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Carol Gabriel hates Christmas. Not just a little bit, but quite a damn lot.

She can't even stand having a boyfriend over the Christmas period and habitually dumps them just before the season begins.

Even the restaurant she co-owns, a French bistro called Carol's, doesn't do a Christmas menu and it doesn't do Christmas decoration, either.

But then she gets some bad news; the bistro is failing.

There's too much local competition, they don't have enough customers and there's a risk that the business may have to sold.

For the sake of the restaurant, her glamorous business partner Roksana and all its much-loved employees, Carol takes on her mother's advice and creates a Christmas menu for the first time.

She may even tart the place up with some decorations.

But it's an uphill struggle. There's a reason Carol doesn't like Christmas and it's one that she keeps to herself...

As time is running out Carol wonders if she's left it too late.

Will her fabulous and charming employees be able to boost the restaurant's popularity?

Will there be Christmas at Carol's?

'Christmas at Carol's' is an incredibly witty culinary romance that will have you laughing out loud and drooling for delicious Christmas fare...

Christmas at Carol's Details

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Lisa Ferrell says

At the beginning, I didn't think I would like this book. The main character came across as flaky and constantly switched topics of conversation. Then I remembered that I talk like that at times, so I didn't have any trouble following along. The more I got to know the main character, the more I liked her, and the group of people she works with are all great as well. I wish it was a little longer or there was a sequel so I could have a little more closure, but otherwise it was a great story I know I'll read again.

Joan says

['Can you bear with me for a moment? This won't take long. I'm just dumping my boyfriend'] are not words that endear me to a woman, especially as that is the first thing I read.

I was more concerned about Ellis (the soon-to-be ex-boyfriend) to form any real lik

Jenn says

12/7/17

Rereading because I didn't bring a new book to work and can't find any new free ones on Amazon lol. And again, I wish it was so much longer! I actually really love this story. Bumping up to 4 stars.

11/23/15

3.5 stars

I enjoyed this little story for the most part. It had a great premise and the "atmosphere" of the restaurant was divine. I loved all the characters and the food yum. Don't read this book while hungry, that's for sure! However, the cooking bits went a little too far. Sometimes I felt like I was actually reading a cookbook with some anecdotes thrown in. And then to not include the actual recipes and a playlist of all the lovely French music? Sad face. My biggest problem was that I was really getting into the story and enjoying where it was going and...it ended. I thought maybe I had only gotten a snip-it for free and would have to pay for the full story, which honestly, I probably would have! But no, it looks like that is it.

Wanda says

Stream of consciousness

Fun trip through authors mind in a well crafted story about saving a small business run by a tightly knit group of friends. It's all about the characters. Especially enjoyed Roxanne.

Deb Beaulieu says

Didn't like

I couldn't enjoy this book at all. The writing was choppy and the being in Carol's thought was too strange. I read 3 chapters and then quickly went to the end. I would not recommend this book. This is the first time I have written a bad review but this book was unreadable for me.

Renee says

I flicked between hot and cold with this novel. I didn't really like the writing style, but then found myself absorbed in the story. I thought the cooking scenes were overly descriptive, but then found myself salivating over the food. I loved the characters though and I'd love to go to Carol's for a meal one day.

Sarah says

A funny tale of a not so funny business situation. Carol, the owner of a French bistro, is told she has business problems by her accountant. She happens to be dating him but dumps him. It is Christmas time. Not liking Christmas, her and her employees work to figure out what they need to do to boost business. Why wouldn't anyone like Christmas? Will her business succeed and will she ever love Christmas again?

Susie Davison says

Very Enjoyable!

This was a very enjoyable Christmas story. I liked the way the story was told - as if you were actually in a conversation with Carol. It was also not the normal Christmas time love story but a comical fun story. I would recommend this to anyone that enjoys some humor in their reading material.

Sarah Amin says

I was not at all a fan of the writing style and thought Carol went on way too many tangents. It was a cute story in the end, but had quite odd ways of getting there.

Grass monster says

Loved this book from beginning to end. Carol engaged with the readers, it felt like she was talking to us directly the whole way through.

I was totally lost in all the French dishes being brought to life, the story made them all sound so divine.

Although its a Christmas read it wasnt over the top as Carol didnt like that time of year due to her ex dumping her one Christmas. Parts of this story were close to home for me and at times i knew exactly what Carol was going through and had been through. I loved all the Charactors from her business partner to her mum. A beautiful story with a flurry of snow and lots of Mistletoe. Well done Nicola.

Jacy says

Cute little story. Quick read. The characters are great. I love the stories of Roksana. Carol hates Christmas, the whole season, but to turn her restaurant around, she has to do something different. Some advice from her mom and the enthusiasm of her partner and staff changes everything. And I do mean everything!

Emma says

I have read previous works by the author and enjoyed them so when i heard she was bringing another book out I was excited, beginning the book for me was hard as I had just come down from a previous book I had been reading so I didn't find it easy to get into this one. However when I did I really enjoyed all the characters and the story my mouth kept watering after all the recipes that that they were cooking, this book made me laugh in all the right places and made it so I didn't want to put it down.

Rachel Gilbey says

4.5 Stars

Christmas at Carols will tantalise your tastebuds, and make you long to eat at Carol's restaurant. The food descriptions are sublime, and I honestly thought I could taste some of the flavours that were coming through in the cooking.

The tone of the book is very friendly and chatty. It's as though Carol was talking directly to the reader, and telling her the story of this Christmas period at the restaurant, in the way she remembers things. Occasionally going off on a slight tangent, or clarifying a point, or throwing in something relevant, but enough to make her and the reader lose their train of thought.

After a while though you get used to this way of being told the story, and I grew to love it. I also loved Carol's business partner and fellow chef, Roksana. The things Roksana comes out with about her past, are between ridiculous, potentially true, and just hilarious.

There is a lot of wit and humour in this story, to go with all the food, and its an easy and very entertaining story.

Carol though is someone who doesn't like Christmas, and you spend half the book reading on to discover just why it is she has a habit of dumping her man in December, and why Carol's never has a Christmas menu, until this year.

This book, like the bistro itself was Christmassy without being over the top. There were references to all

sorts of French music, that I have never heard of but kind of wished I had a sound track to the book, just so I could fully picture everything in the bistro.

I thoroughly enjoyed my first introduction to Nicola Yeager's writing, and suspect she must have had a lot of fun researching all the various dishes being featured. I do though think Christmas at Carol's needs an accompanying recipe book, and soundtrack, to fully round off this French Christmas experience.

Thank you to Endeavour Press for this review copy. This was my honest opinion.

Sally Whiteside says

Nice Christmas story.

Who doesn't love a good Christmas story. This is short and cute with likable characters. Great anytime of the year to read.

Jackie Roche says

I loved this. My usual books are full of blood and guts so this was a delightful change. However, a warning: Do not read this in public as severe giggling will guarantee very strange looks! This has got great characters that you'd love to meet. The descriptions of the food and the music made me want to find out more about them. I could quite happily read more about "Carol's" and her staff.
