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It's impossible to forget...

Matilda 'Tilly' Carter has had the week from hell – and now, with all trains cancelled, it looks like Christmas will be too! With a mascara-streaked face, a broken heel and nowhere to go, there's never been a worse time to run into the man who once broke her heart. Especially when he looks better than ever.

The one that got away...

For Dean, Christmas has always been hard. The Tilly standing before him is no longer the firecracker of his memories—even if the way she makes his heart race hasn't changed at all. He is determined to uphold the promise that kept them apart nine years ago. But spending a cosy Christmas with Tilly would break a better man and each accidental touch, heated look and stolen kiss is taking its toll on Dean.

After all this time, can the magic of Christmas bring Tilly and Dean together at last?

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Jessy says

So I bought this book totally hooked in by an excerpt that kept lingering in the back of my head...I then found a spare couple minutes to take a peek and begin the story. Well Aurelia B. Rowl took my couple minutes and turned it into one sitting of reading this book! This is her debut novel and I applaud her work!! I absolutely love her style and the connections she makes to the reader right off the bat! I was hooked and glad I finished this! It's freaking fantastic! It's cute, funny, romantic, sexy, steamy, and serious all in one! We meet Tilly when she's down on her luck. Going through a rough time and of course as fate would have it...Dean the one man that's out of her grasp for reasons unknown to her comes right into her path. Will these two get through the hurdles that have kept them apart all these years? Find out! You will fall head over heels for this love story that makes Christmas a new found joy for someone who lost hope in the happiness the holiday brings. I give this book my thumbs up!

Rain ~miss kinky knickers~ says

How shall I put this gently...?

No. Okay? Just... no.

It pains me to say it, but I was so sure this book will turn out to be a fine, refreshing, light holiday read. The first half of it is great. Seriously. Great!

So, what went wrong? And, what's even more important - how could it go so terribly wrong?

Let's see...

At the very beginning of the story, Tilly (the heroine) is on the verge of a nervous breakdown. She lost her job, her home and her boyfriend. On Christmas Eve, of all days! And, to top it all off, the train that would take her to her brother is *not* about to arrive any time soon. Well, maybe in a few days. Christmas is officially canceled.

So there she is, all desperate and broken, with her one suitcase, when all of a sudden *he* appears. Dean - the only guy Tilly ever loved. Her brother's (ex) friend. The same guy she's spent almost a decade pining over. The one that never wanted her. Well, that's what she thinks...

See, Tilly's brother Phil made Dean promise he'll stay away from her. Because... hm, because she deserves better. Because there were some rumors about Dean being (view spoiler). And, Dean does not want to break that promise. Even if it kills him. Even if it means he'll lose the only girl that he's ever loved.

But, let's get back to the story...

So, Tilly ends up at Dean's house. And, since they are about to spend a couple of days together, maybe Christmas isn't cancelled after all. Maybe there's a chance for the two of them.

Dean was really trying hard to resist, poor guy, but when he let go I was hoping this story will (finally) reach the greatest part (with a couple of mandatory downs, of course).

Actually, that's when Phil showed up.

And, that's exactly when it all came crashing down.

I'm not sure how it happened. All of a sudden, this cute, fine book turned into... not fine.

There was a case of a nervous breakdown (or at least it seemed that way), one partial lobotomy (seriously, I'm not a huge fan of ultimate personality change without a solid reason) and it all became one sobbing, confusing mess.

Nothing felt right. There was all that "I forgive you", "I am so sorry", "I was wrong"... but it was too easily solved, way too soon, and it ruined all that fine build up from the first half of the story.

It's such a shame. I wish I could give it a higher rating, but all the oh-so-sweet moments just gave me a toothache. Even those diary entries, at the very end, that were supposed to bring it all together seemed too weak and so out of place. Actually, they are (imo, at least) one of the weakest parts of the story.

So, it's like this - what started out as a great, light read with highly likable (and realistic) characters turned into a disappointment.

Again.

I'll just go and look at my Christmas tree for a while... maybe those twinkling lights will help.

Suze Lavender says

Tilly is in quite a state. She's stranded, because her train has been cancelled and all of her possessions are in one suitcase. She's lost her job and she's on her own. Then she meets someone from her past which is a huge surprise. Dean is the man who has broken her heart ten years ago and it's the first time they see each other again since that awful event. Even though she's still hurt she can't stay mad at him and when he offers her a ride she has no choice but to say yes. Dean is happy to see her again, but he's promised to stay away all those years ago and he's still bound by his honor. Now that she's standing before him, it's so hard to say no to her. Tilly and Dean have to spend Christmas together, does this mean they will finally get what they both want or will they get into serious trouble?

