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Wishes for love bring hope from above.

Shirley, Goodness, and Mercy—three willing but sometimes wayward angels—are each given someone's prayer to answer . . .

Shirley: She's sent to help nine-year-old Timmy Potter, who longs for a new father. And although his mother, Jody, has vowed never to trust any man, Shirley is determined to help her love again.

Goodness: She knows Monica Fischer longs for a husband and home of her own, but the young woman has practically given up on finding the right man to stand by her side . . . until Goodness steps in to help.

Mercy: Can Mercy bring hope back into Leah Lundberg's life? This maternity nurse desperately wants a child to fill up the home she's made with her husband, Andrew.

But there's just one catch: Each angel must teach her charge a memorable lesson before the prayer can be granted . . .

## A Season of Angels Details

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## Kate says

Wanted to read something fluffy and uplifting for the holiday, and I like the Mrs. Miracle movies on Hallmark, so decided to give this book a try. It actually made me angry. Two of the plotlines are fine, with nearly three dimensional characters and complex emotional dilemmas played out in a believable if wooden way. One of them is resolved rather abruptly with a ludicrous plot twist from out of left field that vindicates a batty old woman in serious need of grief counseling, but whatever.

Then there's Monica's story, which appears to be a manuscript penned by a hormonal teenager after binging on old Harlequin Presents that got shuffled in with Ms. Macomber's book by accident. Monica is thoroughly unlikeable and fairly unbelievable, and somehow develops a deep and abiding love for a man she's knows absolutely nothing about, except that he also likes coffee and BLTs? Nothing about this storyline made any sense, and without it I might have opted for 2 or even 3 stars.

I will be sticking with Hallmark movies for a hit of holiday fluff.

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## Fatini Zulkifli says

Have to rate it five stars because I learn a lot from this novel that has been on the shelf for six years. Should have read this novel years ago.

We know that "angels help believers", this novel shows how. Sometimes the angel works for Plan A, but humans walk towards Plan B which has been designed by God and the angels have no idea of His plan. Some of the lines, even though it was spoken by Character 1 to Character 2, but it felt like the speaker was talking to me. It hits home man...

"For the first time since you entered your twenties you've taken eyes off yourself. You've worked so hard to do the right thing, to be the perfect example of God's love to others. Soon you focused all your efforts on yourself and how good you were. It was then that you started to notice flaws in others. It became a vicious circle and I couldn't seem to reach you with the truth," (p. 294)

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## Darlene Mindrup says

I would have enjoyed it more if it didn't have so much cussing in it. Just about every other page had cussing, and that just doesn't seem to go with angels and Christmas.

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### **Sharon Mariampillai says**

This was a great read. I really enjoy the story lines and the angels. They were hilarious. I liked this Christian novel. The series looks great. Can't wait to read more of the books. A great Christian feel-good novel that will not disappoint. Overall, a nice comedic Christian read.

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### **Matty-Swytla says**

As stated before in my comments, I don't do syrupy, contrived and overly saccharine plots with crazy angels and cartoonish people. Just no. No couple was believable, least of all the magical return of Jody's husband. He fancied a trip to East Berlin and got himself thrown into Russian prison for over 7 years then returned home as if he still had the right. No phone call, nothing. I'd sooner beat him up for doing that to his family and son than accept him with open arms like it was implied here. There's something called decency and common sense people, and this book ain't got it.

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### **Linda Van Wert says**

A light and easy book to read to get me through the last week of school. Finished it this morning. When three willing but wacky angels — called Shirley, Goodness, and Mercy — are giving Christmas prayer request to answer, there's just one catch: each angel must teach her charge a memorable lesson before the wish can be granted.

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### **Jeanine Lent says**

I always look forward to books in the series with the 3 angels, Shirley, Goodness & Mercy. All of them get assigned to a case together, usually around Christmas. People pray to God, & the angel Gabriel gives out the assignments. There are usually 3 cases, & each angel gets one case; but they work together. They usually get into some mischief along the way, too. They surely can try the patience of the angel Gabriel. :)

There were 3 cases this Christmas. One woman, Leah, prayed that God would finally allow her to have a baby. One woman, a preacher's daughter, asked to get a husband. One prayer was from a little boy, who wanted to get a dad for Christmas.

Leah & her husband, Andrew, have been unable to conceive a baby for a long time. She is so unhappy & can't enjoy anything else in life, not even her husband. They even tried adoption, but that did not work out either. Can she ever make peace with this situation & start to enjoy life again?

Monica, who is the 25 year old daughter of a preacher, tried to do the right thing so much that she has crossed the line & has become a self-righteous, prudish woman. Can she change her judgmental ways & open up to love? Will it be the "right" man?

Jody finds a letter that her 9 year old son, Timmy, wrote to God. He asked God for a dad for Christmas. He never knew his father, who died 8 years ago. He wants his mother to marry someone so he can have a real dad. But Jody has been living with her heart surrounded in the pain of grief, for the past 8 years. Will she be able to help her son? Can she let go of her late husband, Jeff, & start to live again?

