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This holiday season, four bestselling authors give the gift that keeps on giving: gripping tales of special agents in a covert agency, out to protect the innocent...by any means necessary.

*Snowball's Chance* by Cherry Adair

Kendall decks the halls, unaware that a serial killer has her on the top of his list. Of course, being naughty with the sexy good guy sent to protect her would be so nice.

*Santa Slave* by Leanne Banks

After her best friend disappears, Hilary takes matters into her own hands and finds herself caught in the throes of danger, while a hunky male operative hopes to mix pleasure with business.

*Runaway Santa* by Pamela Britton

Biologist Kaitlyn Moneypenny's research is finally leading to a big scientific breakthrough...and mortal peril. When bullets start to fly, so do the sparks between Kaitlyn and her Santa-clad rescuer.

*Killer Christmas* by Kelsey Roberts

When several Santas are murdered at a swanky department store, the new CEO, Meghan Beckham, had better watch out, had better not cry – because a serial killer has come to town.

## Red Hot Santa Details

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# From Reader Review Red Hot Santa for online ebook

## Jo-Ann Fitzgerald says

While these stories center around a woman who has a business as a genealogy researcher but it's really a business for people who help with keeping innocents safe. It's stories are timed around Christmas and the woman who runs it sends out cookies to each person she assigns a duty too.

While each of the stories were ok, but they didn't really feel personable. I found it tough to keep reading for some reason. Usually I can read a book like this in 2-3 days and it's been longer and I'm relieved it's over with.

Some of the plots and characters were interesting, but it all felt forced rather than natural. I'd like to maybe see these in longer novels and maybe flesh out the characters to make them seem less forced.

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## Holly says

Snowball's Chance by Cherry Adair. I really liked it. The villain is really scary and no amount of holiday cheer can mask this short story's bloody brutality.

Santa Slave by Leanne Banks. My favorite of the stories. I really liked Hilary and Rick. They were cute together. This probably would have been a very good full length novel.

Big Bad Santa by Pamela Britton. Avian weaponry? Whatever. I lost focus when the big, bad, leather wearing, Harley riding, sex-on-a-stick hero stormed onto the pages.

Killer Christmas by Kelsey Roberts. Is it okay to laugh at this one? Because I didn't know if it was okay to laugh when the poor Santa's kept getting slaughtered. Or maybe there's just something fundamentally wrong with my moral makeup.

As far as Christmas anthologies go, this is probably the worst one in existence when it comes to spreading holiday cheer. They all center around a covert agency, led by a woman who is determined that no victims fall through the cracks. These stories are action packed, surprisingly brutal, and all feature smart and sexy heroes and heroines.

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## Stephanie says

Snowball's Chance by Cherry Adair (Red Hot Santa Anthology)

Joe Zorn is assigned to keep Kendall Metcalf safe from the escaped serial killer who terrorized her and nearly took her life. Kendall is trying to put her life back together and with this mad man trying to get her again, she never expected to be drawn to Joe the way she is. I really enjoyed Joe and Kendall's story. It's a great, non-traditional holiday read that is good any time of year.

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## **Ladiibbug says**

Christmas Romantic Suspense Anthol.

Snowball's Chance - Cherry Adair

Warm fuzzies over a Christmas romance were totally negated by the detailed graphic, violent, "sick s\*it" crime the heroine had been subjected to. :-/

Santa Slave - Leanne Banks

Hunky male operative poses as buyer of women in a human trafficking scheme. Heroine is posing as woman for sale to track down and rescue her friend. OK, my first read of this author.

Big, Bad Santa - Pamela Britton

My fav of the bunch - Harley riding, hunky operative rescues vet from terrorists. Vet is developing "bird brain" tracking device whereby innocent birdies could deliver bio-weapons.

Killer Christmas - Kelsey Roberts

Several Santas are murdered at a ritzy dept. store. What's this serial killer up to? First read of this author, good story.

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## **Jennifer Wardrip says**

Call me what you want, but I've always loved Christmas anthologies. One of my favorite holidays-commercialism included!-I love Christmas and the spirit of love, happiness, and goodwill that it stands for. Getting to read a Christmas anthology like RED HOT SANTA, by four of my favorite authors, is icing on my holiday cake!

