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*She's everything he wants for Christmas...*

Social worker Allison Barrington's home went up in smoke, literally, a month before Christmas. Now the guardian of her teenage sister and a crazy pup, she shows up on the doorstep of the only man in the city she can trust. Resisting Ethan Dane had never been easy, but luckily, Allie isn't into cutthroat playboy businessmen. And Ethan is as driven as they come.

Ethan Dane has wanted Allie since the moment he laid eyes on her at their best friends' wedding. Having her in his home is the perfect chance to prove to her that their chemistry can't be denied, but when he finds out that the biggest business coup of his career means destroying the youth center where Allie works, Ethan is forced to decide what kind of man he wants to be...

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## From Reader Review *The Billionaire's Christmas Proposal* (A Billionaire for Christmas) for online ebook

**Jackie (Jackie's Book World) says**

\*\*\*Review can also be found at Jackie's Book World. :)\*\*\*

Having read previous works by Victoria James, I couldn't wait to read yet another more festive book by her. In *Billionaire's Christmas Proposal* we get to meet social worker Allison Barrington, who has struggled in her life, but working at a homeless shelter has giving her a greater purpose and for that she has been also able to provide for her teenage sister. But things go incredibly wrong when her home gets caught in fire a month before Christmas. With all her hard work disappearing before her eyes, she does the only thing that she could think of at the time and that is to go to her friend Ethan (aka long-time crush) for help. But soon things start to change when Ethan insists on them to stay in his house until things got better. It is then that between the holidays and everything that was happening to them, that Allie starts to feel the chemistry between them grow, and she wonders if they could be something more just in time for Christmas.

Ethan Dane has always had a thing for Allie every since they met at a friend's wedding. But at the time she had actually turned him down, but he always hoped for a chance to be with her. Now that she is staying at his house everything that he had hidden from her could no longer be a secret and that could risk their friendship. Soon their attraction towards each other grows and they spend a lot more time together at Allie's work where Ethan really shows that he is the perfect man for her.

I really liked the overall story of this book, it was filled with lots of holiday spirit and some steamy moments as well. The characters have kept their feelings to each other and when they realize that they want the same thing it is then that things start to change in the story. Allie is a sweet and kind character, she really wants to help others, whereas Ethan is more reserved and a typical billionaire who wants to get things done without a word. Yet underneath all of that he hides a secret that he has hold for a very long time, and it is when he decides to do something about it that he realizes that he can't be away from Allie. From the cover to the synopsis this was a great book to read, the plot kept me interesting and it's just a book that needs to be read during the holidays. I highly recommend picking it up, you will absolutely love it. :)

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**Nicola says**

For those of you who follow my reviews, you'll know by now that Victoria James is one of my favourite authors. She crafts beautiful love stories with characters who steal your heart and journeys that enchant from the opening page.

*The Billionaire's Christmas Proposal* is a book I've been eager to get my hands on as its predecessor, *The Billionaire's Christmas Baby* is a festive read I could read over and over again. And whilst it does bring all I expect to find in a book from Victoria, and I did fall in love with Ethan and Allie and their story, I have to be honest and say it's not my favourite from her. There were parts to the story that I don't feel were necessarily

needed; in comparison to her previous books it was heavier on tropes and there were elements that wouldn't have been missed if you'd taken them away, giving an opportunity to give the reader a little more on those that mattered. And if this had been the case, you would still be presented with a lovely romance with an equally lovely couple who have secrets and uneasy pasts.

Ethan and Allie's journey is romantic, festive, heartwarming and bittersweet, bringing a family feel and highlighting aspects many of us take for granted. And, whilst it was fairly predictable in comparison to Victoria's usual MO and it may not have pulled the level of emotion from me that so many of her books have done in the past, it was an enjoyable read.

***"I'm showing you what it's like to forget where you are, who you are, and everything except wanting more."***

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## **Mandy says**

4.5

Ethan has wanted Allie since the moment he saw her. She's turned him down repeatedly but when Allie's apartment catches on fire and her and her sister have nowhere else to go, she asks Ethan for help. Ethan is glad to help Allie and has her move into his home. He knows that they have some serious chemistry, if only Allie would give in. The shelter Allie runs is in danger of closing and Ethan volunteers to help her save it, but Ethan doesn't realize the very shelter she needs to save is the very business deal he's trying to win. Ethan has to decide what's more important - what he feels for Allie or a big business deal.

I really loved this sweet romance! Allie and Ethan had great chemistry. Allie is such a great heroine - she has such a great heart and takes care of everyone. Sadly, she's been let down so many times that it takes a lot for Ethan to gain her trust. There were a lot of really sweet moments in this one and I really liked this couple. My only tiny complaint is that I would've liked more steam - there was only a couple steamy moments and with the chemistry these two had, I would've liked a little more. Overall, this was a really sweet story and I can't wait to read more by this author in the future.

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## **Connie says**

This Billionaire's Christmas series is absolutely delicious! This is Ethan's and Allie's story. They are Jackson and Hannah's best friends (book #1). Unfortunately, their journey towards a loving relationship is filled with all sorts of crazy obstacles. The whole story I kept wondering how is Ethan going to fix this mess without losing Allie forever. Awesome story!