Those of you who are familiar with Debbie Macomber's books know that things are not necessarily how they seem. There are usually surprises, twists & turns that seem to come out of left field. Nothing is ever boring in these books. I couldn't put the book down. Just because things seem to be going in one direction does not mean they will definitely end up there.

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## **Marsha Spohn says**

Reviewed at Heart Full of Christmas

Part of my Christmas reading tradition always, without fail no matter the time crunch, includes at least one if not all of the stories in the Angels Everywhere series. Paperbacks, now yellowed with age and slightly frayed around the edges, the earlier books remain on one of my "keeper shelves" year-round for I often find the need for an uplifting, entertaining and funny reminder of the good things in life and beyond. I probably should replace the physical books with Kindle editions soon... but there's something about the memories that flow through me holding on to those physical books as Shirley, Goodness and Mercy once again take me on another adventure with life lessons learned and love flowing.

A Season of Angels first introduced us to this angelic trio – one stern angel with a heart of gold, one voice of sanity, but willing to get into some light mischief angel and one very funny, mischievous angel who means well but electrical things just fascinate her... and she often find herself in a bit of trouble with her good intentions.

Leah wants a baby so badly, but so far she and her husband, Andrew, have been unable to make that dream a reality the old-fashioned way. Adoption was an option they had tried, but hasn't worked out well for them. Her prayer is for a child... and she has no clue what she'll have to face to make that a reality.

Timmy had written a letter to God. His mom, Jody, found it and now has no idea of how to fulfill this particular wish. She was still grieving over the loss of her husband years ago and hadn't even thought about another man being in her life, but obviously her son felt that loss differently. Her son's prayer would involve opening up her own heart to love again... and she's not sure she can do that.

Monica has become a very judgmental young woman. At a mere 25, she should be enjoying life and meeting people. Instead she feels that as the daughter of a minister, her calling is to insure that people stay on the straight and narrow path. While that is admirable, she's taken it to such extremes that no one wants to be around her much at all. She longs for a man in her life to love her as she is... but it's going to take a very special man, one who can also show her who she could be as well.

Each angel's charge is interesting and faced with challenges. Shirley, Goodness and Mercy will help to the

best of their abilities and along the way these angels may learn a few lessons themselves. Told with an obvious faith and Christmas spirit, several humans are getting some very special visitors this Christmas season... and no one is going to be quite the same again.

I enjoyed *A Season of Angels* very much. It's a story that always gives me hope for the human race, no matter how bad we seem to get. The characters are realistic and the solutions are at times... quite ingenious or plain good luck. Looking for a fun, entertaining Christmas spirit filled read this season? Then this is one you'll want to check out. The original story may have been written years ago – but the message is still as bright and clear as ever. I would highly recommend any of the books in the *Angels Everywhere* series. It's hard to stop at just one.

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### **Maureen DeLuca says**

This is book 1 of the Shirley, Goodness and Mercy Angel series. Cute enough book- cute enough story- just cute. Just trying to get into the 'cute' Christmas spirit.....

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### **Melinda says**

What a nice happy fuzzy read. Nothing unexpected in here. Nice writing, three good storylines, three funny angels helping out. Some good HEA. Definitely a feel-good weekend read!

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### **Linda says**

This was a very fun Christmas story about 3 angels sent to earth to answer 3 prayers. It was heartwarming and fun to watch the angels try to answer the prayers and stay out of trouble at the same time. I would recommend this as a good Christmas story.

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### **Julianna says**

Reviewed for THC Reviews

*A Season of Angels* is the first book in Debbie Macomber's *Angels Everywhere*, a Christmas-themed series about Shirley, Goodness, and Mercy, three good-hearted but wayward angels, who can sometimes become sidetracked by human inventions, but who do their very best to try to answer the prayers of the people they are sent to help. There was just enough romance to categorize this book as such, but it's a little different, because it follows three different couples with one of the angels on each case. The angels must teach each of the three women they're sent to help an important lesson before their hearts will be open enough to accept the Christmas gifts God has in store for them. Due to some mild profanities and some moderate sexual tension, the book isn't quite squeaky clean enough to categorize it as inspirational romance. However, it does include a fairly overt faith element, not only in the form of the three angels, but also, most of the main characters seem to believe in God, pray, and/or attend church, some with regularity, so readers who are averse to mentions of God or angels, might want to steer clear. I happen to find such elements in more secular-type literature to be refreshing, so for me, this was a fun, albeit sometimes predictable, holiday read

that I mostly enjoyed.

Shirley is sent to answer a letter that a little boy named Timmy wrote to God asking for a father in time for Christmas. His mother, Jody, is a widow, who has never really gotten over losing her husband, even though he's been gone for eight years. She just can't stop loving him, so her heart isn't really open to the possibility of loving again, even though an attorney at the law firm where she works expresses an interest in dating her. Jody must learn to let go of the past, before she can move into the future. Glen is a very nice man who's more than ready for a family, so he's very fatherly toward Timmy. He's also incredibly understanding of how difficult it is for Jody to date someone new and is sensitive toward her feelings for her dead husband, never pushing her to let go and only asking that she make room for him too. I liked both Jody and Glen, but felt like their relationship moved a little too quickly to be believable. They eventually figure this out in preparation for a plot twist, which I correctly predicted a little while before it was revealed. There could have been a little more development to their storyline, but overall it was nice with a heartwarming ending.