Cherry Adair serves up a white-hot suspense sizzler with SNOWBALL'S CHANCE, the story of a woman who once escaped a serial killer-but might not be so lucky this time around. Kendall Metcalf has made a name for herself as a party planner and has even had a few write-ups in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Along with her business partner, Rebecca Metzner, their focus has been on a big holiday party planned for a big-wig out in the wilds of Montana. Planned, that is, until Rebecca realizes that the madman who almost killed Kendall, Dwight Treadwell, has escaped from prison and is no doubt set on revenge against the woman who didn't die and in fact got him locked away. So she hires Joe Zorn to ditch his skiing vacation and travel, in a blinding snowstorm, to the ranch where Kendall is staying. Ms. Adair's story had me laughing out loud with Kendall's "Ho, Ho, Ho Y'All" shirt, shivering with fear when the psychotic Treadwell showed up, and sighing with delight over the sexual chemistry between bodyguard Joe and Kendall.

SANTA SLAVE by Leanne Banks centers around Hilary Winfree, a graduate student and teaching assistant who is worried about the college student she's been mentoring. Christine, a beautiful girl who'd never been

away from home, had found an ad offering young girls free travel around the world and thousands of dollars in compensation to teach foreign businessmen American customs and manners. Although Hilary had warned Christine that the offer sounded too good to be true, Christine went anyway-and now that she's missing, Hilary takes it upon herself to accept the same position. Unfortunately, she learns all too quickly that these "businessmen" are dealing in human trafficking. Fortunately, someone else is worried about Hilary, and Rick "Chameleon" Santana is on the job. Posing as a prospective "buyer", Rick infiltrates the sordid building where Hilary and a number of other young women are being held, and attempts to buy her way to freedom. Although scary in it's subject matter, SANTA SLAVE deals with the all-too-real problems that face many young women in third-world countries, and the feelings that develop between Hilary and Rick, along with their desire to rescue Christine, make for an interesting story.

Pamela Britton's story, BIG, BAD SANTA, is an absolute delight! Dr. Kaitlyn Logan runs an animal shelter, and has been working for years on a pet project that involves developing a "migratory chip"-an implanted microchip in birds that can be used to actually direct them in a certain direction. Unfortunately, as soon as she writes Senator Prescott with her information and asks for government funding, all sorts of bad events are set in motion. Basically, the chip that she invented to send electronic pulses to a bird's brain and direct it's flight pattern could, if it fell into the wrong hands, be used as the world's first avian weapon-the birds could be outfitted with cameras to spy on the enemy, or even as a biological weapon. Kaitlyn hadn't thought of that, but she wises up pretty quickly when a man named Chase Owens shows up at her shelter, ushers her past a man trying to shoot her, orders her onto his Harley, and whisks her away to safety. He informs Kait that he's been watching her and her place of business for over a week, ever since she wrote the Senator. Now that terrorists are coming out of the woodwork to get their hands on Kait's technology, the only thing keeping her out of harms way is the mysterious stranger on a motorcycle-the same stranger that's causing her to forget all about microchips and instead sending pulses of heat throughout her own body.

Kelsey Roberts brings us KILLER CHRISTMAS, and what a killer it is. Meghan Beckham, the new CEO of Beckhams Department Store in Palm Beach, is a little dismayed to learn that her store's Santas are dropping like flies-literally. One Santa died of a supposed heart attack during his break one day, and the next day the replacement Santa is dead, too-this time, though, the knife sticking out of his once jolly belly points to murder. As does the fact that the dead Santa is propped up on full display in the store's front window. When Jack Palmer shows up to serve as her personal bodyguard, Meghan has a few choice words to say about how it's going to effect her business-but the heat running between the two of them is something else entirely. As Jack vows to keep Meghan safe, and Meghan pledges that no more Santas will die on her watch, the two of them are determined to find out just who is behind the death of Santa Clause, and who wants to see Beckhams close so badly.

