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Somehow, somehow, Jason Kress will find Noah the most unique and clever gift ever. A gift that will surprise him, and win his heart.

A gift that just might be magic . . .

(A contemporary gay romance story)

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From Reader Review The Douglas Fir for online ebook

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

I love holiday stories, Christmas ones especially, and I have a habit of reading them in the summer, just because I can.

Anyta Sunday has a talent for sweet, feel good, friends to lovers stories.

I loved this book, I loved the magical twist of maybe not getting what you think you want, but what you really need instead, finding your truth.

I loved the idea of the backwards Pinocchio fir tree, loved the dog, wanted to tape the kid brother's mouth shut (just a little) and I really wanted more of Jase and his magical man...that was just not enough of them for me.

stomps foot in a very adult manner

? Todd says

Since it's so short, this romantic story is **a hard one to review without flat out giving the ending away**, so nope. Not doing it.

So to avoid all that, I'll just say that the story was **very cute, with tons of pining** (*only slight pun intended*) and with an ending that was a bit **different than I'd expected**.

After the buildup during the entire book, I was a bit disappointed that it was **all over so soon**, but I'll live.

3.5 stars.

Meags says

3 Stars

Well...that was completely unexpected. I went into this story expecting one thing – mainly some friends to lovers action and possibly some gay for you feels - but it ended up being a whole other thing. To be honest, I'm not sure how I feel about the unforeseen turn of events. I think I liked it!? Let me explain...

As the synopsis states, Jase is butt-crazy in love with his friend/neighbour, Noah. For Noah's birthday, Jase wants to give him a truly memorable gift, which will hopefully make Noah see Jase in a whole new light – namely, a romantic light. I won't get into details of the gift here, but it was super sweet and a lot of love and time was put into creating a truly authentic (and if I do say so myself, a ridiculously romantic) gift for Noah.

Jase's pursuit of Noah is subtle, leaning more towards non-existent, with the exception of his long-term gift giving. He pines for Noah from the safety of a "friendzone", longing for the day that Noah might show signs of feeling something more. Meanwhile, Noah's other bestie, Dave, has also set his sights on winning Noah's heart. Jase tries to hate Dave for seemingly standing in the way of his chance with Noah, but Dave is just too much of a great guy to despise. It's a weird little triangle and, if I'm being honest, I never really understood why either Jase or Dave was so wowed by Noah. This is probably where my problem lies – I felt absolutely nothing for Noah and that's totally on me (I think).

I don't want to ruin anything more for future readers so I'll pop some of my spoilery thoughts here >> (view spoiler)

As always, the story was beautifully written. It was a really sweet story (and a little bit magical). You can practically feel the emotions jumping off the page.

Emma Sea says

Why no, I'm not freaked out AT ALL that Xmas shorts are being released already *freaking out*

Vio says

3.65 stars

Oh the joys of pinning for the one you love, adorable dedication with the Fir trees, smart and cute. I loved the sweet, slow build up and I was okay with the tricky and twisty outcome once I got over my surprise. If only there was more of Dave and Jase and how their relationship moved forward, it ended too soon, I needed more time with them. Especially since deep down and secretly I would have preferred it the other way around. I still had the happy feels and a big thank you to Emma for the Christmas gift a wonderful thought.:)

Arthur says

When magic comes from the least-expected corner.

Jase loved his neighbor Noah. But he never told Noah that he's gay. When Noah told him what he wanted for Christmas, Jase worked hard to make it happen and hopefully Noah would start to notice that Jase wanted more than friendship. Unfortunately, it seemed that he was a bit too late for that since Dave, Noah's *other* best friend, had started to make his move toward Noah...

I usually am not into love triangle, but this is by Anyta Sunday so of course I read it. I don't regret it. I really enjoyed reading this novella. The efforts to create magic, the heartbreak, and the friendships among different

characters are beautifully written.

Ami says

Confession: I never read any story by Anyta Sunday before. I heard she wrote sweet story (and I knew my friend, Arthur liked her stories, so they must be 'safe' for me) but I didn't know why I never tried it. Well, dear Emma gave this to me as a gift -- since I was being sick and all, wasn't she the best?! -- and I thought, Christmas story in November? Why not :)

Sigh ... what a lovely story this was!! Emma is right, Ms. Sunday writes such sweet-boy-next-door kind of stories, that is right up my alley.

Truthfully, the story moved to a direction that I didn't think of when I first read the blurb -- or when I read how Jase wanted to give the best Christmas tree ever for his crush, Noah. However, at the same time, it was the beauty of it. Sometimes love came from sideways, from unexpected corner, rather than from straight-line roads.

I loved everyone here. I loved Jase for being insecure about his feeling and his monologues on how he worried that Noah would fall in love with the best friend, Dave, was cute. I thought Jase's idea for the magic Douglas Fir was brilliant and adorable and thoughtful. I thought Scott was an adorable brother. I thought Noah was sweet and wonderful guy. I thought Dave was lovely and I was happy that he got his happy ending.

Definitely put me inside a warm fuzzy bubble -- and since this is my first Anyta Sunday's, I'm delighted that it means I have more stories of Ms. Sunday that I can try.

EDITED TO ADD

Because Emma asked me to. This story sets in New Zealand, people!

Bookreader87(Amanda) says

Douglas Fir...

Fun little story with a nice little twist. Will not say more than that because I wouldn't want to spoil it ?

Eve says

[I really loved the way the plot developed - unexpected and sort of pokes f

MaDoReader says

3.5 redondeadas al alza.

Se ve que tras mi ultima lectura, necesitaba algo así ?

Heller says

[was much more of Dave and Jase being together, not the sex but the build up to it, we got to see that friendship build with Noah but not with Dave and all the sudden we see Jase realize where the magic has been all the time. (hide spoiler)]

Len Evans Jr says

Wow... the author did great job of misdirection with this story. Up until a point then it became clear. I loved all the people in this book... perhaps Noah most of all. Just because the other two seriously needed to respect him for who he was, without that they were not true friends. Loved the ending so much!

Simsala says

3,5 stars

Heller`s review

Really sweet and twisty story and not so Christmas-y as the title suggests.

What threw me a bit was the rushed ending. Turning from a light, slow paced story with almost no sexual innuendo to full blown smut - that came a bit with an *oomph*.

Anke says

This reading experience was - magic! After my reading funk I suddenly got lucky, two wonderful reads back-to-back! Sigh! Give me more like that:)

I had a hunch where the story was going, but it was a joy to read and I'm sitting here with a huge smile on my face and on the verge of reading it again - that's how good it was.

Christina says

[at the end of the book Noah suddenly wants Dave and BAM they have sex! Where's the build-up? There was not even a hint that they would get together. (hide spoiler)]
