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Only, the window doesn't belong to Stowe's Boutiques, it belongs to Snow's Antiques, and Nathan Snow is none too pleased. This was his year to win the Best Christmas Window display contest against his rival, but Samantha ruined it. While he might not like Christmas, he knows winning this contest will bring in business. He makes Samantha a deal. Create a winning display by Christmas Eve, and he won't press charges.

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## Naughty or Nice Details

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## **From Reader Review Naughty or Nice for online ebook**

### **Nell says**

Don't be misled by the cover or the blurb. This is not an erotic romance, instead it's a very nicely written fun rom com.

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### **Becky says**

When I bought this book it was free on Amazon. I was heading back east for Christmas and I thought it would be a funny read to get into the holiday spirit. Cut to middle of June where I've finished all the books I have and this is the last one standing. I read this in about 2 hours. It's pretty much as you would expect it to be, plot hole filled: unrealistic, cheesy, a little salacious. I can't, and won't, recommend you read it, unless, like me, you're one of those people that easily gets sucked into watching Lifetime movies about falling in love with handsome, yet hardened, millionaires over the holidays.

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### **Leanne Crabtree says**

I really enjoyed this, it was a sweet, romantic Christmas themed story. It had a nice build-up to their relationship and I was willing them to get together from early on, especially with all the interruptions that kept happening and I just wanted them to ignore everything and get it on already!

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### **Sandie Laughner says**

I loved this book!! What a fun short story!!

Samantha is still reeling over the loss of her cheating ex, a year ago. She has a few too many drinks while out with her girlfriends, and decides to wreck havoc on the ex's shop.

She wakes up the next morning in the wrong shop and has really done a number on the Christmas display. I won't ever be able to look at elves in the same way!!

The owner is not happy and gives her a choice-- go to jail or fix the mess and help him win the Christmas store window contest.

What a fun romp these two have. One icy heart is melted while another one has a fire rekindled. Saucy and sweet story!! :)

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### **Gaby says**

Posted at <http://oh-my-books.blogspot.com/2013/...>

I laughed a lot with this book. Samantha is a good girl, but after too many drinks she decides to be a little naughty and do something bad to her ex fiance. Of course, nothing good happens from that and she ends up

spending Christmas with Nathan Snow, a very famous millionaire who seems to hate the holidays and is going to make her pay.

It was a fun short story, in a few days the characters fell in love and tried not to hurt each other, failed, but got their happy ending. The ending felt a little bit rushed, but it fulfilled my expectations. I couldn't stop laughing when Samantha was drunk and re-decorating Nathan's shop, so I recommend Naughty or Nice if you want to read a fun holiday romance!

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### **Talina Collier says**

This book had me hooked from beginning to the end. I loved the story concept and how the author created the love between the two characters but also how they had personal issues that kept them apart even though they truly loved each other. Naughty or Nice is a must READ! It is a well written love/erotic story that will keep you wanting more and wanting to find out if they get together. Well, I would like to tell you but that would just ruin the suspense of it. Besides, I think it would be better if you bought this book and read it to find out for yourself! LoL ... You won't be disappointed at all, trust me.

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### **Krystal says**

Super cute!!!! After a night with the girls Sammantha wakes up in a store and realizes what she's done besides breaking and entering. As punishment by the Owner, she must make a wronged right, before Christmas Eve. It was a cute Christmas story that was humorous, heart felt and not in anyway corny.

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### **Roxanna Cross says**

The book was OK. It could have been better, but too often the reader needs to add in, subtract or substitute a word for another in order of the sentences to make sense. On top of these editing faux-pas the reader is often left confused as the descriptions provided in one paragraph changes in the next and the reader needs re-read the previous passage to see where he or she missed the change of scenery or make sense of what the author is trying to portrait. However, the characters were engaging and the emotions between them rang true. If, as a reader you are able to overlook the bad editing, then have fun reading. If not, this book is not for you.

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### **Yve says**

Samantha Darling has had a pretty boring year, she's been nothing but good this past year, and it's gotten her nowhere but sitting in a bar trying to erase the memories of her ex-fiancé cheating on her last Christmas Eve! Her friends try to convince her that she needs to be naughty & have an affair to get over her ex and in their haste, allow Sam to drink one too many Peppermintinis!

After promising her friends she'll head straight home, Sam decides to pay his ex & his new fiancée a visit. She quickly gets to work on a plan for revenge, but doesn't quite make her successful getaway. The following morning, she's discovered by Nathan Snow, bad-boy mogul extraordinaire and the store owner of

the boutique Sam mistakenly broke into. Snow makes Sam a deal: help him fix his image with the community and help him win the annual storefront contest & he won't press charges. Sam gets to work to try and help Nathan embrace the spirit of her most favorite holiday and falls in love with the man she gets to know during her stay in Redemption, the question is: can he actually learn to love anyone but himself?!