If you read no other Christmas anthology this year, make sure you pick up a copy of RED HOT SANTA. You won't be disappointed, but you also won't want to see the stories come to an end!

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## **Melindeeloo says**

Not a lot of 'Ho Ho Ho' in this one but lots of hunky 'knights in shining armor' (well covert agents in black) coming to the rescue of women who are in distress but are not mere damsels. Nice and steamy but my favorite was the third hero Chance, what a sweetie, the first two guys let their heroines to be stew a bit thinking that their rescuers to be were the bad guys - so a little tarnish to the armor.

Snowball's Chance by Cherry Adair - The only victim who got away is the target when a serial killer escapes

from prison.

Santa Slave by Leanne Banks– A woman puts herself in the hands of human traffickers to try to save her friend who fell prey to the villains.

Runaway Santa by Pamela Britton - A veterinarian's innocuous seeming invention has unforeseen potential which makes her a target for those seeking to turn her technology into a weapon.

Killer Christmas - The owner of a fashionable department store acquires a bodyguard when her store 'Santas' keep getting murdered.

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### **Lisa Kay says**

★★★★☆ Some of these were a little darker than I was expecting for the holidays... but they were good.

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### **Christie P. says**

This is another anthology. Four different authors in this one but it's also a little different from some other anthologies. Even though there are four different authors all of the stories are connected. They all have similar plot lines and one character that I believe connects them all.

Some of the stories were better than others. "Snowball's Chance" and "Santa Slave" were the best two in my opinion. The others felt a little flat and lacked the spark I found interesting in these two.

Overall not a bad read, but not the best either.

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### **Julie says**

The title of this book is a little deceptive. Yes, the four stories are romances, some steamy, some just romantic. But, they are mystery suspense stories as well.

The first story is by Cherry Adair. A sole survivor of a serial killer needs protection when the killer escapes and comes after her.

The second story is by Leanne Banks. This story was more on the romantic side. But, in a short span of time the sex slave industry is brought to our attention. I think all the press we can get on this serious issue is good. The SC in this one was toned down, but I think that was appropriate for this story.

The third story was written by Pamela Britton. This was my least favorite. The plot was a bit ridiculous and I didn't like the way the "Hero" behaved.

The last story was by Kelsey Roberts. This story had a real bossy Alpha male type and a strong minded female protagonist. A couple of store Santas are murdered, but the CEO may be the real target.

I enjoyed this one a lot. Christmas themed stories that didn't fit in the traditional mold. Hot romance and taut suspense. Overall a A -

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## **Jellyace says**

5 awesome stars for Cherry Adair.

'Tis the season to be hot and wary. Hehe

I've only read the story written by Cherry Adair since she's one of my favorite on-top-of-my-list author. The very first author who introduced me to the mercenaries lives. You know, bodyguards, FBIs, undercover agents, Navy SEALs, Marines and the likes.

Cherry's Red Hot Santa has only 50 pages so it's a fast read. Short but packed. I thought it will left me hanging but I had a good full swing while reading. I'm satisfied with the plot. Well written. Everything was covered. Action. Romance. Humor. Steamy scenes. I didn't find it lacking.

So if you want a white christmas with a tinge of sexy red heat then this novel is for you.

Two thumbs up plus another two on my toes.

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## **Beverly Diehl says**

A little unusual anthology - four different authors with four different short stories, all themed around an agency where the female owner has determined to save other female victims from the bad guys, in situations where the regular police can't handle the job. All four stories tie back to the agency, find a way to work in Christmas/Santa, and are scorching hot romantic suspense stories.

**SNOWBALL'S CHANCE** - Cherry Adair

Kendall Metcalf has been the only survivor of a crazy but smart serial killer, who's escaped prison and is en route to finish the job. She's snowed in on site at a big house/party site, when Joe Zorn arrives to protect her. Kendall is a sexy and spunky heroine, and Joe is wonderfully sexy, but the whole thread about him previously having been married to the woman whose house Kendall is in, seemed kind of bizarre and unnecessary.