Goodness is sent to answer the prayer of a young woman named Monica, who desperately wants a husband. The only problem is that Monica is pretty self-absorbed. She's a preacher's daughter and the classic type of Christian who thinks she has everything figured out and who lives by a rigid set of rules and regulations. As such, she tends to think she's better than everyone else who isn't living "right." She must learn to lighten up and stop judging others, before she can accept love with the man God has chosen for her. That man happens to be Monica's exact opposite. Chet is a hard-living private detective who used to be a cop, but left the force when he was shot and his partner was killed. Chet lives with a lot of guilt over the past, and when he really starts falling for Monica, he doesn't believe he's good enough for her. I didn't exactly like Monica in the beginning, but I very much appreciated the growth she experienced throughout her part of the story. I think more Christians need to learn the lessons Monica did. As for Chet, I'm kind of on the fence. I liked his more vulnerable moments and the fact that he seemed to respect Monica for the most part. However, at the very beginning of their relationship, there's a scene where he tells her he's going to kiss her, she says no, but he does it anyway. Of course, she ends up liking it a whole lot more than she thought she would, but it still made me a little uncomfortable that he went against her clearly expressed feelings. I think that could have been written in a different way, so as to not imply non-consent. Also, although he does have some decent reasons for his behavior, Chet sometimes acts like a bit of jerk, so he's not really my favorite type of hero. Like with Jody and Glen's storyline, Monica and Chet's romance develops pretty quickly too, especially since they don't appear to have anything in common and constantly rub each other the wrong way. But I'm willing to give them a pass, since angels were involved, bringing a little magic to the romance.

Last but not least, Mercy is sent to answer the prayer of Leah, a labor and delivery nurse, who longs for a child, but who's barren. She and her husband, Andrew, have been unsuccessfully trying to have a child for ten years, but according to fertility specialists, there's no medical reason why they shouldn't be able to conceive. Having a child has become something of an obsession for Leah, who's unwittingly gotten to the point that she can't even make love to her husband without the purpose of attempting to get pregnant. She also harbors the pain deep in her heart as she watches the women she cares for give birth every day while she can't. Leah must find her joy again and learn to let go of her pain before she can be blessed with the child she so desperately wants. I liked Leah and Andrew. Despite the lack of a child causing some friction between them, they're a couple who's love for one another is obvious. It's equally apparent that they'd make amazing parents. Again, there came a point in their part of the story, when things became a little predictable, but it was no less heartwarming in the end, so I still enjoyed it.

Overall, *A Season of Angels* was a nice little wrap-up to my holiday reading. Other than a bit of predictability, there was nothing wrong with the stories per se. I guess I just wanted to be eager to get back to it when I had to put it down, but the book didn't quite reach that level for me. I'm not really used to romance

(or any fiction story for that matter) where three different couples share the limelight. Perhaps if the book had focused in on just one couple or perhaps if the three stories had intersected in unexpected ways, I might have been more drawn into it, but it was still a very pleasant read. Anyone who loves Hallmark channel sweetness with a few small twists and turns along the way, but where everything is wrapped up in a neat little bow at the end, will probably really enjoy it.

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## **Dee says**

Two-haiku review:

Heaven, three angels  
Sent to earth, get in trouble  
Help women find love

Like three novellas  
Woven together one book  
Oh so very sweet

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## **Michaela says**

If you are looking for a novel that has characters that move you, bring you to tears, and stay with you forever- this is not the book. The characters (dare I say 6 main characters?) are sometimes hard to follow. I constantly kept referring to the back cover to ask myself- which angel is paired with which woman? To me, the women all seemed the same. They had different lives, different angels, and different problems (one couldn't get pregnant, another couldn't forget her 'deceased' husband and move on, and the third needed a man to love), but other than those differences, there was no real difference of character. I think the angels had the most character of any of the women- they had spunk and adorable qualities. However, despite one liking TVs and another ships or something, there wasn't one that really stood out to me.

The novel had lots of good feeling, everything is predictable and ends well. Certain scenes talked about sex- instead of the love behind it, and well if you're looking for an easy, non-complicated, happy, Christmas in the summer read this is your book.

In the end, I think it teaches valuable lessons about love and faith, but I was slightly disappointed by the characters' depth and the lack of reality in some characters. The adoption options were wrong, I had to laugh when Timmy asked his mother if she would make more babies with her boyfriend, and Monica just annoyed me. I did like her father though- he seemed decent, but his character wasn't used to the full extent to make anything memorable.

I hope people who read this enjoy it better than I did.

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## **Sally says**

One of my favorite traditions is to read Christmas books starting in October to get me in the mood for the holidays. It started when I was young when I would surround myself (and then my children) with Christmas picture books. Now I have progressed to heartwarming fiction (think Hallmark channel movie-like reads, happy endings, etc.). I enjoyed reading about the tasks assigned to three angels, Shirley, Goodness, and



Mercy, in Debbie Macomber's *A Season of Angels*, as they help their respective "assignments" grow through trials and experience joy at Christmastime.

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