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*Secrets, Sparks and Second Chances...a Heartwarming Holiday Romance*

Seb Pierce isn't exactly a cowboy, but after fifteen years on a ranch in Texas, he might as well be. And he'd do just about anything to keep the rancher who took him in so many years ago from losing his land...including returning to the wealthy roots he's long since abandoned. Seb agrees to work for his stern grandfather for one year in return for an early draw on his inheritance. But he never expected the agreement to land him in a quirky small town in Iowa at Christmas-time, renovating a dilapidated theater...and running into a woman he never thought he'd see again. She might not remember him, but he remembers her.

After too many years away from her hometown--and too many failures to count--Leigh Renwycke is finally back in Maple Valley and living the stable life she used to wish for. If only she could shake the old restlessness that used to get her into trouble. When Seb Pierce waltzes into her world and begs for her help planning the theater's holiday reopening, it could be the solution to her discontent. If she pulls it off, it might be enough to jumpstart a new career...and to prove once and for all that the new-and-improved Leigh is here to stay.

But between old secrets and new sparks, restoring a town treasure in time for Christmas may not be as easy as it seems...especially once Leigh learns the truth about Seb.

## One Enchanted Noël Details

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## From Reader Review One Enchanted Noël for online ebook

### Brittany says

This sweet novella is the perfect ending to the Enchanted Christmas series. It stands alone for those who haven't read the other stories. However, each one is so enjoyable that I would recommend reading them all!

These characters, Leigh and Seb, kept me cheering for them throughout the novel. Leigh has had a rough time of it in her life, mostly due to bad choices that she made in the past. This story examines what she overcame, how she has been living her life for the past few years, and the perceptions of those around her. Seb has pain from his past as well and was a character that I really liked. It was fun to watch him navigate Leigh's family, including her brothers and her daughter, especially the couple of scenes where they grilled him on his intentions!

The setting of Maple Valley at Christmas never fails to propel me into the spirit of the holidays! I definitely recommend it to those who enjoy romances set at Christmastime.

You can read this review on my blog:  
[https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...](https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.com)

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### Susan says

Marvelous! This novella is my favorite in the Enchanted Christmas Collection. I laughed and cried as I read Leigh and Sebastien's story. Ms. Tagg has created a town that I would love to call home and has populated it with characters I would love to claim as friends.

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### Courtney Clark says

Just when I think I couldn't love Melissa Tagg's storytelling more, she goes and does something surprising like this and writes two new, compelling lead characters - one of which is a COWBOY! A gentleman complete with a Texas drawl and plaid shirts, even if he does originally hale from California. I can't see his name in print without pronouncing it in my head just like Leigh always calls him: Sebastian Parker Pierce III. He's a catch! :)

And then there's Leigh. The last of the Renwycke siblings to befriend. My heart just wants to hug her and tell her she is loved for who she IS and who she is daily choosing to BE. Thankfully, a host of family and a few friends, most notably Seb and his knowing care, encourage her along the way. She learns an important lesson of dreaming and reaching and trusting God to have insanely awesome plans for her life.

My movie-nerd self LOVED the fact that Sebastian is renovating a MOVIE THEATER!!! Speaking from personal experience in that setting, Melissa got her facts very straight except for one teeny, tiny detail that is totally forgivable for the sake of artistic license and the resulting cute scene ;). I could virtually hear the projectors whirring and smell the popcorn as I read.

One Enchanted Noel has the signature humor and pop culture I've come to expect from Melissa, set in the "enchanting" world of Maple Valley with its quirkiness. Among many other things, I LOVED getting to see the humor of Mayor Milt again and a "peek behind the curtain" of his attitude in one little scene. But at the heart of it all is a message of hope and dreams within grasp, of supporting family and embracing new beginnings.

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### **Susan May Warren says**

#### **The perfect ending to a spectacular trilogy of Christmas stories!!**

Oh, after reading and loving Melissa Tagg's first two Christmas novellas, I knew this would be a fabulous story. But I was unprepared for the way it would speak to my heart. I love this town, and Tagg's prose is so completely charming as usual. More, Seb, the cowboy hero is soooo swoonworthy. But the message, the transformation of Leigh, and the grace filled truths were exactly perfect, and with this story, Tagg definitely saved the best for last. Your heart will be full after reading this story..the perfect way to spend a snowy Christmas evening. As the title says...enchanting!

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### **Aerykah says**

I just... I needed more... I'm not ready for it to end yet...

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### **Clara says**

I wasn't ready to say goodbye to the Renwycke family. Nope, not one bit.

