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My name is Sergeant Charlie Warner.

Or it was.

I'm a retiring soldier, just got out, with no family of my own, and I reluctantly agreed to spend the holidays in picturesque Maple Grove to transition to life after the Army. I'm a drifter now and have no business getting involved with my buddy's family—especially with his sweet little sister who pretends she's frumpy and boring to ward off attention from men.

Men like me.

I have no plans for Emily other than being an extra brother for a week. That's what I tell myself. I really should let her be, but the harder she tries to hide, the more determined I am to seek. Under those baggy clothes and plain, simple looks is a woman who deserves to know how desirable she is. She thinks I can have any woman I want.

And I want her.

Author's Confession: You must know by now that I love my tropes, right? Military romance, older man/younger woman, opposites attracting like whoa, small town, older brother's best friend, ugly duckling who's really a swan (though an introverted swan), holiday romance complete with snow, Santa suits, and caroling during a fight scene. Oh, and pudding. Let's get figgy with it.

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Armenia says

I'm loving this series...5 stars!

I can't say enough great things about the Blue Collar series. Brill Harper is such a talented writer packing emotional depth and great characterization in her stories you feel they could be your next door neighbors.

At 25, Emily Jones does "hiding in plain sight" real well. She finds being in groups overwhelming and awkward. It's the "event" that happened almost three years ago that eventually ended her engagement. Since then, she's reverted into herself from the humiliation. But when her twin brother, Carter, brings his sarge home from the army, Emily feels a familiar soul.

Feeling adrift now that's he's ex-army, Charlie Warner decides to spend Christmas with Carter's large rambunctious family. He notices Emily and the "tricks" she uses to make herself unnoticed in a crowd, and he knows there's a beautiful woman inside those baggy clothes. He's outraged over the insensitive jerk of an ex-fiance who broke her heart and is still calling her names. I love how Charlie helps Emily come to terms with her guilt and turning the self-inflicted pain over a broken engagement.

I love Tagged, it's well written with great characters, humor, and emotion. It's a slow boil, but boy is there plenty of sexy goodness. I love the witty dialogue between Emily and Charlie and what a great epilogue to find how these two lovers find their HEA down the road.

I received and voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book.

Elizabeth Neal says

****3.5 Stars****

Emily has perfected the art of hiding in plain sight, and has realized yes, you can be lonely in a room full of people. She loves her family, and they her, but she's the opposite of them, quiet to their loud, shy to their outgoing, one-on-one to groups, etc. But today, as Christmas nears, she's expecting the only present she truly wants, the family member that just gets her. Her twin, Carter, is on leave and will be home for the holiday, and it's been years since that last happened. However, he isn't coming alone, he's bringing his now retiring sergeant, the man who literally saved Carter's life.

Charlie has lived and breathed the military for years, and as such, now that he's retiring, has no home or family of his own, and is used to feeling alone even when surrounded by others. But, Carter, one of the men he served with, insisted he spend the holiday with his family. Since Carter got him a great deal on his dream car due to the family business with the visit a stipulation, some may call that blackmail... When he sees the woman obviously Carter's twin, he also notices how she camouflages almost everything about herself, except her joy at seeing her brother.

"That smile. God. It's like looking into the sun." - Charlie

When Emily, needing to escape her childhood bedroom and sudden insomnia, bumps into Charlie in the kitchen, they both admit their awkwardness and decide to start over. As their playful banter becomes charged with attraction, the need calls to both of them, but Charlie, knowing his friend's sister is a no-no, retreats, and Emily can't help but feel the pain of his rejection. As Charlie realizes his mistake, he tries to verbally rectify it, wanting her to know he feels it too, but when that doesn't work, his mouth does the communicating in a different way.

The next day, when paired together with Carter on an errand, the two talk comfortably, and though the attraction is still there, Charlie knows she deserves the opposite of him. But when someone from Emily's past insults her, obviously bringing up painful memories, he reacts instantly, ready to protect her from everything.

As these two draw closer, their connection strengthening, there's obstacles in their way. Charlie believes he isn't good enough for her, nor made to be a family man as he's never experienced it himself, but he's fallen for her regardless. As for Emily, she's starting to realize she's let her past, and a small minded man's words, change her into someone she's not, and it took the man she's growing to love to help her see it's okay to be her.

