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She'd inherited \$150 million, but all Pandora McVie wants is her uncle back and her infuriating co-beneficiary, Michael Donohue, gone. But that isn't part of the plan - one that isolates them both in a Catskills mansion for six months. Pandora knows it won't be easy living with Michael, but the hardest thing of all might be not falling in love with the man!

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### **Sue says**

3.5

Two strong, opinionated people are forced by a stipulation in a will to spend six months together, will they make it? Will they fall in love? I think it's obvious but then again this genre is not known for surprises but then again we do enjoy the journey.

This journey was quite good and the dialog was fun.

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### **Thebookofmama says**

vraiment un super livre je lis très peu de contemporain mais avec les fêtes qui arrive j'avais envie de lire un livre qui se passe pendant noël je l'ai lu en a peine un jour c'était vraiment addictifs je ne voulais pas m'arrêter en plus de l'histoire d'amour il y a un petit mystère a élucidé ceatut pas mal du tout en sachant que ça fait un mois que je suis sur heartless de marissa meyer et que je narriveais plus à lire ça ma remis dans al lecture

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### **Gaysel says**

The story was not spectacular but it certainly wasn't boring either. It kept me wanting to read more and I was also a little 'scared' at times for Pandora. A good read.

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### **Chrys says**

Very entertaining read! Michael and Pandora have never had anything in common besides loving their Uncle Jolly, an old millionaire who loves pranks and having a good laugh. So when Uncle Jolly dies and leaves them a fortune on the condition that they live together for six months, Michael and Pandora find themselves trapped together in a situation they could have never foreseen. But when bickering transforms into attraction, they start wondering whether Uncle Jolly had planned for them a future that they had not imagined for themselves.

This book was very refreshing and different from Nora's usual books. I realized then that it was written in 1986, so maybe that is why it is not as formulaic as her more recent stuff (don't hate me Nora Roberts fans, I still love her and read all her stuff). I thought the plot fairly original, and although I found the character of Pandora annoying, the chemistry and dialogue between her and Michael were so amusing I would not have her be anything different. If you like romance and mystery, I am sure "A Will and a Way" will keep you entertained.

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### **Soraia says**

Such a basic story. I read it in a couple of hours

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### **Charlotte Griggs says**

It took me a minute to get into this book, but once I did, it read smoothly. Pandora and Michael are devastated by the loss of their Uncle Folley. In his will, Folley leaves the two his entire estate including millions of dollars. They each will receive 50% of everything under one condition - they have to stay in the house for 6 months, together.

This issue is, Michael and Pandora are not particularly fond of each other. In fact, if it wasn't for their uncle, they'd never have known each other. At first, they find a way to coexist without getting in each others way. After awhile, things start heating up between the two and they slowly find themselves craving more of each other.

Between them figuring out each other, someone has been sending them threats. The threats start off small - vandalising Pandora's workshop, breaking in Michael's apartment. But the threats start becoming more threatening - cutting the break lines in both vehicles, sending poisoned champagne.

Between all this, Michael and Pandora's relationship develops. They both have intense feelings for each other, but both let their pride get in the way. Pandora can't imagine Michael wanting to settle with her. Michael can't figure Pandora out.

When the threats become life threatening, Michael decides to take matters into his own hands. They come up with an act and invite the whole family over for a dinner party. In the end, it comes out that everyone played a part.

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### **Andreia Silva says**

Pandora e Michael conhecem-se desde sempre uma vez que são primos afastados e foram os únicos a contactar com o tio abastado e dono de um património grande. Quando morre, deixa um testamento peculiar para a maioria da família (que não acha lá muita piada) e uma exigência aos dois: viverem 6 meses na casa que ambos tão bem conhecem.

Ora, como é óbvio, eles não acham muita graça a isso mas, como gostam muito da casa e não a querem perder para ninguém, entram no esquema. E pouco a pouco lá se vão tolerando, mesmo quando começam a acontecer tentativas de distúrbio. E isso dá dinâmica ao livro. Não é restringido ao romance e à passagem de uma antipatia para uma paixão intensa.

É um livro, tal como se quer ao pegar nele, descontraído, leve, bem-humorado e, acima de tudo, romântico. Existe uma interacção bem feita entre os personagens principais (e quase únicos na história) que a torna credível. Gosto que a Nora tenha colocado uma pontinha mínima de mistério ali no meio, apesar de o

desfecho ser óbvio. Gostei muito!

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### **IamGamz says**

A lovely who-dun-it, enemies to lovers story.