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### **Michel Reinhard (Smut Book Junkie Reviews) says**

Kari Lee Harmon delivers again. Naughty or Nice was a comical, heartwarming Christmas romance. I loved the humor in this book. Highly recommend!

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### **Becs says**

I know Christmas is long over...but I needed some cheese in my life and my friend Twigs assured me this was definitely the book I was looking for. And boy, did it deliver!

This was a wonderful short story about 2 people coming together during the holidays. You would think by the cover that this would be a smuttastic read, but alas, it was not. But none the less, all the romance you could want, of course, neither MC realizing what was to happen ;P There were times I had tears streaming from laughing so hard..just to give a hint...

*"Apparently, dressing up Mrs. C like a hooker, the elves like the Chippendales, and giving Santa a lap dance hadn't been enough while under the spell of the All Powerful Peppermintini."*

*"What? A bear, a wolf, what do you see?" He shoved her behind him and wielded the saw as though it was a sword."*

Thanks Twigs for lending me this one! Loved it.

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### **Laurie says**

A fun, sexy, witty, romp of a tale!

She wakes up in a storefront window with Mrs. Claus' clothes on. Mrs. Claus is wearing her sexy underwear and all the elves are naked and doing naughty and indescribable things around her. Oh God, her head hurts! Why did she drink so much last night? Why is she in a Christmas window display? Why is a man, with his hands on his hips and glaring eyes, staring at her? Oh hell, she's in trouble now.

In order for her to stay out of jail, she agrees to the store owner's demand to create a winning Christmas window display. He's terribly handsome, but has the proverbial stick up his ass. Sheesh! What's his problem?!

Samantha decides to take the deal AND to show McGroogeey how to get in the Christmas spirit. She just has to do it by Christmas Eve because she needs to go to her parents' home as it is her turn to put the star on the tree (a very big deal).

I love this author's style of writing and felt like I was there.

A very, very good book!

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### **Karma♥Bites ^.~ says**

MEMORABLE QUOTE: "Spank me like the bad, bad girl that I am. ..."

NAUGHTY OR NICE by Kari Lee Harmon (a NTM author) was a real surprise by being much more than I expected. (But alas, no spanking *\*wink\**) This quick, very well-written novelette had a twist of "A Christmas Carol" and a dash of "The Gift of the Magi", all wrapped up in a fairy tale-like package.

So just firmly suspend your disbelief, go with the storyline and simply enjoy this laugh-out-loud, heart-warming holiday story about Samantha Darling, a "goody goody" who realizes that "[n]ice was safe, but safe left her cold and lonely." Unfortunately, this particular insight comes after way too many Peppermintinis and her misguided-by-liquor judgment turns out to be the best mistake of her life.

Truth be told, the character of Nathan Snow could've been developed more. Gorgeous, successful and rich, he's the penultimate bachelor playboy. But inside, he's still the lonely little boy afraid to care too deeply. There are enough clues so that the reader can guess the reasons why but it's not as important as the changes which occur after he meets Sam. Similar to Scrooge, Mr. Tall, Dark and Stuff needs a little help in finding the Christmas spirit.

Expecting a light Christmas-themed read, I enjoyed NAUGHTY OR NICE enough to try some of Ms. Harmon's longer works.

HEAT LEVEL: Sensual (1 sex scene: not too explicit; comparable to current category romances)

TECHNICAL: Well-formatted, with editing/proofing errors within the "we're all human" range

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### **UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says**

Around the holidays there always seems to be an abundance of free Christmas stories being offered, but they're not always worth the time they take to read. Well, that said, I grabbed this one a week or so ago and I am soooo glad I did!

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This turned out to be a cute, funny, steamy, romantic story. It's not all angst-ridden or even emotional so it's a perfect for when you need a break from the hustle and bustle of life, especially during the holidays. The characters are fun, their story is too, and I'm looking forward to reading more by this new-to-me author!

Note: As of 12/24 this is now only free to Amazon Prime members.

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### **The BookWhisperer says**

During the Christmas season, I love the Hallmark channel. I record every new Christmas movie and just wiggle down in my couch so that I can enjoy it. These movies are filled with such cute couples and interesting ways a relationship starts. That is exactly what this book is; a Hallmark movie but with a steamier side.

How Samantha and Nathan meet is a new twist in my mind. They didn't meet at a bar, or through friends, etc. They met because Samantha destroyed his window display and instead of pressing charges, Nathan makes her stay the week before Christmas to rebuild a winning window.

This is where the Hallmark charm comes in. They hate each other at first. They can't get along at all. But while working together, things change. Attitudes change and lust comes knocking at the door.

I am totally asking Santa for a Nathan Snow.  
~BookWhisperer Reviewer MC~

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