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## **Debbie Oxier says**

Nice story even if there wasn't a lot of detail given to Christmas. Ethan is a wealthy man who became successful pretty much on his own. While his family had money, Ethan wasn't particularly close to them. Where once his father doted on him, after Ethan was diagnosed with leukemia everything changed. His father, figuring Ethan wouldn't be around much longer, gave all his time and attention to Ethan's brother. Ever since then Ethan has been in constant competition with the man. At the moment it's over a valuable piece of property in the heart of the city that has come up for sale. The plan is to purchase it, put up condos, and make a huge profit from it. There's just one problem. That particular corner is where Allie works, the woman Ethan has been trying to convince to go out with him ever since they met at the wedding of their two best friends.

When Allie's apartment catches fire and she and her younger sister are left homeless, she goes to the only person she knows for a fact will help her. Ethan. While she's refused all his invitations until now it doesn't mean she isn't attracted to him. She is. Big time. However, at the moment she has too much on her plate to concern herself with dating. She's taken responsibility for her sister because of their mother's drinking problem, the shelter where she works is about to be sold, leaving most of the kids with nowhere to go, and then there's the secret from her past she doesn't want anyone to know about.

When Allie shows up at Ethan's work place looking traumatized, Ethan most assuredly comes to her aid. He moves her, her sister and their dog in with him. It's no hardship having Allie living under the same roof with him and maybe, now, since he's in such close proximity to her, it will be easier to convince her they should be together. If only he could figure out a way to save the shelter without losing out to his brother. If he doesn't come up with a solution and soon, any hope he has of making her his might be lost forever.

I really liked the plot. It was somewhat unique to me in the fact that Ethan has never shared the fact he once had cancer with anybody. Outside of his family, the only people aware of what he'd been through are his doctor and the nurse who once cared for him. Every year, however, on the same date, he gets a physical to make sure everything is all right, and every year he works himself into a tizzy waiting for the results. Allie learns his secret one day and the entire story comes pouring out. His loneliness, his fear, how his father rejected him in favor of his brother. It's shaped the man he is today and ends up having an enormous effect on his relationship with Allie. I found myself rooting for him yet, at the same time, wanting to slap him especially when his attitude threatens to destroy all that is good in his life: his relationship with Allie.

Allie was one of those people everyone likes as soon as they meet her. She has a warm, bubbly personality, which makes her ideal to direct the shelter. She easily relates to the kids and they adore her. She can't bear the idea of them being displaced when the shelter is sold. Allie always puts others before herself, including her mother who is undeserving of it, although she did come through for Allie once when she really needed it. Still, it's difficult for Allie to see that her generous nature sometimes leaves little room for her to think about her own wants and needs. This is why Ethan goes out of his way to do nice things for her.

I would definitely recommend this story. It was a very pleasant way to pass the time. I look forward to more from this author.

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## **Irene says**

4 heartwarming stars

I really enjoyed *The Billionaire's Christmas Proposal*.

This was a beautiful friends to lovers story. I enjoyed watching Ethan and Allie's relationship slowly develop over time.

Both characters were likable and relatable, they touched my heart with their pasts and how they both had to put aside their fears to let the other one into their hearts.

They truly were meant to be.

Victoria James has once again written a beautiful and touching romance that I highly recommend. Looking forward to reading more from this talented author in the near future.

***\*crossing my fingers Nicholas gets his own book soon\****

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### **Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says**

It's no secret Victoria James is one of my favorite authors. She simply has this ability to draw you into her stories and have you wanting to get to know her characters. *The Billionaire's Christmas Proposal* is a stand alone read, however both the hero and heroine were introduced in *The Billionaire's Christmas Baby*.

Ethan Dane has been fawning after Allison Barrington for years, in fact, since the day he met her at their best friends' wedding. The two come from totally different backgrounds and for that, Allison is always turning Ethan down. But when Allison's apartment burns down, Ethan is the first person she thinks of to help her and her sixteen-year-old sister out.

For Ethan, Allison's apartment fire couldn't come at a better or worst time. He has a secret that makes the beginning of December a little hard for him. Having Allison stay with him could uplift his mood bigtime. Unfortunately, Ethan has something to prove to his family, and in doing so, he'll have to rip apart Allison's heart.

What did I like? Without question, the characters. Ethan and Allison are both people I would love to have as friends. They are both caring and compassionate people who truly love those they care about. They also both have secrets they keep from those they are close to. There's also Allison's sixteen-year-old sister, Dani. Dani provides the comic relief to the story and at times provides words of wisdom.

What didn't I like? While I liked the storyline and the ultimate outcome, the story was predictable. I didn't like the way Allison, her sister, and friends reacted to Ethan when they found out his business deal had to do with the shelter she worked at. Without getting his side of things, they immediately attack him, not realizing he was trying to come up with the best possible solution.

