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Melisa Hart has a soft spot for her brother Connor's ex-best buddy, Rob Reed. Unfortunately, Rob slept with Connor's girlfriend and is no longer welcome with any of the Harts.

Melisa lends her pet lovebird for a Christmas Toy Drive, but a mix up brings her face to face with Rob and his lovebird. Melisa is drawn into a whirlwind romance with Rob and discovers he hasn't told her the entire story.

Can two little lovebirds and Christmas cheer open Melisa's heart to giving Rob another chance?

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Cathy Brockman says

I love this series. Melissa is a teacher and takes her love bird to school. She falls and goes to ER seeing the man she has had a crush on since he was a child. The problem is that he slept with her brother's girlfriend long ago. Her family is close and they stick together so he is off limits.

I loved this book. it is short and sweet. I fell in love with Rachelle Ayala when i read another of the Have a Hart series and had to read this one. You don't have to read in order until you get farther along in the series. I love this series because each features a Hart family member and a pet. I have not read many books with birds as the pet so it was very refreshing and fun.

Ddkmc95 says

Melissa is an elementary teacher, who owns a lovebird. She takes the bird to visit her class on the last day of school before the winter break. After class is dismissed, the bird gets stuck, Melissa tries to rescue, but falls and ends up in the ER. Rob is an ER doc and former childhood bff of Melissa's bro...apparently he cheated w the bro's GF and the entire Hart family still hates him. Rob has always had a thing for Melissa and, as hard as he tries, can't resist her. Melissa and Rob attempt to start a relationship but her nosy family butts in...will Rob fight for Melissa? Will Melissa believe Rob that he did not cheat w her brother's ex?

Meanwhile, her family is pushing her towards former fire fighter and all around hero, Larry. There are some hilarious moments, as well as some where you really want to shake the entire Hart family!! Small cameo by Ella and Bri, from the Vet trilogy...yay...always love Bri.

Heart warming HEA...even for Melissa's lovebird.

I received a complimentary copy of this story in exchange for an honest review.

Patty says

Lovebirds...what a connection they have. This story of Rob and Melissa is a sweet, yet forbidden romance. Growing up as Melissa's brother Conner's best friend, Rob could never act on his feelings. Melissa being the younger sibling was always in awe of her brother's friend. When an injury and their birds throw these two together after ten years, all bets are off. But will secrets from Rob's past come back to haunt him and ruin the love they are finding? It took me a little while to warm up to these characters, but once invested, I was all in! The birds were a lot of fun, the protective nature of Casey and Cassie so much like the real relationship we watch grow between Rob and Mel. Rachelle Ayala portrays this story so well(and includes a couple firefighters too!) giving a satisfying listen.

Jennifer Groberg gives a well paced, warm narration. She can work a little on the differentiation of the voices between male and female, but all in all, it is an enjoyable listen.

Vicki says

Cute Easy Christmas Romance

A fun story that combines bird loving Melisa Hart with Dr. Rob Reed bird expert.

The family is going to provide a nice series as they are all firefighters in San Francisco. The family dynamic is strong and Melisa is the baby.

The romance is clean and a refreshing story about honesty and long time crushes.

Rob.C. Rob.C. says

This was the first book I've read by this author and I was really enjoying it up until the second half of the book when something changed and it left me a little surprised. In the first half of the book I enjoyed reading about Melisa and her overprotective family, about Larry wanting to be her hero even though she pushed him away and I liked how Melisa and Rob reconnected thanks to her trip to the ER. However, after her trip to Lake Tahoe things got a little awkward in the plot. Melisa's sudden change of attitude toward Rob threw me off, especially since only a few paragraphs before she was determined to stand up and rebel against her family's overprotectiveness. After that I felt a little disappointed and didn't like her very much anymore. I also felt that the issue with her brother, his girlfriend and Rob was solved a little too easily at the end, considering the two men hadn't spoken to each other in ten years. It felt as if the author wanted to wrap it up quickly.

Anyway, it was a cute romance and I enjoyed the presence of the two lovebirds, who were super cute. If you're looking for a quick sweet romance this is a nice pick.