The H and h's favorite uncle (they are cousins by marriage, not blood related) left them his entire fortune, including his home filled with priceless objects, while leaving the rest of the family with nothing. The h and H would inherit with one caveat; they live together in the house for 6 months.

The h and H aggravate the heck out of each other. So the family assumed that they would never make it. Until they realized that they were actually doing it. That's when random acts of mischief began happening. They all seemed harmless, but could have been dangerous. The problem was who was behind it all. Which family member?

I really enjoyed this book. Pandora, the h, was fabulous! I visualized her looking like Katherine Hepburn. She just seemed to have so many of Kate's mannerisms. And Michael, well, he was easily Cary Grant to me. He was Cary Grant in "His Girl Friday".

It made the book that much more enjoyable for me to see the characters come to life as two of my all time favorite actors.

A definitely wonderful read.

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### **Maria says**

This is an interesting story about two people who 'hate' each other (but probably conveniently play off each other instead). They get stuck in the same huge mansion for six months to save said mansion from their power/wealth-hungry relatives. It's an interesting story, and I like Nora Roberts' style, but it wasn't the best book.

At the time though, it was a great way to get my mind off my 'harder' books, and it was available. I needed a romance at the time. It wasn't frothy like a lot of the things I like to read when my brain is dead, but the abruptness of the style was a wonderful change. Recommended for a couple of hours of getting lost in a book, when you can't tackle anything else.

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### **Anita says**

I read this book many, *many* years ago, BG (Before Goodreads). I remembered it during the very sad and moving scene when Pandora's workshop is vandalized. I really like this book. It is an early Nora from 1986, but it doesn't look its' age at all. Loved the H/h and their enemies to lovers story. I especially loved the way they decided early on that the other was not the enemy and decided to work together and then they fell in lust, then in love. Great Nora Romance.

Jolley McVie was quite a character. A personality that his family kindly called eccentric and he called then blood sucking . . . Well, Jollie has the last laugh when he leaves his 150 million fortune to Pandora McVie and Michael Donahue . . . IF they can stay together at Jolley's Folly for six months. Well this does not set well with the other heirs and . . . well, lots of nasty things start to occur to derail this plan.

It isn't long before Michael and Pandora realize that living together is going to bring out all kinds of feelings both of them never thought they would ever acknowledge. When the nasty pranks start happening, they decide that they really want to honor Jolley's wishes and will do what it takes to make peace with each other, even falling in love.

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### **Ann says**

Reading challenge #24 A book set during Christmas

A Will and a Way was a nice and enjoyable book. Pandora and Michael, distant relatives, lose their beloved uncle but inherit his manor and a lot of money if they manage to live together for six months.

They have known each other since they were little, for some reason they annoy each other. During the six months Pandora and Michael get to know each other in more intimate basis and of course realise they have loved one another for years.

Other relatives who did not get much from uncle Jolly's will try to sabotage the couple to gain the property and money for themselves.

English is not my mother tongue. Pandora and Michael are cousins. This means they are related, right? And they are a couple?

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### **Carla Ramos says**

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Não gostei particularmente das personagens, pareceram-me sempre distantes, a parte do mistério acabou por ser a mais interessante :)

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### **Vicki says**

Sweet and simple.

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### **Susan says**

This was an easy read and I started off okay with it, but I really had trouble with the hero and heroine being cousins and having a relationship. I may have been able to get past them being cousins by marriage, but all

throughout the book they kept calling each other "cousin" and the kissing cousin thing creeped me out. A lot. I stuck it out because I really hate giving up on books. It's doubtful I would have gone three stars even without that. It was fast and easy, but not certainly not fabulous.

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## **Lauren says**

### **A Will and A Way**

3.5 Stars

When her beloved uncle Jolley dies, Pandora is not only devastated but also furious as the eccentric old coot has left her his entire fortune with one condition ... she must share it with Michael Donahue, a distant cousin by marriage who has always been her nemesis. Michael is none too happy to learn that he will have to spend six months in close quarters with the one woman who rubs him the wrong way ... or is it that they rub each other the right way?

Michael and Pandora have great chemistry and their love/hate banter is entertaining. Of course, it doesn't hurt that the enemies to lovers trope is one of my favorites. Despite their initial animosity, there is thankfully very little angst as Pandora and Michael communicate with one another rather than falling into the silly misunderstandings trap.

The minor suspense plot adds an additional layer of tension to the story and the romance although the explanation and resolution are predictable.

As this is one of Nora's earlier standalone contemporary romances, there are certain things that make it feel dated such as the fact that Michael and Pandora are in dire need of cellphones.

All in all, an easygoing read for those in need of some lighter fare.

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