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In Six Geese a-Laying, Christmas is approaching, and Ginny is looking forward to the birth of her first baby. It's a pity her partner Dan is so useless, and she has to keep reminding him where he's going wrong. Luckily she's enrolled into the most exclusive antenatal class going - all the highest achieving, smartest mothers-to-be aspire to be taught by the legendary Petal Harmon. Like the other five women in the class, Ginny already knows exactly what she wants, and how she's going to handle motherhood. But when they turn up for the final class it isn't quite what they expect. As Ginny discovers what parenthood is really going to be like, she begins to realize the things that really matter...

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From Reader Review Six Geese A-Laying for online ebook

~?clockwork says

Nice easy quick read nothing Sophie Kinsella ever writes is a disappointment

Tara says

I wanted to download to my kindle but its only available via Amazon UK, which I dont have so I read on her website..

It was a short story alright, basically over as soon as it began. Several women going thru meeting with their midwives, talking about names of their babies, and all the insecurities that most parents are going thru right before having their precious bundle of joy!

Book-shelf Shelf says

Loved every word of this short story, but then when could Sophie disappoint? Well actually she can but not with this short story. Not so much of a Christmas story, more like a baby or pregnancy story with Christmas thrown in, but bloody brilliant none the less. A good story to dip into Sophie if your not sure if you would like her writing.

Sophie Narey (Bookreview- aholic) says

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I found this very short story (27 pages) on the Kindle Store for free and so as I love Sophie Kinsella books I just had to read it! I thought that this was a very sweet little story to read. In this book Ginny is looking forward to the arrival of her baby, she joins an antenatal class with 5 other women but the class isn't quite what she thought it was going to be like. It is a fun read, one that is perfect if you have a few spare moments. This novella was perfect to read while I was waiting for the next book by Sophie Kinsella it just filled the gap nicely.

I don't generally like novellas as it sometimes feels like the author could have made it into a full length novel, and this one definitely fits the ticket I think that this novella would have worked really well as a full length novel as it would have been nice to have known more about the characters and know them more in depth. It isn't a novella that is too Christmassy it is just set around Christmas time but it still gives you a nice warm Christmas feeling!

C.J. Fallowfield says

A super quick novella which took me ten minutes max to read - it ended at 52% and was then followed by a preview of another Kinsella book. I downloaded this for free but I still wish authors would say when a book ends that early, you think you're part way through enjoying a story and the next second, BAM, it's over! This is a take on Dicken's A Christmas Carol, jumping ahead to the Ghost of Christmas to come for six women who are all expecting. They've all been selected for the invite only exclusive pre-natal classes given by eminent Petal Harmon, but what they weren't expecting was to have each of their flaws reflected back at them and to leave the class with a different view on how they'll handle childbirth and the future. 3.75 stars.

Emer says

A super short and sweet Christmassy story about a group of pregnant women attending an antenatal class. Although it took less than ten minutes to read, it packed a lovely Christmassy punch as it had a sort of Dickens' A Christmas Carol feel to it.

Three stars

Camelia Bhaskar says

Liked this short story. I like Sophie Kinsella's novels.

Though I was looking for a Christmassy story but it's very short like took only 15 mins to finish but was not enough Christmassy.

Anyways a decent short story!

Irena says

I downloaded this short story for free via Amazon few months ago.

Yesterday I was in the mood for something Christmas related so I decided this would be a perfect choice since I love Sophie Kinsella's work.

Oh, how wrong was I!

This short story had the most arrogant main character I have ever read about in my whole life!

I hated Ginny from the very beginning.

I have no idea what would make her think she is so much better than everyone around her.

What kind of pregnant woman would tell everyone that the father of her unborn child is useless when he is obviously helping her as much as he can?

And what kind of pregnant woman would be so unsupportive to another scared pregnant woman?

Not to mention this story had nothing to do with Christmas except for the information that the due date is around Christmas day.

If you ask me, it could be summer, it wouldn't make any difference.

I understand the story is inspired with Christmas ghost of the future, but it is done so poorly I lost the words

to describe how poorly it was.

Who would I recommend this story to?
To everyone who want to irreparable throw away 20 minutes of their life.

kari says

Cute little Christmas story.

Marianne says

This cute little free Kindle offering from Sophie Kinsella will keep fans going until I've Got Your Number comes out, especially as it has the first chapter of that novel included. The Six Geese are Ginny (the narrator), Grace, Gina, Georgia, Geraldine and Gabby, all mums-to-be, all personally chosen by the famous Petal Harmon for her exclusive pre-natal classes and all, except Grace, feeling smug about it. Ginny's husband Dan is useless at everything from putting the cradle together to finding the street the classes are in, and she lets him know it. Petal Harmon's classes are supposed to be life changing, but so far, Ginny's not all that impressed. But tonight's the last class, and this will be something different. A short, fun dose of Kinsella magic.

Bonnie says

I can never resist anything Sophie Kinsella so I jumped into reading this the minute I found out about it. (It's free on her website btw).

It's not super Christmas-y, just set around Christmas. Since it's so short, saying anything will give it all away sooo... I'll just say that it only took a good 5-10 minutes of my time and even gave me some smiles. Cute, quick read for Sophie fans.

Ferna Simbulan says

Unfortunately, I wasn't very impressed by this short story. It was too "plain" for my taste and I was disappointed by how abruptly the events happened. It almost felt too unrealistic and caricatural. Again - disappointed.

Mo says

The best thing I can say about this is story that it is very short.

Kitty says

This is a short story from Sophie Kinsella. It is in part a retelling of 'A Christmas Carol' but centers on six pregnant women (the 'geese') who are visited by a spirit who shows them the 'ghost of babies' future' at their maternity class. Their sense of smugness then disappears as they discover that they were not chosen because of their high powered careers, money or social status...there is a deeper message.

I think this is a clever book and I like the way that Kinsella uses the classic Dickens' story as a springboard for her modern tale.

It's only 27 pages long and will only take about 10-15 minutes to read...oh and it's free! (I downloaded on my phone)

I think it suitable for year 6. It would be lovely if ipads were available for paired or small group readings, but if not, I think it is still an option for a whole class reading.

It would be a good resource for National Curriculum KS2 En2 Reading - in particular Literature 4: develop understanding and appreciation of literary texts - and also - Breadth of study 8(f) traditional stories - as it links nicely with Dickens.

Looking at the draft curriculum - it would link with year 5-6 comprehension study by maintaining positive attitudes to reading and understanding, discussion and building on technical terms.

Leigh Mitchell says

i don't like short stories anyway but as this one was from an author I like I gave it a go.

Wish I hadn't bothered, it was not Christmassy like I was expecting and only about half of the download was the story, the rest being a preview of a future book which I didn't even bother with.

The plot was basically a bunch of women at a special ante-natal class, and the final lesson is basically a look into the future for their child. Over before it started, glad it didn't take long to read.