Tara Brown says

This review is for the audiobook from Audible

Christmas Lovebirds: Have a Hart, Book 1 by Rachelle Ayala is one that had me wishing this was my life she was writing about! What a cute, feel-good story!! It is an easy listen at just under 4 hours, and although there are a few cuss words (maybe 4-5 total), overall it is a clean story of a love connection...or 2... that will leave you wanting the best for everyone! Yes, the book takes place during Christmas time, but it is not necessary to wait until then to read or listen to it. In fact, as I write this review, it is June 2017, and I enjoyed it just as much as I would have if it were December 2017. In my opinion, the time frame made the events seem all that more romantic!

The narration by Jennifer Groberg was very easy to listen to. I felt that her voice, tone, pace, and volume were very fitting for the story. I see that this is Book 1...that could only mean that there is more to come. I hope she continues to narrate any future books in the Have a Hart series. She was exactly as I expected the characters to sound, including the birds, who are also main characters in Ayala's book.

I recommend this book to animal lovers and fans of clean romance. It is a book that keeps you smiling and gives you hope that true love does exist. If you are someone who still thinks about your first love or wonders

about "the one who got away," you will enjoy this book. Who knows, it may even help you make that next step to find a re-connection of your own!

Thank you for reading my review. :-)

Wulfwyn says

So I finally read the book that started the Have a Hart Series. I have never read a book that featured birds in it. Cats, yes. Dogs, most definitely. But birds? Never even thought they could be fun. After reading Christmas Lovebirds I may need to look into birds.

This book introduces us to the Harts, an Irish-American family of firefighter men and beautiful, intelligent women. This story is about school teacher Melisa and her love interest Rob...a doctor. Will he fit in with all the brawny, macho firefighters?

The story is an interesting one. There is a bit of drama going on, which, having read the majority of this series, I expected. There are also lots of busybodies, loads of fun and most of all love. Not just romantic love either but family love. That is a huge draw for me with this series. It was fun to see the first glimpses of some characters I already know and am friends with.

I highly recommend this series, whether you read them in order or not. I started in the middle. These are clean romances though some deal with real issues that I would suggest are for mature teens and up.

Amber says

Christmas Lovebirds is an exquisitely heartfelt and immensely inspiring story of finding the courage to claim a once in a lifetime love. To walk through life never feeling quiet complete or content is a very hard revelation to live with. Happiness feels like it is just beyond our grasp, and a painfully, hollow void slowly begins to grow within our soul. Everyone must realize on their own that only when we take hold of love can we will truly become whole. Fighting for what we want is the only way to prove that we are serious about making a change and never intend on going back.

Melisa Hart has had a crush on Rob Reed for as long as she can remember. No other guy has ever touched her heart or her soul as deeply as Rob has. The only problem is that he betrayed her brother Connor years ago and in turn her family cut all ties with him. No matter how much she wants to explore her feelings for him, it just isn't possible with her overprotective family keeping a close eye on her every move. Things change when Melisa's pet lovebird Cassie is mistakenly picked up with Rob's pet lovebird Casey and taken to his vacation home. She quickly discovers where Cassie was taken and follows her only to have her world turned upside down. When the truth of the past is revealed will she be able to forgive and make her dreams come true, or will she walk away with a shattered heart and an empty future?

My heart hurt for Rob since his betrayal of Conner's friendship ruined any chances with Melisa. He waited so long for her to grow up, and then he inadvertently threw his golden opportunity away. He thought for sure that there was no hope for him until a mix-up with their lovebirds brings them together and grants him one more chance to keep her in his life. Melisa is thanking her lucky stars when she is reunited with Rob and given a chance to show him how much he means to her and always has. Rob wants nothing more than to love her with everything in him while allowing her to spread her wings and fly free, and she wants to be removed from her protective cage and allowed to find out who she is while being loved fiercely and having safe and

protective arms to fall into.

