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All that stands between Viscount James Ashworth and a much-anticipated quiet retirement is one simple assignment: protect the Prince Regent at a holiday house party. But there's one thing the seasoned spy didn't count on--his childhood friend, Lady Gwyneth Beaumont, who has blossomed into an enticing, passionate hellion.

Gwyneth has a secret mission of her own: prove she's worthy of joining the Code Breakers, winning the heart of the hard-headed viscount she's loved since they were children. When her spying uncovers a secret so shocking the enemy would kill for it, she's thrown head-first into a dangerous world of intrigue and treachery.

With Ash by her side, Gwyneth is unstoppable. Soon the notorious rake realizes that the woman he'd always considered off-limits is his perfect match, this Christmas and forever after--if only they can survive long enough for that mistletoe kiss.

**Enjoy the passionate, suspenseful Regency world of the Code Breakers, where daring lords and ladies decode the path to happily ever amidst their dangerous, heroic fight against Napoleon's treacherous designs.**

## A Christmas Code Details

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## From Reader Review A Christmas Code for online ebook

### Trish R. says

DNF..

At only 41% I was curious as to whether or not I even wanted to finish this novella. I mean, Gwyneth sounded more like a 16 year old than a grown up, "Oh, Ash, our first real kiss." Or "oh, Ash, I just melt when you kiss me." Really? Could anything sound more teenager-ish. And when they were talking outside the conservatory they both sounded kind of idiotic. This could have been written by a high school student for her Literature or English class. I would have given her/him a B but for an adult to have written this I'd give it a D.

This is my first book by this author and I'm not sure I will read anything else by her. I didn't read the first in this series because I can't stand the name Henrietta for a heroine. Now, this one is so childish.

At 55% I decided I was done. This was too immature for me.

I'm sure there was sex in this book, I just didn't wait to see how descriptive it was. There was no swearing up until the point where I quite.

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### Mindi says

This was a quick fun holiday read. I enjoyed it very much. I received a free copy of this book for a fair honest review.

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### Julie says

A Christmas Code by Jacki Delecki is a 2014 Smashwords release. I was provided a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This novella is centered around Lady Gwyneth Beaumont and Viscount James Ashworth. Ash is a close friend of Gwyneth's brother and he has known Gwyneth since her childhood days. However, she is now a grown woman living in a world of spies. Gwyneth wants to do her part to help her country and has some valuable skills. When it becomes apparent there could be a plot afoot at an upcoming Christmas ball, a ball where the King's son is set to make an appearance, Ash is adamant that Gwyneth not attend the party for her own safety. But, Gwyneth is determined to show Ash how useful she can be and finagles a way into the party anyway, despite Ash's objections. However, the danger is far more serious anyone could have guessed as the deadly holly berry and other poisons seem to be in abundance.

I really enjoyed the games and intrigue in this story. Gwyneth is a very strong character and I loved her insistence on being involved in things. I loved seeing Ash finally realize that he was stifling her with his overprotective nature and if he didn't stop thinking of her as a child he could very well lose her. He has to work hard at changing his view of Gwyneth, but in the end he sees her in a whole new light . As a result he

no longer has to keep her at arm's length.

This is a great book to fit into your holiday reading schedule. It's short so you could read it very quickly and since it's not the usual over emotional sentimental type of Christmas themed romance, it is a nice , light chance of pace, offering intrigue, danger, mystery, and a sweet romance to top it all off. This one is 4 stars.

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### **Cyndi says**

I was on board with a cute little Regency Christmas romance. I stayed with them through the poisonings, spies and even the long-enough-to-have-caused-brain-damage unconsciousness due to a blow on the head. But then they 'jumped the shark' with seeing the Star of Bethlehem. Oh well, still a cute story. ?????

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### **Jeanne Johnston says**

Mercifully short, anyway...

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### **Sarah says**

Actually no, I didn't read the whole thing. It just struck me as tedious. The characters didn't grab me and it seemed to be the all-too-common modern romance in long, swishy ball gowns that too often passes for historical romance.

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### **Renae Rogers says**

This... \*shakes head\* Where to start?

Everything in this story was way too convenient. The Code mentioned in the title has nothing to do with the story. It gets alluded to once but has no bearing on anything else. I didn't believe the heroine was behaving in a way that was consistent with the period the story was set in and her station and experience in life. I just... Aagh! I was frustrated with so much of it. I'm sorry. I tried.

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### **Eileen says**

**I think one needs to read book one to get into this book.**

This book is the 2nd in the series and I didn't read the first. After one chapter I felt like I was missing something...the back story from the first?

I also felt the female lead to be frivolous and self centered. I got very little feeling for the male lead.

So basically I could not get into this book. I will say it seemed well written.

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### **Megan says**

This was embarrassing to read. I felt like I was reading a teenager's first attempt at romance. No more for me.

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### **Tallesa Hamilton moore says**

#### **Not a good read**

Badly written. This book was very disappointing. I wouldn't recommend wasting the time downloading this book. The characters are underdeveloped, and the storyline lacks imagination.

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### **Sherri says**

**Why I Choose this Book:** The absolutely gorgeous cover, along with the holiday theme, is what attracted me to this read.

**Short and Sweet Summary:** Childhood friends that have deeper feelings for each other, team up to prevent an assassination attempt at a Christmas party in Regency England.

**The Characters:** Ash and Gwyneth are each strong-willed and have ideas on how their courtship should progress. As they become embroiled in the assassination plot to kill the Prince Regent, their romance begins to blossom and Ash's protectiveness to Gwyneth is sweet to read. Gwyneth is headstrong at times but she knows what she wants and goes after it with gusto; sometimes a bit too much for her own good. Together they make a believable couple.

**What I Liked:** Plots involving friends that turn into lovers are always a draw for me. A Christmas Code also being a holiday read was perfect to get me into the Christmas spirit. It had enough of the holiday without being too sweet and the intrigue involved with solving the assassination attempt was a nice touch.

**What I Didn't Like:** There could have been a "bit" more romance but other than that I didn't have any major issues with the story.

**The Recap:** A Christmas Code is a fun and sweet read with a touch of intrigue thrown in. It is not a steamy read, but the sweetness fits the story and works perfectly.

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### **Voirrey says**

Oh dear. I don't think this was actually meant to be funny - but it was.

As a kindle freeby which was described as a story of spies and intrigue in Regency England it was worth a shot I thought - it might have led me to read the rest of the series.

Except the writing wasn't very good, the story jerked from scene to scene, there was really very little sense of the period or place, and when I came to the description of someone wearing denim boots I gave up trying to take it in any way seriously.

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### **Dannica Zulestin says**

Read this after downloading it about a year ago. Because it's almost Christmas. :)

But it was not good.

I'm not saying it made me angry. It was just...so dumb. The way the characters always say exactly what they're thinking and the narrator dictates every single emotion. The romance, for example: dictated rather than shown. We're told the FMC has a crush, so she must have a crush. We're told the MMC thinks she's hot, so he must. But we never really see any chemistry, or see their relationship develop and change.

Predictable, poorly characterized and stiff. There was just nothing good about it.

I'm starting to wonder if I'll ever like regency romance.

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### **Katrina Passick Lumsden says**

This is actually a pretty good book. Well written and engaging, the characters are likable and the plot is interesting. I would have rated it higher if the romance had been a bit more satisfying. There wasn't really any buildup.

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### **ABesse says**

As with the last book in this series the dialog between the two main characters is painful to read.

This novella was like eating one of those desserts that are so powerful sweet they make you have a pounding headache and feel sick.

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