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‘As a festive love story, this book has it all: romance, an engaging heroine you feel you could be friends with, a handsome caring hero...lots of warmth and humour and **plenty of snow.**’ – PortobelloBookBlog

Step into a winter wonderland and fall in love in the snow this Christmas...

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow...

A few weeks before Christmas and a sudden blanketing of snow has closed the roads and brought public transport grinding to a halt, stranding Izzy miles from home and in desperate need of rescuing.

That doesn't mean she's looking to bump into Rob and spend a cosy weekend holed up in his swanky flat watching London become a winter wonderland! Because Izzy and Rob have history...

Six months ago, they were standing in the vestry of a beautiful country church, while best man Rob delivered the news that every bride dreads on their big day.

But at the time of year when anything is possible, can Rob and Izzy let go of the past and let Christmas work its magic? Or will this be one holiday wish that Izzy lets walk right out of her life...

Winner of the Carina UK #WriteChristmas competition

What reviewers are saying about *Winter's Fairytale*

‘This book was a real wintry treat, with all the snow nicely contrasting with all the warmth the story exuded. **I couldn't help but find myself laughing away or sighing with happiness** and I'm so excited to read more from Maxine if this is the kind of **feel-good novel** she's capable of. **I just want to read it all over again** and probably will do in Christmases to come.’ – Sophie at Reviewed the Book

‘This is a beautiful fairytale for adults, set in and around Christmas, with a healthy helping of romance... **this story draws you in and won't let you go.** It is **beautifully written, very easy and pleasurable to read.**’ – Rachel's Random Reads

‘Fantastic strong characters, along with beautifully descriptive writing enabled me to immerse myself into their world and become a fly on the wall. I love books that **transport me to Christmas and make me feel all festive and warm** and *Winter's Fairytale* **certainly delivered for me.**’ – Jill Loves to Read

Winter's Fairytale Details

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Izzy has been left at the altar and punched the best man in the process. The slightly ironic thing is that she makes wedding dresses for a living but didn't get to enjoy her own. She throws herself into work and decides that it might not have worked out after all. The best man makes a re-appearance and Izzy feels very guilty. This is one of those books that if you need a lift and a smile then sit back, relax, grab a coffee and enjoy the read. A well written, very enjoyable seasonal story to enjoy by a cozy fire. This is my second Maie Morrey book and it won't be my last.

Kimberley says

The romance is super cute in this book (yes even I say so), it was fun seeing the feelings develop between the characters and it was infuriating to see them both trying to hide it. I really did enjoy it and would definitely recommend it. The main character isn't your usual blonde bimbo who will do anything to get a guy, Izzy acts like a normal person when it comes to relationships, she doesn't immediately jump in, she has doubts etc. and it was refreshing to see this normality when the majority of relationships in books are instalove. As I said definitely pick this up if you're looking for something cute and fluffy but with the main character being down to earth. It has definitely changed my view of romance books and this rapidly has become one of my favourite books of the year! That is quite a feat for a romance book!

Read more on my blog at: <https://bookgeek2015.wordpress.com/>

Kate says

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Emma Brennan says

Downloaded this book as wanted to read something Christmassy and what an excellent choice I made although I could hardly put it down!!!!

Stayed awake till way after 1am this morning as I just wanted to keep reading! So needless to say after 5 hours sleep I have been walking about like a zombie at work today!

I absolutely loved the story of Izzy and Rob and how their story develops! This book made me laugh and cry and gave me goosebumps cause it's just so lovely!

I really didn't want the story to end!!!

Loved the book so much that I've downloaded all the rest of Maxine Morrey's books!!! Think I might have a new favourite author!

Denise says

Pretty much the definition of "chick-lit." That's what I was going for, so it was ok. There were a few things that were starting to grate on me a little bit -- like the constant miscommunication that caused snarkiness between the two main characters. And the fact that the doctor in the story had to "check someone out" every time anyone in the book slipped on the ice or got a headache (I've never known a doctor that got his blood pressure cuff out of his car when a friend or relative got a headache).