This is such an incredible story that you will not be able to put it down. Rachelle has stolen my heart once again with her epic creativity and imagination. I couldn't get enough of these wonderful characters, and I loved seeing a mix of characters from her other books. Integrating storylines over the years helps me to have a greater appreciation for each precious character that I discover along the way. I look forward to the next story that Rachelle is creating and formulating with her stunning talent and heart.

Cristina says

Well, well, well...

I have to say that this book was not what I expected it to be. I thought it would be more mature... but it was a little bit childish. It was cute, but that's it... The lovebirds are the main reason why I'm giving this book 3 stars, because the characters... were a disaster. Why? Because their relationship was messy and had no clear beginning and the ending was as if the author had no more ideas regarding the story. I never understood how someone can say "I love you" after the first kiss or meeting etc. And in this book the love that connected the main characters wasn't believable.

Leanna says

Tweeting praises for this amazing book. This was a beautiful love story about trust, determination, secrets, mistakes, second chances, playfulness, and love. Melissa Hart, a tough, lonely, sweet woman who teaches kindergarten. Her friend Ella is a great and funny friend. She has a lovebird Cassie that needs help to fly. Melissa is clueless about her bird's needs and enters an online chat about birds. She needs some new fun in her life. She injures her hand horribly and is taken into the hospital and this is when her fun adventures begin. She runs into Rob, a very handsome and familiar ER doctor, who is from her past. This is exciting as she and her family have despised him since he slept with her brother's girlfriend many years ago. Melissa is uncomfortable in the hospital dealing with Rob yet Rob is instantly intrigued by her lack of interest in him. This leads Rob to continuously think about her and desire her even more. But will Melissa stay stubborn and alone? Will she decide to give Rob a chance? Will Rob actually wait for her even though his great looks could land him any perfect woman alive? Will Melissa's bird ever fly?

I highly recommend this book. I loved it and read it quickly as I did not want to put it down. I even found myself skipping a couple of meals in order to not have to take a break from reading it. Now that is a sign of an excellent book. Rachelle Ayala, you are a very new author to me but as of now I can honestly say I am a new loyal fan of yours.

Nikki says

Christmas Lovebirds was such a tweet! It was such a simple, sweet, and cute book. I love it when authors add in a little animal love, too! It feels almost like 2 romances in one. (: Cassie and Casey made this book that much more special. Rob is a Dr. Whom has regretted something from the past, he doesn't fully regret doing it, but he does regret hurting his best friend and his family. Especially when his best friend's sister was the cute little girl he hoped to one day make happy for the rest of their lives. Melisa is a school teacher who

absolutely loves her job, and her bird, Cassie. After an unfortunate occurrence Melisa ends up in the ER only to be stitched up by the man who was once her brothers best friend. When these two are reunited sparks fly, in every term of the words. But chemistry also surfaces. Can things from the past be overcome and moved on from? I can't tell you that! But you can find out for yourself! ;)

And can I just say, this cover is absolutely to die for! ?

*ARC generously provided for an honest review.

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Romance Is Ageless

A lie is never a good thing to get caught up in, even when you believe the results will be in the best interest of someone you care about. That was the situation Rob faced ten years ago – and it cost him his friend, his extended family and the young woman he'd loved and was simply waiting for her to grow up into their relationship. All of that gone because of a decision that was at best foolish, at worst disastrous – in spite of those good intentions.

Melisa has never forgotten Rob, if she's forgiven him is also if-y, but the fight was between Rob and Connor and she was certain there were details she didn't know. All these years later Rob is still occasionally on her mind – that what if syndrome we all fall into. When luck, good or bad depending on your opinion, finally stepped in Melisa found herself on the classroom floor trying to rescue her lovebird Cassie from a light fixture – with two broken fingers and a possible concussion there was only one place she was heading, the Emergency Room. It so happened to be Rob's night shift in the ER, and the very last person he expected to find in an exam room was his childhood love, the woman who he'd never stand a chance with. Old feelings for them both that they'd never really gotten over come rushing to the surface once again. But timing is everything, and this timing was the worst.

