. I love the piano battles. Clean!

**A FEZZIWIG CHRISTMAS** I don't believe I've ever read a story about the life of Ebenezer Scrooge before he became...scroogy. This was a fun story with his friend, Dick, in the forefront, trying to win the attention of the lovely sister of Ebenezer's girl. It's not as easy as he thinks, since Pricilla is being pursued by many and he's not as outgoing as he'd like to be. I love how meek and down-to-earth Dick is. Clean!

**A TASTE OF HOME** I love a romance about two people who grew up together, but never have a mutual attraction until later. Maybe that's because my husband and I grew up together, yet didn't have a relationship until college. :) William was the kind of boy who tormented Claire, but how else is he supposed to capture her attention? Now that they both work in CA, William is escorting Claire home for the holidays. And he's nothing like the boy she once knew. I love how sweet and thoughtful William is. He truly has Claire in mind, as he strives to make this a Christmas to remember. Claire is as sweet and pretty as ever and isn't one to hold a grudge. Very sweet story! Clean!

**MY MODERN GIRL** I haven't read many stories that take place in the 1920s, but this one did and was a lot of fun! It was fun to picture what life was like in NYC during this time. I loved the imagery, descriptions, and storyline. I also loved the way Margie set out to become modern, but learned some important lessons along the way. Henry is a rock-solid man who works hard and doesn't care for what society thinks, yet he doesn't take Margie's feelings lightly. He's very supportive. This one was a great story to end the book. Clean!

Each story was tender and really helped the spirit of the holidays come to life. This whole collection moved a little slower than some of the others, but the pace was perfect for a nice, holiday read. Read it all in one sitting or savor a story a day. Either way, it'll be a fun adventure.

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

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## **Tressa (Wishful Endings) says**

I love reading short romantic Christmas stories. They're sweet. They're fun. I can finish one in a single sitting and at the end they leave a smile on my face. These stories are no different.

**FAIRY CHRISTMAS** by Lucinda Brant - 4 stars

This was a sweet story that involved two romances. I found both to be sweet. I also liked the contrast between a younger and older couple falling in love and how the differences in their behavior. No one is ever too old to fall in love.

**A CHRISTMAS PROMISE** by Sarah M. Eden - 4 stars

This story was pretty much love at first sight. What I liked is that it was sincere and humorous. I also loved the feel of family with Maeve and her brothers. Another good story.

**TWELVE MONTHS** by Heather B. Moore - 3.5 stars

This was an interesting story. Basically the couple who should have probably been married in the first place

are thrown together when her husband and his best friend passes away from an illness. There were some sweet moments.

A FEZZIWIG CHRISTMAS by Lu Ann Staheli - 3 stars

This felt like a retelling of Scrooge/A Christmas Carol, but about a younger and much happier Ebenezer and his co-worker and friend Dick. There were two romances in this one as well. It was a cute story, but not my favorite of the set.

A TASTE OF HOME by Annette Lyon - 5 stars

This was my favorite story from the set. I pretty much loved it from the first page to the last. I really liked the the two main characters had known each other their whole lives. Their history felt a little like Anne and Gilbert from Anne of Green Gables, especially with Will teasing Claire when they were younger because he had a crush on her and was trying to garner her attention. When they are thrown together again years later, that adoration is still there and Claire begins to notice Will in a different way. It was a sweet and heartfelt story, showing that Christmas can be found in more than just traditions, or places, or things, but in the people we love.

MY MODERN GIRL by Becca Wilhite - 4 stars

This story cracked me up. Margie was so focused on becoming part of her peers in the new flapper era that she lost sight of who she was and what she had in Henry. Oh, dear Henry. That guy was too good for her, but she made up for it in the end. I especially loved the symbolism of the glass hearts. Reminded me a little of the movie Sweet Home Alabama.

Overall Silver Bells was a sweet set of romantic Christmas stories. They each gave me a sweet happily-ever-after ending and reminded me that Christmas can be full of so much love.

Content: There was some innuendo and references to infidelity, but I would consider this clean.

Source: From a review site, which did not affect my review in any way.

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## **Kathy says**

This anthology is a set of six sweet Christmas stories. Each author has her own style and I enjoyed each one. All the characters were likeable and they really helped me get in the Christmas spirit. The language was clean and the romances were sweet, not steamy.

