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Tis the season... for heartbreak?

Emery Mason is not a fan of the holidays. She's so over the tinsel, the shopping, and all the other trappings of the season. Unfortunately, this year, Em is forced to work -- as an elf! -- at her parents' Santa photo booth at the mall. There, Em meets Alejandro Perez, who works at the hot cocoa shop next door and is always full of holiday spirit. Alex is cute, but he's nothing like Em's real crush -- the brooding and artistic Sawyer Kade.

But the more time Em spends with Alex, the more she realizes that she may not be the Grinch she always thought she was. Soon, a blizzard, a Secret Santa surprise, and a family disagreement throw Em's world upside down. Can Em embrace the magic of the holidays and find the perfect boy to kiss under the mistletoe?

## Hot Cocoa Hearts Details

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**Bianca says**

**Looks like a cheesy book doesn't it? It's actually not that corny, it just sounds corny.** Wait, wait don't leave, I have a plausible reason for reading this:

During my 6th grade year, which was previously two years ago, I was a book noob and I stumbled across one of Suzanne's books "Cake Pop Crush". Of course, my first impression was disgust then it turned into curiosity because there this person who was evidently non-reader who actually seemed like she liked it. *Curiosity killed the cat*, is what they say. So I read it. **I wasn't the type of person to usually read this kind of book, but it was actually entertaining and a feel-good book. And right after reading it, I wanted more, embarrassingly. So this is just one of her books I read.**

**I have to say, none of her books have failed to entertain me because each of her characters overcomes an obstacle that I really want to know how they dealt with it because I can actually relate to it. There's a unique twist in each book, honestly** Plus, I don't mind love interests and the awesome recipes to make them. And sometimes, I just I like to read feel-good stories for amusement, short breaks from studies or just interest.

But, after reading this, I suggest that she doesn't make it look predictable because I could already guess to who it was.

*\*I feel like I did a good review in a long time\**

\*\*\*4.50 Cocoa Stars!!!\*\*\*

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**Kalli Komac says**

For my August/September book of the month I read Hot Cocoa Hearts by Suzanne Nelson. The main character, Emery had a strong dislike for the holidays and was not excited when her family pulls out the Christmas decorations. Emery's spirits are crushed when her parents make her dress up as an elf and work at their Santa photo booth at the mall. Her feelings eventually change when she meets a boy named Alex who works at the hot cocoa stand in the same mall Emery has to work the booth at. Emery immediately falls in love with Alex when she first sees him and later in the book they become very close. He tells her what Christmas is all about and that it should be a time of fun and happiness! Emery learns to love the holidays and has the best Christmas ever!

My love for the holidays spurred me to pick up this book. This book was a very great book and really made me feel passionate about the holidays while I was reading. I personally loved the plot twists and turns about Alex and Emery and their romantic relationship. I really liked how the author only used two main characters, because it helped me stay focused on the book and really understand what I was reading.

I would definitely recommend this book to people who are passionate about the holidays. However, on the other hand I would also recommend this book to teen girls who want to be left on the edge of their seat at the end of each chapter and really learn about how you can make the holidays fun for yourself!

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### **zapkode says**

{My thoughts} – Emery is a sweet girl that is having problems seeing what the big deal about Christmas is. She lost her Grandma and once she lost her she stopped believing in the Christmas Magic, so as to say. Her parents kept trying to help bring her back into the spirit by carrying on with family traditions and such, but she appeared to be stuck on staying, for lack of better wording a Grinch.

Her parents force her to help them with their Holiday photo set up at the mall. While she is helping them, she gets to know a boy named Alex that is working at the local Cocoa shop across the way. They start to become really good friends. He seems to be interested in her as more than friends, but she has her sights set on another boy named Sawyer that she is convinced is perfect for her.

As the story starts to unwind she has to figure out which boy she really does like in that way. She also has to figure out if she is going to be anti-Christmas indefinitely or if she is going to have a change of heart.

I really enjoyed this book. It was everything that you'd expect in a soft crush novel such as it is. I think that any child struggling to be happy with the Holiday's could benefit from reading this book. As for myself, I'm going to start the next book in the series.

