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*What goes better with mistletoe and merriment than the sweet beginnings of romance?*

## **“Christmas Passed” by Fern Michaels**

Three years after her husband’s death, Brandy Heyers still finds that celebrating the holidays without him is anything but jolly. Then handsome widower Ryan Rogers shows her that moving on is possible, and her frozen heart begins to melt...

## **“A Glory Junction Christmas” by Stacy Finz**

When Hannah Baldwin hears her ex is getting remarried, she’s ready to give up on Christmas, not to mention love. But the best gifts come in unexpected packages, and old friend Josh Garner is just the man to convince her that the coming New Year is going to be the happiest yet...

## **“Moonshine and Mistletoe” by Sarah Title**

A holiday fling is all Emma Fallader expects when she meets gorgeous fiddler Abe Tate at her friend’s wedding—but after just days together, it isn’t all she wants. Can the spirit of the season work its special magic for two people separated by more than miles?

## **“An Apple Valley Christmas” by Shirlee McCoy**

Now that her beloved dad is gone, Emma Baily is facing the holidays alone—until her ex, Jack McAllister, shows up to help her close her father’s estate. After four years apart, only the magic of Christmas will show Emma that joy is a gift meant to be shared...

## **The Most Wonderful Time Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Most Wonderful Time for online ebook**

### **Dotty Metcalf says**

Sweet stories...boy meets girl and all is well in the end. Some “steamy” moments but well done. I enjoyed reading this book but all becomes similar after a few reads of Fern Michaels. No real twists or turns that don’t have a good outcome.

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### **Kathryn says**

I received this as an e-ARC from the publisher through NetGalley. I only read the first 2 stories, Christmas Passed by Fern Michaels and a Glory Junction Christmas by Stacy Finz and really enjoyed them. Stacy Finz is one of my newer favorite authors and Fern Michaels I had never read although I have heard of her. The other 2 stories, I tried reading, but they just didn't appeal to me and when you have a huge TBR pile, why force yourself to read something you don't enjoy.

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### **Gail says**

I gave the book 4 stars instead of 5 because the one of the four stories I did not like and could not get into it...Moonshine and Mistletoe by Sarah Title.....The other three stories were amazing and I loved every minute of them! Christmas Passed by Fern Michaels, A Glory Junction Christmas by Stacy Finz and An Apple Valley Christmas by Shirley McCoy. They are Christmas romance stories about starting over and second chances. They drew me right into the stories and made me feel the Christmas spirit.

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### **Paula Wallis says**

Was a good selection of short stories - I don't think I realised when I got this book that it was short stories and so got to end of first one and was a bit disappointed that it had ended but ended up enjoying all the stories for what they were, was an easy read

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### **Heather says**

I liked these stories for the most part. The exception was the very first story. I could not believe a mother would not notice her kids for 3 years. The story also did not remedy Brandy in my eyes. I did not feel the least sympathy for her and felt like someone should have come and taking her kids away from her. She also did not deserve the hero. Maybe if the time had not been as long, I would have had more sympathy, but I felt was sorry for the kids and disgust at the mother. That story almost caused me to quit reading the book, however the other stories were good. They were cute and quick and really changed what would have been a

horrible review.

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### **Vanessa says**

This a great, quick read for the holiday season and all four are feel-good stories. The fourth story, An Apple Valley Christmas by Shirlee McCoy, was my favorite. If you're a lover of sweet romances with realistic characters, this is a nice option! I don't usually read romances, but these stories were a nice break from the darker, more serious books I typically consume.

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### **Ann says**

4 short stories with the Christmas theme and new beginnings. These well known authors , Fern Michaels, Stacy Finz, Sarah Title, and Shirlee McCoy have presented you a wide variety of Christmas celebrations. My favorite, An Apple Valley Christmas takes Emma from a previous book and gives her a love story that is very special. All are well written and quick reads.

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### **Candace says**

Four short stories by Fern Michaels, Stacy Finz, Sarah Title and Shirlee McCoy. All the stories have a Christmas theme. They are sweet and HEA.

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### **Gill says**

I loved these short stories that took place at Christmas. My favorite was the one by Stacy Finz and I'm looking forward to reading more of her work. I loved the snowy, California town her story was set in and the characters. Like most collections of shorts, I was sometimes left wishing for a full novel.

Won this book in a giveaway by Stacy Finz (not obligated to review).

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### **Artemiz says**

The Most Wonderful Time is an sweet Christmas romance anthology. They are in a way all the same but also all very different. In these four stories there is getting over loss, there are weddings, finding the long lost love, there are relatives, who nudge/push the happy couple together and the end is always the same - two lost souls find each other.

A sweet holiday read.

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## AnnMarie says

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME collection of stories was a real pleasure to read. There's a perfect combination of sweet and sexy and each story had me smiling and in the festive spirit while I read them. It's a great introduction to authors you might not have heard of before, and who I am sure you will want to add to your list of authors that you want to read more from.