A Fairy Christmas by Lucinda Brant is set in England in 1767. After becoming orphaned, Kitty is goes to live with a distant relative. She falls in love with a young man but after catching a brief glimpse of a letter from her best friend on the back of a young boys drawing, she believes everyone in the household thinks she would be bad for him. The story kept my interest and I loved the banter between some of the characters.

A Christmas Promise by Sarah M. Eden is a story told by an old man in the late 1820's and is set in Ireland. Ms. Eden painted such a picture I almost felt as if I were in Ireland. Sean Kirkpatrick is a stable hand with a new job a far distance from his home in County Mayo. In trying to follow a map to his new job, he feels he is hopelessly lost and turns in at a lane with a large hay barn at the end. His horse drawn cart becomes mired in the mud and Sean must ask for help getting "unstuck" and directions to Kilkenny Castle. Mauve Butler gets her brothers to help Sean but once the cart is freed, they insist he must stay the night. When Mauve leads Sean to Kilkenny Castle the next day and it is only a 15 minute walk away, sparks fly and the rest is a



delightful story.

Twelve Months by Heather B Moore is set in the early 1900s and is the story of Lucien. He gets a call that his best friend, Will is dying. He takes a train to his friend who dies shortly after he arrives. Wills' death bed wish is that Lucien will marry Cora, Will's pregnant wife, and take good care of her. Lucien stands by Cora during the funeral and as a solicitor, helps clear up all Wills' financial matters. When he asks Cora to marry him, she refuses. Will was unfaithful to her and she doesn't want to burden Lucien with a child not his own. A sweet ending makes this a good story.

A Fezziwig Christmas by Lu Ann Brobst Staheli takes a spin back to the early days of Ebenezer Scrooge as a young courting man. His best friend, Dick Wilkins and fellow apprentice falls for the middle daughter of their boss. A Christmas work party is the setting for much of the book during which Dick tries to win the girl.

A Taste of Home by Annette Lyons is a sweet tale. Claire Jennings travels by train from California to Utah, going home for Christmas. Her childhood tormentor, Will Rhodes accompanies her at her father's request as her protector. When they arrive at the train station in Salt Lake and Claire's father is not there, Will investigates and finds out that Claire's little brother has the measles and the family is in quarantine. Since Claire is unable to go home, Will agrees to stay in Salt Lake City and tries to make it so Claire is not so homesick.

My Modern Girl by Becca Wilhite takes place in the early 1900's. Margie travels to NYC to work at Macy's leaving the "boring" life and her lifelong friend Henry in Western Pennsylvania. She thinks the big city and being a modern girl will make all her dreams come true. As Christmas approaches, she grows up and realizes that the "city" isn't as glamorous as she thought and she misses her family and especially Henry.

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## **Tadiana ☆Night Owl? says**

Six pleasant and very fluffy historical romance novellas, of the squeaky clean variety, and all Christmas-themed. They weren't particularly memorable for me and I wasn't really feeling most of the romances, but they were fun enough for a few hours' diversion. I picked these up on a 99c Kindle sale.

3.25 stars. "Fairy Christmas" by Lucinda Brant - a spin-off of Brant's Salt Hendon novels, involving a penniless young woman taken in by the Earl of Salt Hendon and his wife, a somewhat scandalous aunt, and a Russian aristocrat. The misunderstanding was a little silly but there was a surprising shift in focus that I thought was fun and different.

3.25 stars. "A Christmas Promise" by Sarah Eden - Sean Kirkpatrick, on his way to a new job in a new area of Ireland, takes a wrong turn onto the Butler farm and finds Maeve Butler ... and her very protective dogs and brothers. Sweet and charming, in a very Irish-flavored way.

4 stars. "Twelve Months" by Heather Moore - Lucien Baxter's longtime friend Will is a roguish player, with a pregnant wife that he's cheated on several times. On his deathbed, Will asks Lucien to marry Cora (and, by the way, treat her better than Will did). But Cora doesn't want to be anyone's pity project. Something in this story touched me, so it was a winner. (view spoiler)

2.25 stars. "A Fezziwig Christmas" by Lu Ann Staheli - Young Ebenezer Scrooge and his friend and co-worker Dick Wilkins romance the Fezziwig daughters. Cute but superficial, and knowing what later happens with Scrooge and his romance with Belle gave this one an oddly unsatisfying vibe for me, though the story focuses mostly on his friend Dick.