I read this novella in one sitting. I loved the story and was happy that this was quite a long novella as that meant more fabulous reading. There's a lot of chemistry between Tilly and Dean, but that doesn't mean they can do whatever they want. There are secrets that might be standing in their way. I wanted to know what those secrets were and I had to keep reading until I found out. This is a story that kept me glued to my seat and I really like it when I have a real page turner in my hands. Aurelia B Rowl has such a great writing style. There are several hot scenes and there's also a good story, which is a perfect combination.

Bex 'n' Books says

Christmas is Cancelled is an absorbing contemporary romance. I was immediately captivated by the characters, both by Tilly and Dean. Tilly, the female protagonist, especially piqued my interest. She was so easy to relate to, her emotions and reactions were very realistic, yet they embraced the romantic genre beautifully. This is a testament to the author, Aurelia B Rowl's, lovely style of writing; it was undemanding yet engaging.

The events that unfurl in this Christmas themed book were exciting and moving. Tilly embodies many women's fears, yet she has a subtle strength to her character, that she gradually embraces more as the storyline progresses. Likewise the character Dean is appropriately dreamy with a mysterious past that we're clambering to discover.

As their relationship develops and the storyline advances, so does the heat. Christmas is cancelled has

several steamy sex scenes that left me needing a cold shower as well as a desiring a little hut to visit during a snow storm! You can positively feel the snow thawing around the passion that this couple creates!

As the story neared the end, I was little perplexed. Don't get me wrong, I loved the ending; I especially loved Tilly's reaction to the situation that she found herself in – it was really refreshing for this genre. However, Dean's character dumb founded me a little. His personality became somewhat desperate. I suppose once again, I could argue that this is refreshing, especially for the genre, but I am a sucker for a strong broody man!

If you're looking for a sexy, emotion driven romance with strong and deeply human characters, then Christmas is Cancelled won't disappoint. 4 Fabulous fairies.

Janet Juengling-Snell says

Fantastic Christmas romance!

From the moment I started reading this Gem of a Christmas story, I couldn't stop. Dinner dish and kitchen cleanup be damned, I had to finish this book.

We are introduced to our heroine, Tilly, in the middle of having the worst day of her life. She has just lost everything, her job, her home, her boyfriend and her best friend. And it's Christmas Eve!

Things couldn't get any worse. Guess again, in the midst of having a mental breakdown, Tilly is found by her brother's best friend, the man she has been in love and rejected her almost 10 years earlier.

What she doesn't know is that Dean had made a promise to her brother all those years ago to stay away from Tilly. His heart also yearns for Tilly, yet he feels honor bound to keep his promise. But can he just leave her on the streets, alone on Christmas Eve? To make matters worse, Dean has a deep dislike for the Christmas season.

This story is full of emotions and sexual tension as Tilly and Dean reconnect. Both fight their attraction, till they become so consumed in their passion, finally realizing they are fighting a lost cause. Those scenes were so full of tenderness and love, that at one point I unknowingly let out a deep sigh. Hubby looked over asking if I was ok *bashfully grinning*

This was a sweet, very romantic Christmas Love story. You can bet I'll be reading this again next Christmas.

Aimee says

I've been dying for this book to come out after interviewing Aurelia and reading the excerpt, so it's no surprise I finished it the same day. Christmas is Cancelled doesn't read like a book by a debut author. The sexual tension and conflict sucks you right into the story. It begins with everything in Tilly's life falling to pieces, and she almost did, but I admired how she held it together and forced herself to go on when I'd have

probably crawled into my bed and cried for a week. Poor Dean struggled to keep his hands to himself, and hide his secrets, because of a promise he'd made to his best friend ten years earlier. He's an intoxicating mix of noble, sensitive, alpha and drop dead gorgeous.

Aurelia mixes the perfect blend of fun, sizzling and anticipation so much so the book is very hard to put down. The conflicts are original, the setting beautiful and she has this way of dragging you into the story so it feels like you are there, standing on top of a freezing cold mountain in the Lake District witness to a saucy snowball fight. I can't wait for more from this very talented debut author. Soon, please :o)

Cathy Brockman says

It's Christmas eve and Tilly is having the worst day of her life, she just lost her job her Live in boyfriend , her best friend and her home in one big blow. Now heading to her brothers for Christmas she finds the train is cancelled. Just when she thinks things can't get worse she runs into her first crush that broke her heart nine years ago and the reason she is there in the first place after he humiliated her.

Dean has his reasons for not liking Christmas (you will have to read the book to see what they are) He is wealthy, prosperous and handsome but found no woman measured up to the one he let get away years ago. But promises are promises and he has his honor.