CHRISTMAS PAST by Fern Michaels is a feel good story with such sweetness it will either make you want to grab the sick bucket, or like me, make you smile and put you into the festive spirit.

Brandy lost her husband 3 years ago, and is a mess. She barely functions, and then it's only because she has two teenage children to look after. She hates Christmas because it was around then that her Christmas loving husband died. To even think of enjoying the festive season after his death is an anathema to her. Her children are rebelling, her house is a mess, and her funds are running out. Her best friend comes to the rescue though and tells her of a part time job that she would love. Necessity makes her take it and from there many changes start to occur for her.

Ryan lost his wife 6 years ago. He has an eight year old daughter and she has more than helped him through his grief process. He's been going to a grief counselling group in the local library for years and it's there that he meets Brandy. Shockingly, for the first time since her husband died, Brandy feels attracted to a man. Can Ryan help her move past her grief, and perhaps be the new man in her life.

### A GLORY JUNCTION CHRISTMAS by Stacy Finz

Where the previous book in this anthology was sweet, sweet, sweet, this book was hot hot hot.

Hannah Baldwin's ex is getting re-married, and although she is well and truly over it, it still sucks that all the preparations for the event are in her face 24/7. She hasn't got a boyfriend, hasn't really been interested in one either. Her marriage was hard work and she's been enjoying some time just for herself.

Josh is Hannah's ex's best friend. The whole time they were dating, Josh made it known that he didn't like her. Most likely he was jealous because he didn't have his best mate to himself all the time. It annoyed Hannah a lot especially as there was a time before she even met her ex, that she quite fancied Josh. Anyway not long after the couple married, Josh joined the army. He was severely injured and has had to come home.

When the two of them meet there are definite sparks of attraction there and it isn't too long before they act on them. Sadly Josh is still coming to terms with his 'disability' and Hannah can't cope with an angry boyfriend, she had a hard enough time with her angry husband. They decide maybe it's best if they just stay friends. Is that going to be possible? Can they sort through their emotional baggage and be more?

### MOONSHINE AND MISTLETOE by Sarah Title

What a great story this one it. My very first book with a gay wedding. Also a book with an ending that I absolutely wasn't expecting.

It's setting is in a little ol' town that most people need to escape in order to make something of themselves.

Abe, a musician has moved away in order to become famous in Nashville, but so far it just isn't happening. Emma is a certified Librarian, she loves all things books and she lives in big smoke. She has spent more time studying to be a Librarian including now writing a dissertation, than she has being an actual grass roots librarian.

Abe's cousin Daniel, and his boyfriend, Emma's friend, Kevin are getting married. The event is what introduces the couple. Sparks fly between them, but they both need to focus on their careers, which means they both need to fight their attraction. Can they keep away from each other? We know for a fact neither of them want to change their futures.

#### AN APPLE VALLEY CHRISTMAS by Shirlee McCoy

An enjoyable short story that makes you smile when our hard done by heroine finally gets some light in her life. It's a lovely feel good story with a little bit of Christmas magic thrown in and it's the perfect book to end this collection.

Emma has been living with and looking after her father for the last 4 years when he was suffering from dementia. He was never an easy man to even like, and during his illness he was even worse. A stroke finally took his life, and the story begins at the cemetery just after the burial. Emma is one of 10 children, and not one of the others attended their father's funeral. None of them liked him, and weren't going to be hypocrites by making any effort to attend. Adam, one of her siblings would have attended if he could have, but he is in the army and abroad. He hated the idea of Emma being on her own, so arranged for his best friend to go to the funeral and then to stay with Emma at the house to help her settle things. She wants to sell all the antiques in the house, then the house itself.

Jack MaCallister is in the business of antiques. He is the best one to help Emma sell everything, and to help her sort out selling the house. He is also Adam's best friend, and Emma's ex boyfriend from many years ago. They had mutually agreed to split up, but both secretly wished in hindsight that they hadn't. You can imagine Emma's shock when Jack turns up at the cemetery, late, but at least he was there. Their first meeting wasn't a comfortable one and that was before Emma even realised what Adam had asked Jack to do for her!

Will she accept Jack's help, will old feelings come to the fore, and can they both fight them, should they even try?

I voluntarily reviewed an Advanced Readers Copy of this book.

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#### **Jeanne says**

A nice collection of holiday romance stories -- very typical, happy endings. 4 out of 10.

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#### **Melena Torretta says**

I picked this up to read Stacy Finz's novella about Josh Garner and Shirlee McCoy's Apple Valley story.

Both were sweet stories set at Christmas, and I liked seeing familiar characters popping up throughout.

Though the plots were well paced and fit the novella set up, I do wish that they were full length novels because I enjoyed them so much!

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### **Mary says**

#### **3 of the 4 stories were great**

Loved three of the stories they were really good true romantic and Christmassy. The other one was a bit weird but still okay just not as good as the other 3.

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### **Linda Jung says**

Good simple Christmas stories for the holiday

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