3.75 stars. "A Taste of Home" by Annette Lyon - Claire Jennings is taking the train back home to Utah to spend Christmas with her much-missed family. Claire is looking forward to her mother's holiday cooking, especially her walnut-topped toffee. She's a little irritated to be escorted home by a young man, William Rhodes, who teased her terribly when they were growing up (he really did do some pretty awful things!). But when Claire's visit home goes off track, it might be William who saves her Christmas. The story raised some interesting family relationship issues that I wished had been delved into more deeply.

3 stars. "A Modern Girl" by Becca White - In 1924, Margie leaves behind her coal miner beau Henry and heads to New York City, where she's sure she's going to find the exciting new life she's always longed for. When she's hired as a clerk at Macy's department store in New York City, she's delighted. Though she's mostly enjoying her independence and city life, she begins to see the drawbacks in it as well. This story was weak in the romance department but enjoyable as a slice of 1920s life for a NYC shop girl.

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## **Alisa says**

I love anthologies because you can read more stories in a shorter amount of time, and I love Christmas stories so I was excited to read and review this anthology. Especially because these novellas were written by some of my favorite authors. But I found this anthology to be slower than most and some of the stories were almost too slow for me. All were well-written so I'm sure that was just a personal preference...

Fairy Christmas by Lucinda Brant - 3.5 stars; 1767 England

Miss Katherine Aldershot, aka Kitty, is all alone in the world, but is fortunate to have been taken in by the wealthy and powerful Earl of Salt Hendon and his wife. She has had her eye on Mr. Tom Allenby, the brother of the Earl's wife, and thinks he is interested in her but he is a successful businessman and she is pretty sure that he might be too good for her. Her new assignment is to entertain the Russian noble who has come to visit the Earl, Prince Timur-Alexei Nikolai Mordvinov, who is old enough to be her grandfather. The Prince helps Kitty see that there is a lot she isn't seeing.

A Christmas Promise by Sarah Eden - 3 stars; Late 1820's

Sean Kirkpatrick is handsome, quick-witted, and not easily offended. He is also lost on his way to Kilkenny. Maeve Butler is lovely, quick-witted, and clever. And she happens to know the way to Kilkenny. Getting lost helped Sean find the greatest treasure.

Twelve Months by Heather Moore - 4 stars; 1907 England

Lucien Baxter has a law practice in London, but when his best friend Will Griffiths summons him to his deathbed, he goes. His best friend also has a last request: that Lucien marry his lovely widow. Cora is beautiful, intelligent, and devoted - and unlucky in love. Her first fiance was killed in battle and her husband is now dying when they have been married for less than a year. Can she open her heart again to the faithful and loyal Lucien?

A Fezziwig Christmas by LuAnn Brobst Staheli - 3.5 stars; 1790 London

Dick Wilkins is the best friend and co-worker of Ebenezer Scrooge (when he is young and before he is so

Scrooge-y), and they both work for Mr. Fezziwig who has some beautiful daughters. Ebenezer is almost engaged to the oldest daughter and Dick is hoping for some Christmas magic to help him win the heart of the second daughter, Pricilla.

A Taste of Home by Annette Lyon - 4.5 stars; 1913 Utah

Claire Jennings has been working in San Francisco, and can hardly wait to get home to her family in Utah for Christmas. Her excitement is the only thing making the travel with Will Rhodes tolerable. Will has been her tormenter since she was a young girl. But when they get to Utah she finds out that her family is quarantined and she won't be able to see them after all. The only reason Will came home for Christmas was for the opportunity to be with Claire. So he stays in town with her for Christmas and works hard to show her that he is no longer that young boy who teased her, and that he is capable of making her very happy!

My Modern Girl by Becca Wilhite - 4.5 stars; 1924 New York

Margie is a modern girl on her way to New York. She has a job on the sales floor of Macy's and can hardly wait to get there! Modern girls don't go weak-kneed when kissing boys they've known their whole lives. Especially when that boy is a coal worker. And so she begs Henry not to proclaim his undying love, and tells him he can write. His parting words to her are "I'll make you proud." In New York Margie learns a lot about herself and others. I loved Henry! I loved how he never tried to change Margie and embraced every part of her - even the "modern girl" part of her! Instead of trying to change her, he worked to change things about himself.