All in all, I still enjoyed it and would read something else by this author. It was light-hearted and fun. A great winter read!

*Thanks to NetGalley for providing an advanced copy.

Joan says

A lovely 'feel-good' Christmas story with characters that were engaging and 'real'. Off to find more books by this author :)

Elaine says

Six months ago wedding dress designer Izzy was all dressed up at the church ready for her own wedding. That's when the best man, Rob, came to pass on a message from the groom and told her the wedding was off. Izzy's reaction was to hit out and she punched Rob, a hefty rugby playing hunk, knocking him to the floor and breaking his nose! He's still a gentleman and offers to inform the awaiting guests in church . . .

Six months later she's still avoiding texts and calls from Rob who seems determined to check that she's okay. When they accidentally meet up again he comes to her rescue again, this time from the snow. As they reconnect, various events keep them in touch and her feelings towards him change dramatically but is really only friendship he is seeking? Will the past prevent them having a future?

This is a delightful read, a journey from friendship to love with some dramatic history between them to start with. Rob's family are amazing, supportive and scheming! The ending is brilliant and the whole story a gorgeous story, well written and with superb characters and scenarios, a pleasure to escape into, a delicious modern fairytale.

Thanks to the publishers for gifting me an ARC of this novel, via NetGalley, in exchange for my honest review.

Carla *Jen7waters* says

Winter's Fairytale started out great, the heroine, Izzy, was so likable, quirky and funny, and I was especially happy about the fact that I was reading another holiday romance with a nice male love interest, nice as in "not a jerk with extreme mood swings who's only interested in sexing up the heroine until after much angst and denial when he finally admits he loves her like a madman", I'm done with this type of plot and it was a relief to see how Rob, the main male character, was always so kind and sweet and thoughtful towards Izzy, a gentleman really.

...And then the second part of the book happened.

Here's the thing, I don't mind the occasional misunderstanding born from the inane choice of not communicating, even if the result is always unnecessary internal havoc, all the angsty feelings and tears, I really don't, sometimes I even find this plot device entertaining, BUT this book takes it to the extreme, because pretty much the entire romance is built on misunderstandings and it's so frustrating, he thinks she wants this, she thinks he wants that, no one ever says what they want to say, their actions don't reflect what their hearts and minds want so badly, and somehow, amongst all this nonsense, love is still happening. (???)

I'm also not a fan of the characters only revealing the truth behind the misunderstandings at the very end, it's so cliché, and in this case, because they were so many, it felt too forced, one minute Izzy and Rob are still buried deep inside a massive snowball of assumptions, and in the next BAM!, here comes a scene consisting entirely of dialogue explaining every single thing he thought she thought and wanted, when he wished for the opposite, only to find out that in reality she wanted the exact same thing. THE END. For crying out loud.

Summing up: good writing and witty dialogues, the main characters have great chemistry, and I particularly enjoyed their easy and friendly banter, it's just a shame that they assume so much all the time instead of being honest with each other and talking things out. It's also a shame that this situation turns Rob partially into the jerk I mentioned earlier, those mood swings were very, very unpleasant.

(I received a copy of this book from the publisher, via NetGalley, in exchange for an honest review.)

Lisa says

Izzy has been stood up at the altar, so-to-speak. The groom's best man, Rob, is the one who broke the news to her. Out of anger, Izzy punched Rob and broke his nose. Of course she felt terrible, as the punch was meant for the cowardly groom instead. Fastforward six months, Izzy was busy working in her wedding dress shop. When she left to go home, she runs smack dab into Rob. He had been calling her for the last six months to check on her and see how she was doing, but out of embarrassment, she didn't answer any of his calls. Because of the weather, they end up back at Rob's apartment. Nothing exciting happens, except that their friendly relationship begins to develop into something more.

Rob calls on Izzy to help out with his sister's wedding dress. Izzy and Jenny instantly become good friends and Izzy saves the day when she decides to make Jenny a beautiful dress for her wedding. Rob's parents are there as well, and invite Izzy to their home for Christmas so she won't be alone.