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## **BookLover says**

Readers of Victoria James have been teased with hints of Ethan and Allie's story, first in *The* and then recently in *.* I was very excited when this book was released and couldn't wait to get my hands on it. This story was the perfect combination of sweet, romantic, heartbreaking and funny. **I LOVED it!**

Ethan and Allie met through their respective best friends, Jackson and Hannah, when they got married. Since then, Allie has continually turned down advances by Ethan. After all, they come from different worlds and want different things. An apartment fire lands Allie and her bratty, teenage sister Dani on Ethan's doorstep.

I loved the humour Dani added to the story. She was, as most teens tend to be, an over the top obnoxious PITA! Allie's incredulity and Ethan's amusement with her made me giggle throughout.

**"So let me get this straight. Ethan is going to slap a live Christmas tree to the roof of his Porsche?"**

**"We'll take the Range Rover."**

**Dani sat up at attention. "I had no idea you had two vehicles...this gives me options."**

**Allie turned to her. "This information does not change your life at all."**

Allie was my favourite kind of heroine. She was sweet, kind and nurturing to everyone. This showed in how she poured herself into her work at the shelter. It not hard to realize why Ethan was so taken with her.

And Ethan! Well... what can I say except that he was **PERFECT!** I found his story to be quite heartbreaking. Despite his missteps in the story, I still loved him and loved the chemistry and bond he formed with Allie.

**"Help yourself to anything. Maybe avoid the rum. I'll have a glass of red," he said, scrolling through his phone.**

**"It's rude of you to mention the rum mishap."**

**"Is that how we're referring to it now?"**

**"That was the end of referring to it at all."**

**This was a great read leading up to the holidays!!!** If you are looking for a lighthearted and enjoyable read, I recommend you pick this one up

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## **Emily (Mrs B's Books) says**

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Ethan and Allie first meet at their friends wedding in *The Billionaire's Christmas Baby*, although this is not

technically a series you do get a little background info from this book.

This is a romance story in which both characters have a past to overcome (him more than her) and one in which he helps her out from beginning to end, even if he loses his way a little on the journey.

Ethan keeps his secrets close to his chest, with very few knowing about his past, but his family are not the ones he would have chosen.

All looks after her teenage sister as their mother is an alcoholic, and loses all her belongings in a fire, asking her friend Ethan to put them up until she can find other arrangements. She is a social worker who loves her job and hates the fact that.

We have a lovely HEA where Ethan manages to redeem himself and their part of the world rights itself to an extent that both characters are happy.

A nice, soft holiday romance.

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### **Sue says**

3.5, Enjoyed it. Cute series that includes a lot of good people who grew up mentally abused. Even if it's only being ignored which can hurt almost as much.

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### **Claire Robinson says**

3.5 - **"You came through for me."** Stars!

Victoria James is a relatively new author to me, although it hasn't stopped me devouring and loving every one of her new releases over the last couple of months. I will be honest and say that *The Billionaires Christmas Proposal* didn't really live up to the high standards that I have attributed to this author now.

**"I've wanted you, and I was too afraid to ever take a chance with someone like you."**

I think the main talent and skill of Victoria's writing is that she takes simple themes and turns them into beautiful stories. Nothing is rushed everything is built solidly and the story as well as the characters are given a chance to develop at an organic and steady pace. And for me that is where this book struggled, to my count there are 4 tropes at play, and if I wanted to be completely pedantic you could actually split two of them and go as far to say 6, and that is where the problems start for me, half of them were really not needed.

In the previous books I have read by the author, there have only really ever been two or three at most in play. The story between Allie and Ethan was crowded up with a bunch of secondary characters and plot-lines that detracted from the focus of the relationship that was three years in the making between them, not to mention the loss of the shelter that Allie worked at and the secret's that Ethan was holding close to his heart about his childhood. These were the three parts of the story I wanted to get involved in and fall in love with, the whole host of familial BS that was added in was really not needed.



Oddly this has been a big bug-bear for me with a huge number of Entangled titles lately, and not just this author, for some reason it seems that the general belief at the moment is to throw the *kitchen sink* of familial drama at things, and a lot of the time, and particularly with an author like Victoria who has proven to not need all the additional drama, the '*less is more*' ethos works perfectly.

**"What are you doing...?"**

**"I'm showing you what it's like to forget where you are, who you are, and everything except wanting more."**

This is still a pretty good read, the second half by far supersedes the first for me. I just really hope that the author goes back to her previous writing methodology, because she really has the talent and skill, to keep it simple and deliver it perfectly.

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### **Bette Hansen says**

Another great read from Victoria James. I loved all the characters and the crazy one eyed dog. Truly this one got my interest from the first page and held it tight. The struggle between desire and trying to do the right thing that both Allie and Ethan deal with captivated my heart. Ethan is such a good guy but revenge is a powerful motivator what will win in the end, his need for revenge or Allie??

The writing style and the character development of this author is one I love. I really enjoyed the character tie in from her other books as well. This is one I highly recommend!

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### **Molly says**

It was cute, but I feel like I probably should have read the others in the series to get a better picture of what was going on.

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### **Rejane says**

According to a review I read, the writing style is the same as the 1st book. Not for me.

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### **Layla says**

Took so much time finishing this one.

The story was nice but I didn't like the writing, it gave this whole childish touch to the plot. A pity.

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