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Maddie LaRocque loses her job two months before Christmas. Undeterred, she starts a gift wrapping business in the lobby of an historic building in downtown Calgary. When she falls into the arms of Brent, the building's maintenance man, it looks as though Christmas might have come early. But it turns out that Brent isn't the man she thought he was. *Gift Wrapped for Christmas* is a heartfelt romance about real people in real situations. Enjoy!

Bonus Feature: This book includes an excerpt from *Fallen Angel*.

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booklover4life says

3.5 Stars!

This was a quick contemporary romance that hit the spot. After having read so many dark and angst filled books lately, this was the perfect book to lighten things up. The characters were likable, there wasn't a lot of drama, and it was a clean read. I definitely enjoyed it.

Debbie Oxier says

I enjoyed this holiday story which was actually two love stories being told at the same time. Maddie and Lily are roommates. Maddie has just been laid off from her job in the Drummond Building when the story opens while Lily, who runs her own screen printing company and designs clothes is busy working. When Maddie has a brief encounter with Chase Drummond, the building's owner, she doesn't realize just how beneficial it will be for both of them.

When an opportunity opens up for Maddie to start her own personal shopping and gift wrapping business, she knows just the place to start it. There's a small space available on the ground floor of the Drummond Building. When she talks to Chase he thinks it's a great idea and gives it his full backing. While there, Maddie meets his ten-year-old niece, Annie, and gets her first glimpse of Chase's brother, Brent. And it's through Maddie and Annie that Chase is introduced to Lily.

What follows is a couple of sweet romances where two brothers are attracted to the two roommates. Of course, there is trouble along the way. Misunderstandings, hurt feelings, and the nasty other woman make this a nice way to spend an afternoon.

Rebecca Carter says

Quite fluffy and extremely predictable. Read in an attempt to make it feel like Christmas, however it didn't achieve what I hoped it would. Recommend if you're after an extremely easy read which doesn't require any thought or some stereotypical chick lit.

Sandy S says

GIFT WRAPPED FOR CHRISTMAS by Mona Ingram

GIFT WRAPPED FOR CHRISTMAS is the perfect romantic holiday storyline for everyone looking for a HEA. And as an added bonus, Mona offers up two love stories for the price of one. And in saying that, Mona does not come out and address the leading storyline couple in the beginning, in fact, you begin to wonder who the premise is about. But in all due time, you discover that the love of your life may be standing in the

same room or sitting across from you at the same table.

Two months before Christmas and Maddie LaRoque has lost her position at a Calgary accounting firm in the Drummond building. With no potential prospects on the horizon, Maddie begins to outline a plan to set up her own business in the same building where she once worked. To lease the empty storefront, Maddie must engage Chase Drummond-billionaire owner of Drummond Enterprises. And to no one's surprise Chase is as handsome as he is rich, but Maddie is more interested in the building's maintenance man who does something to Maddie that she hasn't felt in a long time.

When Chase's 10 year old niece Annie desires to be a fashion designer, we are introduced to Maddie's BFF and roommate Lily-a fashion designer who owns her own company and a woman who will play an integral role in Chase Drummond's life. When Lily and Chase are finally introduced, Lily is quick to point out to Maddie that she is tired of playing the beautiful arm candy to rich men trying to make an impression in the world of business. Both Maddie and Lily have suffered some amazing heartbreaks at the hands of men with whom they were in love. And the pattern seems to continue when Chase's attraction to Lily seems to be marred by the continuous photographs of him appearing with his 'fiance ' at public events.

Maddie will soon discover that the man she is drawn to is not the man she thought.. And it is no surprise to Maddie when she discovers that this man appears to have difficulty in the honesty department-betrayal and heartbreak greet Maddie with every waking day. Both Lily and Maddie find themselves devastated that old habits die hard when they fall in love with men who appear to be already committed to someone else.

GIFT WRAPPED FOR CHRISTMAS is a heartwarming and romantic tale about two women who have suffered betrayal and heartbreak, and who finally believe they have found the right man. Add a couple of manipulative and greedy women looking to land a billionaire of their own, and you have the ingredients for a potential cat fight, but Lily and Maddie are beyond the games, and each will chose to handle their disappointment and heartbreak they only way they can. *Gift Wrapped for Christmas* is a great story to curl up under a blanket with the fireplace glowing.