This was a very sweet romance. Nicely written and fast paced. Both characters are intriguing and the storylines entwine and unravel brilliantly. If you're looking for something to add a little heat into your life or a nice Holiday setting to cool you down this one is for you! I loved how this ended with his journal entries form the travel lodge * you will need a tissue here but its happy tears*

Recommendations: If you like a nice steamy romance, a sweet love story, a sexy snowball fight and a story set around the holiday season this one is awesome!

Claire Robinson says

4 - Betrayed, homeless, out of a job and now stranded in a train station. Stars!

Another great book by the talented Aurelia B. Rowle. Second-chance love is one of my favorite tropes, so add in a Christmas twist and I am a happy reader.

This quick, sexy, emotive read kept me up well past my bedtime as I just couldn't wait to see if Tilly and Dean would be able to overcome their pasts, so they could have a future together.

If you are still in the Christmas spirit, or are looking for something with a little snow and magic contained within its pages to read, this is the perfect title for any reader to curl up with for a few hours of escapism, and being set in the U.K gives it a little added charm!

ARC generously provided via Netgalley, in exchange for the above honest review.

Alison says

I was given a copy of this book in return for an honest review.

It is of course, a Christmas-set story and has a lovely festive (and yet pink and pretty!) cover – but don't let that put you off. In my opinion, Christmas stories can be read at any time of the year!

Tilly, the heroine is sure that her Christmas has been cancelled. After all, she just caught her boyfriend cheating on her with her friend, and subsequently lost both her job and home. It's the last straw when the train taking her to her brother for the Christmas holidays is cancelled – and distraught – she stumbles into a very important ex – Dean.

I really warmed to Dean straight away, trying to make an effort to make Tilly's Christmas better, and inviting her to stay at his home. The hero and heroine soon find that they are falling in love all over again (if indeed they ever stopped). Only – Tilly's brother and some ghosts from the past have to be dealt with before they can have their happy ever after.

I really liked having a different setting too than a lot of the modern romances I have recently read. The hero and heroine re-connected in the city of Manchester, and Dean's home is in the Peak District, another area I hadn't really encountered before – that sounds really beautiful. The tenderness and reconnection between them is also nicely dealt with, and you are cheering them on to be together again – despite Tilly coming straight from a recently ended relationship, and perhaps against the reader's own instincts.

I did find the revelations that Tilly's brother brings into the story a bit jarring at first, but once explained the story was soon back on track for me, and came to a satisfying conclusion.

Dean's diary at the end of the story was very touching and a nice addition.

This is a nice Christmas read (and whenever else you might want to read it!) and an enjoyable début from the author. I would be happy to read books by her again.

Maryline M's Bookshelf says

What a deliciously sexy Christmas love story. I loved it from the very first page. I put it down once, just to get some sleep.. only to pick it up again first thing in the morning.

Tilly just hit rock bottom when the story kicks off. Although you don't know the specifics of her breakdown from the start, you instantly take pity on her and start rooting for a better outcome. Who would wish for someone's Christmas to get cancelled? Then along comes Dean. From the moment he makes his appearance, you're just as smitten with him as Tilly is. And just like her, you're intrigued to find out what's keeping Dean from giving in.

It was a heartwarming, romantic, sexy and moving read. Go and get your Christmas wish-list, this novel should be on there.. somewhere at the very top.

<http://mssbookshelf.blogspot.be/>

Desere says

This was a Christmas read unlike any other. The story had lots of twists and turns taking me as reader on a journey of how people's lives are affected when they defend the ones they love and how those their actions can brand them for the rest of their lives.

The main characters were Tilly, a spirited young woman on the verge of a nervous breakdown due to having lost her home, her job and her boyfriend all on the same day and not just any day but Christmas eve. Stranded at the station, with her only possessions packed into a suitcase and a broken shoe she is more than ready to just give up.

But by the grace of a Christmas even wonder she bumps into her one and only true love, Dean once best friend to her brother, but also the one man that never wanted her. And a really miraculous tale unfolded. One of two people clearly meant to be together yet kept apart by a promise and Dean being branded as a murderer.

Yes you read that right murderer! Tilly and Dean go through the motions of hot and cold for each other as Dean fights with all his being to not let his passion for Tilly get the better of him, after all he promised. Tilly however wants Dean with a fire as blazing hot as her once red hair colour, and she tries her hardest to let him know, only he keeps pushing her away. That is until they both get so consumed with their passions for each other and both let go.

Right here is where I thought oh joy finally! But then a unexpected turn of events and a lot of meddling from Phil, Tilly's brother let it all crumble, and that my dear friends really made the book! It was so unexpected and the truth being revealed by the author kept me glued to my seat!

The characters where both stunning, secondary characters brought the book into more perspective for me and the twist of a visitors book made the plot oh so much more compelling.

The author did a brilliant job of taking a happy event and turning it into mystery, intrigue and suspense, combined with romance, truth being revealed and a decade long secret finally setting a torn man free by the one woman that has always held his heart in her hands.