A few days later with Melisa still injured, her pet lovebird is left in the care of a friend who is volunteering at a fund raiser allowing pictures of Cassie to be taken with children for the event. When Cassie is mistakenly put in the same cage as Rob's lovebird Casey, and transported to his Christmas vacation spot... well, to say some people were upset would be an understatement. Melisa gets it into her head to drive to Rob's location, in spite of her injuries, to rescue her pet. The results will be truths finally told, disbelief, and even more. Somehow out of this complicated mess two people's love and future hang in the balance. It's up to them to find the truth and accept it.

I came across Christmas Lovebirds accidentally when looking for something light to read. Since I always, when given the chance, will go back from the book that caught my eye to the first in the series, I ended up with Rob and Melisa's story to begin this series. I enjoyed my time spent with these characters, and I'm very glad I followed my 'start at the beginning' rule, for there are many members of this large, extended, boisterous family to keep track of.

If you are looking for a lovely story that is romantic yet clean and sweet then Christmas Lovebirds will fit you perfectly, no matter what the time of year. Rob and Melisa have some explaining to do, some accepting to deal with and some making their own decisions within a sea of cross purposes within the family. The truth

is always the best solution, but everyone needs to come clean to make it all work again.

I purchased this title for the Kindle

Heather says

Christmas Lovebirds is the first in a series about the Harts, an Irish-American family of firefighting men and the women they are determined to protect. Melissa Hart has always been the over-protected younger sister, tagging along with her brother but never allowed to try anything risky. She's been in love with her brother Connor's friend Rob for as long as she can remember. Ten years ago, Connor and Rob ended their friendship after Rob slept with Connor's girlfriend, and the entire Hart clan has never forgiven Rob for this betrayal.

When Melissa ends up in Rob's ER with broken fingers and a possible concussion, Rob is shocked to see the young girl has grown up to be a beautiful woman. He's flooded with childhood memories and is eager to ask her out, but he knows that he can't act on his feelings with her entire family against him. But he's given a second chance when he accidentally ends up with Melissa's lovebird, and he finally has the chance to explain what happened all those years ago.

This was a really cute Christmas story! The lovebirds were adorable, they were the best part of an already great story. They each had their own distinct personalities, and shone each time they appeared. Rob was a lovable hero, he wasn't overbearing or domineering. He was determined to let Melissa make her own choices, and her own mistakes, and to stop the constant coddling. Melissa was inexperienced with relationships and acted immaturely at times, but she had a sweet personality that made me like her immediately. Near the end of the book we meet the entire Hart clan at once, and there were some hints to the match ups in the sequels, but there was no cliffhanger. It was a clean romance.

This was my first audiobook by Jennifer Groberg, and it was a great performance. There were a lot of bird sounds in the story, and she performed them well. They never grated on the ear or became annoying. She has a pleasant sounding young voice, and it was a good match for Melissa. I received a copy of the audiobook in exchange for an honest review. I'll definitely be keeping an eye out for the rest of the series and more by Rachelle Ayala.

Nicole says

This book was alright but I felt like it was too rushed. We didn't get to see Melisa and Rob together which to me is needed in a romance novel. I did like the whole part with Casey and Cassie (the lovebirds) it was a very cute story but I feel like it should've been a little more detailed and a little more story to it.

Barbara says

This was my first ready by author Rachelle Ayala and I loved it. What a beautiful, sweet story. The story was about Melisa Hart who always had a crush on her brother's ex-best friend, Rob Reed. Years ago, Rob did the unthinkable and slept with her brother's girlfriend and that was the end of the friendship. Years later, Melisa brought her lovebird, Cassie to her kindergarten class on the last day of school before Christmas break.

Trying to get the lovebird down from a light, Melisa falls and breaks her hand. While at the ER, she finds out Rob Reed is the doctor who attends to her. She also discovers she still has that crush on him. While at a Christmas Toy Drive, there is a mix up with Melisa's lovebird which brings her to Rob Reed again and the sparks really fly.

They have a wonderful time together and he explains his side of the story or does he? The story continues of what every thinks of Melisa seeing Rob and the reasons why she shouldn't. It is a great story about how you can't always believe what you hear. The author brings everything together at the end and since it is a Christmas story, wraps it in a beautiful bow.