Sebastian Parker Pierce III landed in midwestern Iowa in the middle of December without a coat, only to first find out there aren't any places for him to stay and then to almost be arrested. Add to the pile of surprises the fact that he's bumped into the lady who's haunted his memories for the past 5 years. Only now, she looks somewhat put together.

Leigh knows she's not perfect. She knows how much she's hurt the people around her, including her own daughter. She's been living a stable and better life for years now, but her past still haunts her. Even though she's been accepted back by her family, she still can't comprehend the extent of their love and forgiveness towards her. And God's too, as a matter of fact.

Being consumed by restlessness of late, Leigh isn't sure how to give her heart a chance to dream and hope without feeling like she has to prove to everyone that she's not one step from collapsing to old patterns again. She just wants to live a fulfilled life without being connected to her past at every turn. And, when Sebastian ends up needing her help to restore a movie theatre and plan the grand opening, Leigh thinks she's just found the chance to just be, without any judgement being thrown on her, without having to prove herself changed, but just truly and fully be.

This was SUCH a heartwarming story!!! So so much that I can't even <3

What a wonderful reminder, while we enter this season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, about an astounding

love that never wavers, never fails, even though we've stumbled and fallen a thousand times.

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### **Denise Hershberger says**

This book was a delight. Any excuse I have to be in Maple Valley again is a win!

I love the bits of humor Tagg incorporates into this story. It is always just the right amount of awkward and hilarious. I often laugh out loud at the situations her characters find themselves in.

I really liked Seb a lot. His constant use of "darlin'" was my favorite. I could just hear a handsome, Texas cowboy in his dialogue. And I loved the flirting. It was there but not over the top. I also loved what a hard worker he was and how much he cared about the people in his life.

Leigh has been through a lot and is still figuring out what to do next. I think I especially liked that since I just recently changed career trajectories myself. It was nice to see her work so hard to move to her next step. And I loved her daughter. She was in many ways a typical teenager but she also had some wisdom beyond her years.

This was a quick read - after all it is a novella - but it was well written and didn't leave you feeling like you were missing another 200 pages. I don't often enjoy novellas but Tagg does an excellent job with them.

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### **Emilie Hendryx says**

One Enchanted Noel by Melissa Tagg was truly that: enchanting!

If fell in love with this series from the first novella and am so sad to see it end with this third installment! It's also a great way to get "back" to Maple Valley, a town I have certainly fallen in love with!

In this book, we get to follow the third sibling in the Renwycke family, Leigh. Finally getting a behind-the-scenes look into Leigh's life was definitely eye-opening! I won't say much here but I really loved how real Melissa crafted her to be. Her backstory isn't pretty, but it creates a whole character when pulled together with where she is today. And her quirks and love or organization got me right in the feels! You go girl!

And Seb Pierce...oh Seb. Yet another charming and snarky hero to fall in love with, \*sigh\*. And a cowboy to boot (pun totally intended!). He's charming but with a realness to his story as well that gives proof that no matter what we've said or done in the past, there is always a way for redemption.

Enter in some holiday magic, a twist of fate (aka: God's hand), and a whole lot of laughs and romantic tension and you're in for a serious treat with this amazing novella!

I highly recommend it (and all of Melissa's books) and would suggest if you don't have the whole novella collection you really do need it for your Christmas reading shelf (don't we all have one of those?).

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## **Beth says**

Christmas novella perfection!

Whenever I think I'm going to get tired of a romantic Christmas novella, all I need is Melissa Tagg to prove me wrong. One Enchanted Noel strikes the perfect balance between character growth, romance, and cozy Christmas-y feelings, without being cheesy or unrealistic. Leigh Renwycke's character especially tugged my heart strings, and I applaud Tagg for creating a character that had a tough past. Leigh's resiliency is admirable, and the realism in her character makes her relatable to anyone who has ever struggled to let go of their past. Maple Valley is back in all its charming, quirky, small-town glory. Seb Pierce brings an outsider perspective to the story, so that was neat to "see" my favorite fictional town through his eyes.

Although you can read this as a standalone, I do recommend checking out the first two novellas in the series - the Renwycke's are a fun bunch and have stories as endearing as those of the Walker's - and that's saying a lot! You can now get all three novellas in one paperback collection, which I am heartily tempted to add to my shelves, even though I already own all three novellas on my Kindle. Highly recommended for fans of contemporary romance and Christmas-themed reads.