Will Charlie still leave, even after all he and Emily shared? Will he come back? Will Emily take back her life and maintain faith in what she and Charlie shared? Will Emily's brother, Carter, get a story too? Will their cousin, Shelia? Is a HEA possible for Carter and Emily?

One-click now and follow along as two people cross paths and discover the perfect person for them.

****I voluntarily read and reviewed an Advanced Reader Copy of this book.****

Ciru says

So, officially, I have read all Brill Harper books. Finished this one over the course of two days. I love that this one was a bit longer than the others and a tad more detailed than the others. It also centered on family...and the ever delightful Christmas trope.

My favourite scene has to be when Santa unexpectedly appears. It was just too funny. And for this one, apart from the extra good smut, there were also some very touching aww scenes between Emily+Charlie that I absolutely loved.

Did I mention, the smut is gooooooood?!? Yes I did. Especially the post Santa appearance scene and the epilogue.

I am looking forward to reading more from Brill Harper and also finally finding out who she really is and her other books. If anyone knows...PM me!

?Tonya? says

****ARC RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE FOR AN HONEST REVIEW****

3.5 stars

I love a Christmas good Christmas story. This was a cute little story with likable characters. I did feel that the pushing away went on a bit too long. They didn't get together intimately until the 70%-ish mark and as a legit couple until the very end. Even though you knew it was coming, I wanted the story to be more about them together.

- no cheating
- no ow drama whatsoever
- om drama- her ex taunted her but caused no relationship drama for this couple
- passive aggressive pushing away- I want you but I can't have you sort of thing
- cute but short epilogue 5 years out

Melinda Parker says

3.5 Stars

A very merry Christmas!

Emily is waiting on her twin to come home for Christmas. She's a bit reserved and hangs back, not for good reason.

Charlie is fresh out of the military and going home with one of his men. He's feeling a bit lost and unsure. Then he spots Emily and she's a beacon but one he should avoid.

It seems their attraction is supplemented by Emily's family. But what happens when Charlie realizes she's not a good girl or Emily realizes Charlie is a lost cause?

Di says

Brill Harper keeps getting better and better, the short stories with little to no drama and the drama is in perfect doses and not over the top, a read where no one trying to break them up, a read about two people who belong together, they just have to realize it for themselves. This one about Charlie who is an ex sergeant and joins one of his men for Christmas. There he meets his twin sister, Emily, who is dealing with a past that has left her withdrawn. Charlie's past is not great either but put them together they can have an amazing present and future together if they can just let go of their pasts and start living in the world.

What an amazing story filled with family, hope, forgiveness, acceptance, love and sensual steamy scenes. I LOVED these two and for a short story it flowed beautifully, not skipping a beat and packed quite a punch that I had to buy it even though I received an ARC. KUDOS to the author as this one is my favorite so far and I can't wait for the next one.

Samantha says

I have enjoyed Brill Harper's books in the past, but this one kind of missed the mark for me. This story was

good and I enjoyed it, but the characters and the story just didn't grab my attention the way that the previous books in this series did. Emily and Charlie were good characters and I liked them, but I wasn't able to connect with them and as for their relationship it just wasn't enough for me. This book was also a lot less steamy than the previous installments in this series and while I don't really care about how steamy or not a book is, when it comes to this author I always expect the books to be over the top sexy and this one fell short. But as I said the characters were still likable and the story was decent, so I enjoyed it enough to give it three stars, but it wasn't what I have come to expect from Brill Harper, so I was a bit disappointed.

Kimkbries says

Christmas at Emily's parents is filled with family and great times. When her twin brother brings home a retired Sargent from his unit Christmas just got a little more interesting. Charlie had nowhere to go so when he agrees to go to his buddy's family for Christmas he never dreams what he will find there. Two people both looking for their way to happiness. Will they find it in each other? I enjoyed their story as they both dig deep and discovered exactly what they wanted. Plenty of steamy chemistry

Sarah says

Finally! After the last three or four novellas by Brill Harper being about virginal, 19-year-olds, she finally wrote a story about an 25-year-old, non-virgin.

