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One magical holiday. Some assembly required...

Police Chief Delaney Reed loves the holidays in Ordinary, Oregon, the beach town where gods vacation and monsters reside. But this year, she has a lot on her plate. It isn't just the creature who follows her home, or the terrible storm barreling toward town. It isn't that Mrs. Yates's penguin has been stolen. Again.

It's that her boyfriend, Ryder Bailey, has been gone for two months and is growing more distant. She's beginning to think she knows why.

But when a demon, a dragon, and a god bearing unusual gifts get thrown on top of her to-do list, Delaney decides to roll up her sleeves and make this holiday unforgettable. One disaster at a time.

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Vickie says

I love this series. It's a bit of a departure for Devon Monk, from her urban fantasy of Allie Beckstrom and Broken Magic worlds. Or steampunk of Age of Steam or dystopian future of House Immortal. Or maybe not departure so much as addition to her diverse stable of intriguing stories.

Ordinary Magic series is paranormal cozy and fantastic. It's comforting, fun, warm, suspenseful and neat premise. Supernatural beings come to Ordinary, Oregon to get away from it all. This novella takes place at Christmas. It's romance and mystery all told in 75 pages. A neat insert between book 3 and 4 of the series. I download each one to the Nook as it comes out. Pretty much immediately. Then I find that perfect time to read it. When I need a calming story that makes me grin and stay up past my bedtime to read just one more page.

This time of year, I lean towards holiday mysteries or paranormal. This was the perfect combo. Definitely recommend this book and series and author

jammaster_mom says

This is a great short story set in the world of the Ordinary Magic trilogy. This story focuses on Delaney and her romantic relationship with Ryder. This story answers some questions about what happens next for the characters, and I appreciate that. There isn't enough here for a full book but that doesn't take anything away from how great it was to read.

If you haven't read the original series then this short isn't really going to have the same amount of meaning for you. Ms. Monk doesn't waste time and space rehashing everything that happened in the series. It is a great series and well worth the read. Can't wait for the next book to see what happens with Myra and Bathlin.

Linda Baker says

3.5 Quick complete escape read. Fun Christmas novella.

Adrienne Testa says

Ryder and Delaney first Christmas shared. Ryder is coming home for Christmas after working out of town for two months. Delaney is still unsure of her relationship with him, until he proves his love for her in the most sweetest way. A childhood memory she shares with him, comes to life on Christmas morning. Delaney learns its not hearing the words I love you that counts but all the little things Ryder has done to show her he loves her.

Nicole says

Christmas In Ordinary

Reading this is like taking a holiday vacation to somewhere you go every year. You have known the people/characters for a while but only see them on your vacation. You get to catch up with their lives and celebrate the holidays with them.

Marsha says

I love the town of “Ordinary,” Oregon, the Reed sisters and the crazy gods who vacation there. “Paper Stars” is a cute little Christmas novella about Delaney Reed and her greatest desire for Christmas.

Delaney’s boyfriend, Ryder has been working in Bend, Oregon for two months and she feels as though their relationship is slipping or is it. He promises to be home for Christmas but as we all know something always seems to challenge happiness.

Meanwhile, Delaney and her sister enters a cave in search of a creature that frightened one of the residents. What they find is terrifying and adorable. Of course the demon, Bathin is none too pleased. I have a sneaking suspicion that this new resident is going to play a key role in upcoming installments.

This was a lighthearted, fun read with all of the elements that have made this series a success including the ever stolen penguin. I can’t wait to read the next book.

Barbara says

I love the Reed sisters, who are the police that keep the vacationing gods and the monsters in the town of Ordinary in line. Delaney Reed, the police chief, has a lot of responsibility, but this close to Christmas, she’s missing her boyfriend, Ryder Bailey, who has been out of town for two months. If only she could hear those three little words from him, all would be right with the world. These stories always have some humor in them, usually a bit of suspense or danger, and a scoop of romance as well. I especially enjoyed the hilarious scene in the diner with the old man and his obscene gestures, while Delaney was on the phone with Ryder. Of course, there are always strange things going on, including the annoying demon that owns her soul, a dragon that looks like a pig, a missing penguin statue and a trickster god giving her gifts. But there’s also Christmas magic in the air, so all will come right in the end.

Jessalyn says

Cute Christmas Story

This short story is told from the POV of Delaney Reed, just as the novels of Ordinary Magic are. It's a sweet Christmastime story involving Delaney & her relationship with Ryder Bailey, longtime crush & current boyfriend. This story does not contain as much magic or gods as the main series, but it's a very enjoyable

read with a really touching ending.

Diane says

Cute, with a sweet ending. 3.7 Goodreads; 4.2 Amazon.

I was in the mood for a quick, light holiday tale, and this novella suited me well. There are funny lines and moments (including an embarrassing one (though TBH, I don't see how she could not realize)), family and townsfolk (and the "famous" concrete yard-penguin), an adorable dragon-pig ? with some connections yet to be explained, both snow wishes (from the irrepressible Jean) and storm worries (can Ryder safely make it back in time for Christmas?), and romantic uncertainty turned to comfort and joy. There were just a few minor errors, mainly re. punctuation and such. Ordinary is a fun place to "visit".

Krystyna says

Christmas wishes

A really sweet christmas story. Being police chief brings it's own problems. Like the fact that a cave explorer swears he saw a dragon/monster in the local caves. This leads to her and her youngest sister finding a dragon that has taken on the guise of a dragon. When the dragon attaches itself to her, she has no option but to take it to the home she shares with Ryder. Maybe it will stop her missing him whilst he's away working. With christmas a few days away, when he rings and says he will be coming back she's ecstatic. However time passes and he still hasn't arrived. A call from him has her frantic. He's hurt! How will they get him home safely? Will christmas live up to what she wants?

Ami says

[it's a present from *Crow* for Delaney, and I think it has a significance over Bathin's the demon wh

Josh English says

A good warm-up tale for the holidays

This is a nice romantic yarn which is typical for Ordinary. That is to say it's pretty strange for anywhere else. If you get the holiday blues, this story will make you feel better. If you love the holiday season, you'll love the pig.

Mary Heron says

Christmas in Ordinary

Ryder has been away for two months working and Delaney misses him like crazy. This is their first Christmas together but it looks like circumstances will force them to spend it apart. Delaney is not alone she still has her sister's and the town to watch over including finding Mrs Yates penguin, who has been kidnapped again. Then Delaney gets the best news ever Ryders coming home for Christmas but then there's a terrible storm and Ryders late. Delaney's holiday may be over unless the magic of the town and the season can combine to give Delaney her hearts desire.

Nona says

Toasty warm Christmas story

I almost think the pig steals the show, well, dragon.

Devon Monk is a true bard, and her way with words is magical. So, of course when she paints the scene of best dog Spud and new bestie Pig, snoozing atop the dragons stuffed toy treasure hoard.....it's a story stealer. I look forward to reading more about Spud & Pig and Delaney & Ryder in the next book.

Cheryl D Meyer says

Ordinary Magic is anything but ordinary.

I enjoyed this author's series "Ordinary Magic" very much; so much that I was reluctant to devour the final short story. However, I am pleased to find she has other books, and hope to find the same wit, strong women, and imagination as the Ordinary Magic books.