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Kylie Sheridan says

Hard time following the story at the start I felt the characters names were mixed around in error. Later in the book almost at the end it occurred again. I think editing was dropped on the book. There was no real story feel more like just words on the page.

Sandra Gaultois says

A nice light Christmas story. I enjoyed it :)

Laura Moss says

Quick, easy read. Sweet and romantic, yet clean. Perfect length for holiday traveling.

Blodeuedd Finland says

I really should have read the blurb, but an ebook is an ebook...

So I was all Maddie likes Chase? She met this hot guy, then he meets her friend and goes all gaga over her. I was all whaat?

Oh but it all makes sense. The book is about Maddie meeting Chase's brother and falling for him. And Chase falling for Maddie's bestie.

All while Maddie becomes friend with Annie, their niece.

When I got over the what is going on shock, it turned nice. It's a sweet romance with a xmas theme. Perfect for xmas.

But be warned, there be bitches in it. Woman can be so evil, and men can be such asshats.

Tammy Ambrose says

I didn't get much of a feel good Christmas story from this one. First off I was surprised to find I was getting two love stories in one. Two roommates/best friends fall for two brothers. There were constant mix ups concerning old girl friends and an old boyfriend that were predictable and a little annoying. The story would have been so much better with them and time spent letting the characters know and fall in love. It was instalove without much interaction. I loved the addition of the little girl, Annie, she was the saving grace in this story.

Lynn says

[No, no sex at all (hide spoiler)]

Marie Mckenney says

Love this family story.

Maddie and Lily are roommates. Maddie meets Chase first in the elevator. He owns the building she was leaving. She had been laid off her job and needed to find work. She ends up with an ideal and decides to rent some space in her old building. She has to talk to Chase. She meets his niece who they are raising. Maddie and Annie connect. They go out for tea while waiting for her uncle. Her roommate comes by. Chase comes along and Clicks with Lily. Maddie is setting up her new space and Brett helps her. She thinks he is the maintenance man but it is Chase's brother and Annie's other uncle. They click. Things happen between the two couples. The craziness of each couple is so cute and Annie is a cute little girl. Love these couple and

how Annie blends them together. Love these Christmas books.

Sarah Butland says

Such an adorable read! With unexpected relationship complications keeping this tale of romance even more compelling, I fell in love with all of its characters; in a way even the ones who shouldn't be lovable.

The story starts with Maddie being laid off and being glad that she is - teaching us all a lesson of acceptance and confidence. Then she meets a man but not just any man, a rich and handsome man who, she quickly finds out, is buying a gift for a ten year old girl.

A heart-warming holiday romance filled with emotion, *A Family For Christmas* will pull at your heart ribbons and turn them in to bows... or fallen tinsel - you'll need to read it to find out!

Thanks for reading,

Sarah Butland

Kirsty Wenn says

I really enjoyed this Christmas themed romance. There was a lot going on in this book, and there was a bit of a twist from what I was expecting, which was a nice surprise. I adored Annie, and I really enjoyed watching, what turned out to be, two romances unfold. My only reservation is that the two couples in this book don't spend very much time together, but this didn't affect my enjoyment of the story, as the author still made it seem believable. Overall, there was plenty of warmth and heart in this romance, and it was a great read for the Christmas season!

Jodi Cain says

What a wonderful read. Brent, Chase, Maddie, Lily & Annie are lucky to find each other. Annie has been through so much to be so young. Her two uncles adore her like no one else. Maddie & Lily have been friends forever. It was so good to read a book that was upbeat and loving. Don't get me wrong there were some heartbreak things that came up, that made me cry. The ending was so worth it though.

Gina says

A fun holiday read with not one, but two delicious heroes and two sassy heroines. When Maddie is laid off from her job at an accounting firm, she faces a crossroads. What to do next? Accounting really isn't what she wants. After a fateful conversation in the building's elevator with corporate mogul Chase Drummond, she has a terrific idea: why not start a holiday shopping and gift wrapping service for people too busy or clueless to find the perfect gift? With help from Chase and his brother, Brett, Maddie's soon on her way. And while Maddie's smitten with Brett, Chase is attracted to her roommate, Lily. The Drummonds' orphaned niece is

charming without being saccharine. This is a wonderful, feel-good story, perfect to get you in the holiday spirit!