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## **Rissi says**

### **One Enchanted Noël by Melissa Tagg - Festive Novella Sure to Enchant**

It's the most wonderful time of year and with its arrival comes the most magical stories that are Christmas novellas. Only a few years ago, I never read anything by these fictional parameters. That was before favorite authors begin (by droves) writing adorable stories a normal reader (I am not one of those) can read in an afternoon. Then Melissa Tagg came along with her expressive brand of wit and romance, and released a trio of delightful Christmas stories. 'Noël' is the third in the trilogy. Read the entire

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## **Kathy Jo says**

Leigh's life is the most stable it's ever been. She's the assistant manager for The Red Door, she's living in an adorable townhome with her daughter, Winnie and she's been drug-free for 4 years now. But she's restless. And being restless has always gotten her in trouble in the past. She's come too far to fall back into old habits. She needs to prove to everyone, including herself, that she is strong enough to stand on her own two feet without anyone's help.

Seb has been estranged from his grandfather for years. He couldn't handle his grandfather controlling every aspect of his life. He boarded a Greyhound bus years ago and never looked back. That is until Thad, the man who has been more of a father to him than his grandfather ever was, needed help saving his land. One phone call to his grandfather asking for financial help has Seb travelling all over the U.S. renovating old debilitated theaters and restoring them to their former glory. He has one final theater before he can claim his early inheritance and return home to the ranch in Texas.

But one look at Leigh has him wondering if he was sent to this small, quirky town to renovate the theater or to make up for the one regret he has in his life. He knows he should tell her that they have met before but he just can't. He's drawn to her in a way that he's never been drawn to anyone before. He can't risk her finding out and losing the chance at a possible future together.

The more time they spend together, the more their feelings grow. But what happens when the past comes back to haunt them? Will the secret Seb's been keeping from Leigh tear them apart? Or can she find it in herself to not only forgive him for keeping it from her but also forgive herself for her past mistakes? Can Seb help her to realize that she is no longer weak and helpless? Can he help her to see the strong, beautiful woman he sees who has overcome her past and is better because of it?

I'm sad to see this series end! I have definitely enjoyed my time in Maple Valley, IA. It was such a fun getaway. I fell in love with the setting and the people. I wish I could say that I absolutely loved Leigh's book but sadly I just liked it. For me, Leigh's happily ever after felt more like a hopefully ever after. There were things that happened throughout the book that I feel didn't get resolved. With this being the ending of the series, I would've loved to see more closure. An epilogue of where the family is, say a year from now, would've been perfect in my opinion.

But don't let my thoughts or personal preferences discourage you from reading this series. It really is a fun series and I have enjoyed reading it! It has helped put me in the Christmas spirit. The love that this family has for each other, the sacrifices they are willing to make, the forgiveness they so freely give are only a few reasons why I will definitely be rereading this series again and again.

Ms. Tagg definitely knows how to suck me in and keep my attention throughout each book of hers I have read. As I said before, I will definitely be checking out more of her books.

And of course we can't forget my casting!

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### **m a r y l i z says**

By far my least favorite of the collection. I just wasn't a fan of the main couple, especially Seb. He felt Rather Pushy and Annoying (and not endearingly annoying like Colin :P) Also, there was a little TOO much kissing/physical contact. Not a fan, friends. Not a fan. \*cough\*

Despite the fact that I didn't care about the romance much, the writing and character development were still spot-on! And of course, who can ever say no to a trip to Maple Valley at Christmastime??

Overall, not bad but still a disappointment considering how amazing the last two were. The other novellas were so lovely that it's worth buying the entire collection even if this one wasn't great. <3

### **3 stars**

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### **Rachael says**

It's nice to see Leigh make progress in her life. After so many self-inflicted problems, she's finally on the right path. If only people would trust her to keep on it. I can understand her frustration that every time some little thing goes wrong, everyone--especially her own family--assumes she's on the verge of a relapse. In spite of the heavy details about Leigh's past, I'm impressed by the author's ability to maintain her characteristic humor, while not lessening the impact of Leigh's choices.

I enjoy how the author ties together these stories with her Walker Family ones--not that the Walkers play much a role, but if a new thing appears in a Walker book, it frequently makes an appearance here--such as the horse ranch that is being revitalized in All This Time, just in time for some Maple Valley Christmas shenanigans in this one.

With the conclusion of the Enchanted Christmas Collection, could this be the very last Maple Valley story? I hope not! The quirky town has easily become one of my favorite fictional places.

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### **Staci says**

Such a cute Christmas novella and a lovely conclusion to the Enchanted Christmas Collection. I especially loved the sprinkle of humor and the binders. I could relate to Leigh's love for organizing and planning.

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### **Sarah Monzon says**

Yay! A great way to end the series.

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