Now they're at the parents' house, snow everywhere, perfect white Christmas happening all around. A kiss is shared between Izzy and Rob, but she feels he has just blown it off when his ex shows up. A stab to Izzy's heart and pride. Now, it's New Years Eve and Jenny has taken up with a guy at the party. She lets him know nothing will ever transpire, but he still wants her company for the night. Rob gets a tad bit jealous, but he is accompanied by his ex, once again. He steals Jenny away to find out what's going on and the ex is caught flirting with Jenny's friend of the night. When the clock starts counting down to midnight, Jenny is standing with Cullen, but Rob shows up just in the nick of time, apologizes to Cullen and says he has been waiting for this moment for years, and kisses her. That was definitely my favorite part of this book!!!

I wish there would have been less questioning of Jenny and more, I guess, confidence in her. It seems like that took precedence over the majority of the book. Other than that, I really like this one. I received an ARC of this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Sheerie says

Oh my goodness what a perfect *Winter's Fairytale* Maxine has written. It's such a superb read for this time of the year, giving you heaps and bounds of feel good factors. It was a pleasure to read about a united supportive family, intelligent and artistic people who face life's ups and downs and their hopes and dreams. What's more, a strong hunky male lead Rob, makes turning the pages so very easy. I adored the leading lady Izzy, a tiny yet perfect package with a heart of gold. Sexual tension and mixed messages have the reader hanging on, willing a perfect ending. Simply put, I LOVED this book. A snowstorm of 5 snowflakes from me ❄️❄️❄️❄️❄️.

Roshio says

Got this for free and it's just your standard run of the mill chick lit. Keeps you entertained on the train.

Jantine Kampes says

I received a free copy through Netgalley in return for an honest review.

This is a typical 'day at the couch with a nice and quick to read book' kind of book. There were some nice romance-thingsies, some great friends, and a bride left at the altar who makes bridal dresses herself.

It is not the kind of book in which you should expect huge character developments and the likes. Guess what: I did not care. I enjoyed reading, just because it was that kind of book, and I was in that kind of mood.

Sophie says

this was such a cute, romantic holiday contemporary! I absolutely loved it and devoured it in one sitting!

Carlene Inspired says

Rob was there to deliver the news that changed Izzy's course of life and he's there 6 months later when a snow storm leaves her stranded from getting home. Never mind the fact that he was the best man to her ex-fiance and on the receiving end of an epic punch, he wants to be her friend and help her out. The cozy weekend stuck together is a good reason to be friends again, but the holidays may bring some feelings along with the snow, especially when Izzy starts designing the wedding dress for Rob's sister after a wedding disaster.. Throw in holiday parties, matchmaking family members, hilarious, embarrassing snowy moments, and some extra bumps along the way and Izzy may just decide Christmas wishes aren't meant to come true.

Winter romance, bridal gowns, and interfering family members, what more could you want on the holidays? Izzy and Rob are two hilarious characters to read, they're some of the most stubborn romance characters I've ever read, both throwing themselves at situations that make things worse. They make assumptions that would normally drive me crazy as a reader, but totally work for the outcome. Their communication skills suck, but their chemistry is booming. While they aren't the most complex characters, it's just what I like out of a winter fairytale book. The title is perfect, can you tell? The minor characters were some of my favorite, especially Rob's sister Jenny and her fiancé Mike. Some of the best dialogue came from those two and they always seemed to be up to something. Family was a huge part of this novel and I really enjoyed the focus on the family dynamics. I felt like I was celebrating Christmas with them as part of the family. There's some twists you won't expect, a lot of misunderstandings, and of course a fairytale ending.

It is clear to see how Maxine Morrey won Carina UK's #WriteChristmas competition, the writing in this is fantastic and it's just the right length for a cozy read on the couch. I suggest this to my readers who love romance (of course), second chances, and some fun twists along the way to a HEA.

Christi says

Another totally sweet novel by Morrey. Common themes with the other one I read, but still quite enjoyable.