Content: Very clean, no swearing

Source: Review Copy (opinions are 100% my own)

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## **Amy Nelson says**

The six stories all included in this anthology were all sweet and clean romances with wonderful writing. Short stories like the speed dating of reading. You don't know them as well, but you get a lot of satisfying conclusions really quickly, and let's face it, those moments when those two characters you've been cheering on finally get together are really the best parts of the book that you only read the rest of the book to get to. A few of the authors were familiar to me, but I now have some new authors and books I want to explore!

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## **Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says**

I have been reading a lot of books this week that are set around Christmas. I'm feeling the need to bust out the Christmas music and put up a tree! But it isn't quite time for that. These books sure put me in the mood though. And in the last book, My Modern Girl, Margie works at Macy's where they have the most amazing Christmas displays. The book describes a set of ornaments that have heart shaped hangers. I seriously need those. My Christmas tree is heart themed and those ornaments would go perfectly!

These sweet, clean novellas are all set back in history and all revolve around Christmastime. They are gentle and perfect for snuggling up in a cozy blanket on a cold winter day. Well, that's what I did anyway. I would have been happy to read these on a warm beach as well, but alas, that wasn't a choice for me. :)

I love reading these collections and I always look forward to seeing a new set. Authors in these books are among my favorites and sometimes I am introduced to an author new to me. Each book is novella size which is perfect for a quick read. They are sweet romances that leave me feeling happy. Every single time. I love them!

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### **Delina says**

Such a wonderful collection of Christmas stories! While I longed to know more of the stories, the shortness of each novella provides the perfect glimpse into a Christmas Romance! I enjoyed the different settings and characters and writing styles! A great book for some added Christmas cheer that will warm your heart :)

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### **Nari says**

Another amazing collection of novellas! The first story was a cute story about a young boy's picture of a Christmas fairy and a misunderstanding. The second story is a fun Irish tale. The third story was one of my favorites. It was about patience and enduring love. The fourth story was a fun Christmas tale that has a younger version of Ebenezer Scrooge in it. The fifth story was another of my favorites. It was about a young woman not able to make it home for Christmas and how an unexpected source creates a happy Christmas for her. The last story was about searching for what you thought you wanted and finding out you had what you wanted and needed all along.

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### **Rachel says**

This was a charming collection of Christmas novellas. I loved it!

I was charmed by the first novella, Lucinda Brant's FAIRY CHRISTMAS. I enjoyed the warmth of the relationship between Kitty and Tom and also the sweet surprise of love between the elderly couple.

I really enjoyed the second novella, A CHRISTMAS PROMISE by Sarah M. Eden. A fun little story about an Irish lass and the man that stumbled onto her property and into her heart.

The next novella was Heather B. Moore's enchanting novella, TWELVE MONTHS. I loved the loyalty and dedication with which Lucien watches over his best friend's widow and unborn child and the sweet story of how they fall in love.

I wasn't as enamored with the fourth novella, Lu Ann Staheli's A FEZZIWIG CHRISTMAS. It wasn't a bad story or writing, I just wasn't interested in a story about a young Ebenezer Scrooge and his friend Dick.

The fifth novella was a sweet story. A TASTE OF HOME by Annette Lyon. Claire Jennings finds out there's more to her childhood nemesis, William Rhodes, than she thought. As they spend the holiday together he proves he's now a grown man willing to do anything to prove his love.

The sixth novella was sweet but also not a favorite. MY MODERN GIRL by Becca Wilhite. Margie lands her dream job as a clerk at Macy's department store in New York City leaving her coal working beau Henry

back home. She comes to realize that he means more to her than she thought and reunites with him at Christmas.

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### **Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says**

I have a weakness for Christmas-themed stories! I love the spirit of the holiday and the magical glow of happiness. This is a great collection of stories from wonderful authors that I enjoy. It's always fun to see how the plots vary even though they have the same theme. I can never stop at just one novella- I end up devouring the entire collection in one sitting ;)

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