The story did follow a similar layout as the others, even though the heroine was 25, her hero was still 13 years older than her and she'd only had sex one time before sleeping with the hero.

I liked this story much better than the last one. The heroine, Emily, suffered from low self esteem due to things that happened in her past. The hero, Charlie, was the sergeant to the heroine's twin brother in the military. The brother convinced Charlie to spend Christmas with his family.

Charlie helps Emily see her true self and helped her learn how to value herself as a woman.

I liked that they didn't just jump into bed right after they met (like Ms. Harper has had her characters do in the past). I loved that they got to know each other on an emotional level first and that they both had romantic feelings for each other before they had sex. I like a little dirty talk, but I felt like the sex scenes were at a whole new level once she added that more emotional layer in addition to the dirty talk.

And the sex scenes were, as usual, HOTTTTTT!!!

I look forward to her next novella and hope it's on the same level as this one.

Lauren says

This book is the first book of Brill Harper's that I have read. Because of that, I wasn't sure on what to expect when starting this book. I found the writing style easy to follow and the characters likeable. I read this book in one sitting and wasn't once bored.

This story has a Christmas feel to it. The story is set at Christmas time. I liked Emily and Charlie. I will admit that I wanted to bang their heads together. They were both too stubborn. I wanted to shout at them to get over their pasts and get together. I liked Emily but I hated how she let Alan dictate to her life. Charlie hit the nail on the head, Alan was a hypocrite. He judged Emily for doing something yet he had a subscription to watch video's like that. I wanted Emily to stop hiding behind dull clothes. I wanted her to go after what she wanted.

The storyline for this book is easy to follow and a nice read.

C says

4/5

Safe read

- Older man younger women
 - Celibate H
 - Celibate h
 - Insta connection >Love
 - no Ow Drama
 - mild OM Drama
 - some pushing away, doesn't last long
 - HEA with epilogue
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Viper Spaulding says

If the author's confession at the bottom of the blurb doesn't get you to want to read this book, nothing will! Yes, this book is just as much fun as her note indicates, and it has a lot more heart and emotional depth than we usually find in short and steamy novellas. Each one of these Blue Collar Bad Boys stories is absolutely perfect, but I think this one is my favorite of them all.

Charlie is just spending Christmas with Jonesy's family because he honestly has no place else to go. He has no plans at all, so he's in no position to make promises to anyone. Emily has been hurt and wears her insecurities like protective armor, and she has no idea what to do with a guy like Charlie who sees right through her disguise. These two really do complete each other, in all the best ways. It was a joy to get to know the entire Jones family and to spend Christmas with this wonderful group.

The author never lets the physical aspect of the budding romance overshadow the deep emotional connection being forged, so that when the sexy times happen they're not just physically satisfying, they're heartfelt and heartwarming as well. The writing is as brilliant as ever, as the author seamlessly weaves a beautiful story from traumatic childhood memories, a pushy yet threatening brother, a hilarious fight scene, and a jail cell made for two. Every little story thread works together to make a perfect holiday love story. I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book.

Deborah says

This was a wonderful story. It was a surprising, emotion-driven story of two damaged people afraid to let love in rather than the Hallmark Channel-sweet Christmas stories I usually see. There's nothing wrong with sweetness but sometimes a girl wants a little substance with her fluff, a crunchy peppermint instead of cotton-candy. In "Tagged", Brill Harper delivered the hard stuff in addition to a wonderful, clap-your-hands-together surprise near the end. Great Christmas time story!

Sil H says

Charlie and Emily made a wonderful couple. He was recently retired and she is his military buddy's twin. When he gets invited home for the holidays, they meet and sparks fly instantly. He thinks they can't have more. Emily proves him wrong and becomes his everything. One Santa costume later and we get to see just how far their love goes. I highly recommend.

I rcvd a copy of this book for my honest review.

Never Stop Reading or Dreaming says

5 stars

This one so far is my favorite in the series. We get more in depth with the characters here and it's around Christmas. How can you not fall in love. I do have a few questions but none that will keep me up at night. Instead, I'll be dreaming about Charlie and how he also gets his HEA after such a hard life. These are the stories that melt your heart and stay with you forever.