**SANTA SLAVE** - Leanne Banks

Hilary Winfree believes a college student she's been mentoring has been kidnapped by a sex slave ring, so arranges to get herself "hired" by them as well. Rick "Chameleon" Santana arrives to buy/rescue Hilary, and ends up being talked into trying to find/rescue Christine, the college student, as well.

**BIG, BAD SANTA** - Pamela Britton

Dr. Kaitlyn Logan, a vet, has recently applied for grants for her pet project, an implanted microchip for endangered birds that could be used to direct them towards safe areas and away from dangerous ones. Some of the bad guys have gotten wind of this, realizing a) it could work, and b) it could be used as a military weapon. As her clinic is being tear-gassed, Chase Owens rides to the rescue, literally, on a Harley. Loved the sequence where she is having a wet dream about him and he is observing her.

**KILLER CHRISTMAS** - Kelsey Roberts

Meghan Beckham, a poor little rich girl CEO of a Palm Beach department store has survived a car accident

that killed her brother, but now it looks like someone is out to get her. Or Santa Claus, since those employed by the store to fill that role have been ending up dead. Jack Palmer arrives to serve as her bodyguard, and she's not an easy client.

All the stories are very good, very well-written, and hotter than a Christmas fireplace. My main beef is that by the fourth story, the meme of "Oh, no, I \*mustn't\* get physically involved with the woman I'm guarding, it would be so unprofessional and could put her in greater danger," and then he fills her stocking anyway, over and over again, gets a little old.

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### **Karen says**

I think this is a tricky subgenre for short stories. The author needs to fit in exciting action, enough character development for me to care about the central couple, and a happy ending. I liked the Kelsey Robert's story the best out of the batch. Leanne Banks' story didn't age well--there's a reference to Femi-nazis. Overall, all the almost-insta-love and the damsels in distress became a bit aggravating, but suspense really isn't my genre.

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### **Roo Barb says**

Really enjoyed these 4 stories, so much I wish there were more set in and around this agency. I want to know who the boss is and what her story is

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### **Aurian Booklover says**

4 short stories, so I am keeping this review short. Four women in trouble, four bodyguards from the same secret agency are sent to keep them safe. There are cookies. All 8 main characters are gorgeous, and smart, and they all fall in lust at once. And in bed very soon after their first meeting, even though they know that is a bad idea. There is danger, lots of action, the hero defeats the bad guy(s), the ladies are rescued, but that is not the end of their personal story.

I've bought this book for the Cherry Adair story, and I liked that one. The story was predictable, but I liked it.

The Leanne Banks story has a heroine who is smart but who does incredibly stupid things.

I enjoyed the Pamela Britton story, but still have no idea what animals she was researching and saving. Nor why the danger is suddenly gone, when so many bad things could come from her invention.

The Kelsey Roberts story makes me want to read more of her work. Even though I knew who the bad guy/guys is/are, there was depth to the heroine.

6 stars.



## **Robin says**

These are four holiday stories I would classify as romantic suspense. Actually, the stories do not have much to do with Christmas at all, they just happen to be set at that time of year.

I didn't care for the first story by Cherry Adair at all. The heroine and the guy who was sent to rescue her from a serial killer are stuck in a house in the country during a winter storm. The serial killer has broke out of prison and is traveling across the state in order to finish her off. Why is it that a serial killer doesn't have any problem stealing vehicles and driving through a storm, but the local police can't make it 20 miles? My rating: 2 Stars.

The second story by Leanne Banks was very original. After her best friend disappears, Hilary tries to get involved with the same men and is kidnapped into a white slavery ring. Hilary's parents send help in the form of Rick Santana to "buy her". My rating: 3.5 Stars.

My favorite story was by Pamela Britton. Kaitlyn is a scientist who finds herself in the middle of a shoot-out, only to be rescued by a biker. This is an on-the-run story which is one of my favorite themes. It was the only story where I felt the hero and heroine were really in love. My rating: 4.5 Stars.

The last story is by Kelsey Roberts and it has more of a mystery feel than romantic suspense. When Santas are being murdered at a local department store, Jack is sent to watch over the new CEO who he believes is the intended victim. My rating: 3 Stars.

Overall, I would give this book 3.5 Stars.

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