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### **Rmssoon says**

So cute i even cried ,, it reminded me of " my new crush gave to u "

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### **Sarah Syed says**

This book was okay, but it could've been better. In the beginning, I thought that Emery was a negative character who never took chances. But as the book went on, Emery took chances when she met this boy named Alex and her personality changes from mad to happy. Emery hates the holidays because it reminds her of her grandmother who passed away. Emery seemed like a gloomy character in the beginning and thought that people would judge her for her actions. I thought that this book was alright but at some parts it could've been better, I didn't like Emery as a character until the middle of the book. Suzanne Nelson is a

good author, but some sections could've been written better, such as Emery not being so selfish in the beginning. Other than that, the ending was surprising, and I recommend this book to anybody who likes a good surprise.

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### **Jeannie Z. says**

No offense to the author, but this book really didn't impress me as much as I wanted it too. The main protagonist of the story gave me the impression that she was very dark and ,yes I'll say it, goth. It even showed in her passion, photography, in a very unique way that I didn't happen to care for, to me she gave off the vibe of being in a mild case of depression with a fatalistic attitude. Emery's friend group is also questionable and so is her crush. I personally like to see the sunny side of life, which is the reason I stopped this book early and will not continue to read it. As I continue the series, I hope to find the other books enjoyable.

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### **Brianna says**

school's been time-consuming, so i thought i would pick up a short and light book. i liked this novel but didn't love it. also, the cover makes me hungry.

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### **Morgan Hurula says**

so far it sounds very good although I'm not that far on the book I look forward to reading it

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### **Andrew says**

Cheesy! Adorable! Christmas!!!

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### **Lauren says**

I really liked this book. It is about a girl named Emery who absolutely hates Christmas after her grandma died. But she has to deal with all the Christmas spirit because her mom and dad work at the North Pole Wonderland and she has to be one of santa's elf's. Emery is so scared that her crush Sawyer is going to see her in her elf costume. But Emery has a change of heart by a different boy named Alex which she finds out something different about here self.

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### **Jeana says**

I just finished this cute book about a girl who hates Christmas because she's grieving the loss of her much-

loved grandmother. There's also a middle school love triangle and a hot cocoa store. I read it to my 9-year-old at bedtime and she really liked it, although the kiss at the end made her blush. That was adorable! Really cute book! We can't wait to read more of the series!

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### **Kameryn says**

Like all the books in this series, this book was very cheesy. But this book was my favorite one out of all the books I read from this author. I liked it because even though it was cheesy at some points, it was the least cheesy out of all the books. So I definably recommend this book out of the other ones. It was a pretty good storyline.

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### **Ms. Yingling says**

Emily's family has a Photos With Santa booth at the mall, and work with a local cocoa shop to try to increase business. Emily is not pleased with having to work as an elf, but is intrigued by Alex, the grandson of the cocoa shop owner. Emily is part of the "Undergrounds" group at school with her best friend Jez, and has a huge crush on the arty and swoonworthy Sawyer. Since her grandmother's death, Emily doesn't really feel like celebrating Christmas, but when her homeroom at school does a Secret Santa gift exchange and Sawyer is her Secret Santa, she enjoys it a little more. After a somewhat disastrous first kiss with Sawyer, Emily starts to doubt that he is the right boy for her, but finds that she has lots in common with Alex.

All of these books have realistic settings in different cities and towns, characters from different cultural backgrounds, and sweet romances. I enjoyed them all, even if I didn't quite see the "Undergrounds" group, and knew that Sawyer was a dud from the get go.

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### **Sierra Chandler says**

Emery Mason does not like holidays but sadly Emery has to work at her parents photo booth for Santa at the mall. At the mall Emery meets Alejandro Perez, who works at the hot cocoa shop next door. Emery thinks Alejandro is cute but he is nothing like her real crush. The more time Emery spends with Alejandro the more she realizes that she may not be the Grinch she thought she was, soon a blizzard and a Secret Santa surprise throw Emerys world upside. Emery is trying to embrace the magic of the holidays and find the perfect boy to kiss under the mistletoe. I thought this book was good and I would recomend this book to a fourth or fifth grader.

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### **PalmTree says**

I liked the story. It was low on drama and mostly a love story, which are good proportions for a book. I recommend it.