Christmas tale with a twist ~~ excellent work Aurelia!

5/5 star review

Katie (Kitkatscanread) says

Actual rating : 4.5 stars

I received a copy of this from the publisher in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book. It is my true opinion only

This was a cute Christmas novel about bad luck and fate crashing together.

Sexual scenes, a hot steamy romance and dark secrets.
Perfect for fans of New Adult romances.

I adored all the characters.
This story makes you believe that fate can interrupt anything for the best.
If things are meant to be, then they're meant to be.

It was cute, fluffy and full of fun.
Perfect for Christmas.
Really enjoyed this so much.
Definitely recommend.

Sophie says

Posted in full <http://www.reviewedthebook.co.uk/2015...>

Christmas is Cancelled is Aurelia B. Rowl's debut novel, which has since been re-released by Carina. Having already read and enjoyed both of Aurelia's young adult/new adult books in her Facing the Music series, I was looking forward to reading her first contemporary romance novella. Christmas is Cancelled introduces us to Tilly who is in a bad way. As if being newly single, homeless and jobless wasn't enough, her Christmas Eve train is cancelled and so she won't even make it to her brother's home in time for the festive season. Her Christmas cancelled, Tilly is in a desperate rush to leave the station only to quickly find herself face to face with Dean, a guy she hasn't seen for almost nine years, a guy who broke her heart...

I liked Tilly straight away. She was a bit all over the place, one second feisty and the next a bit of a wreck, but she was quite endearing. There was a lot of chemistry between her and Dean, it kind of oozed off the pages a little but even though Dean found Tilly hard to resist, there was something holding him back, something to do with a promise he once made.

I had mixed feelings about Dean. I liked him, I really did and I found his story to be interesting but at times I found him to be over-sensitive and it made me cringe a little how soppy he could be. It just ended up feeling a bit weird to me and I don't really know how to explain that without going into spoiler territory but I just wasn't quite sure how I felt about him as a character. He did make me smile when he was trying to find a suitable nickname for Tilly – and you just knew he wasn't going to settle until he found one that worked, even though it did make me wince a little when he used it so often. Dean was the fascinating part of this novella though because there are things nobody knows about him and I was really intrigued, wondering what they could be and wondering how they would affect the dynamics between him and Tilly.

I expected Dean's secrets to be quite straight-forward and not as dramatic as they were. Though I loved the start to Christmas is Cancelled, I felt like it went off on one in the middle and lost its way. There was a bit of a drama overload for me and I found both Dean and Tilly annoying at this point, never mind the introduction of another character who frustrated me so much. The story seemed to go from having likeable characters with tons of sexual tension to characters who just kept blowing hot and cold and who came to the most ridiculous of assumptions without any sense whatsoever.

Though I felt like this book went off on a tangent, I did think it got brought nicely back together towards the end with a surprise or two. I was impressed by how much Aurelia fit into this novella and the book developed at a whirlwind pace. Even though Christmas wasn't really on the agenda for Tilly or Dean, I liked the fun festivities we did see in the story, especially all the snow which as it does in real life, brought chaos and fun all at the same time. Overall Christmas is Cancelled was a heart-warming story, a nice little read for that day you're sat in front of the fire and in need of something to lift your spirits. The ending was something a bit different and I thought it was a touching way to end the story.

*Review copy

Cora Tea Party Princess says

5 Words: Passion, love, tradition, family, HEA.

What a great story! I wanted it to go on and would happily read this story again. It's a heart-warming, steamy, passionate, sensual tale of that first love working out after all those years. And I loved it.

Tilly was a great character, she knew what she wanted and she went for it. And boy, did she want Dean. Her love and passion for him was almost addictive.

Then Phil comes along and throws a spanner in the works and everything goes a little crazy and because Tilly doesn't know what's happening the reader doesn't either and that was a fantastic piece of writing.

This was a quick Christmas read and really got me in the mood for the festive season. And I just noticed that it's part of a series. IT'S A SERIES GUYS! I can't wait to read about Phil, he was a bit of a dick, but there's definitely something there.

I received a copy of this for free via NetGalley for review purposes.

Lyndy Ann ? says

Christmas is Cancelled is a second chance at your one true love for Tilly and Dean.

Tilly is having the worst Christmas Eve of her life, stranded with no place to go who suddenly appears in the crowd but Dean her teenage crush who humiliated her on her eighteenth birthday the reason she left home.

Dean is shocked to see Tilly but not the Tilly he remembers she is a shadow of her former self. He cannot leave her stranded at the station so he takes her home over Christmas.

On Christmas Day they go for a walk it is a Christmas tradition for Dean the weather turns into a snow storm and they take shelter in a little hut. To stay warm they strip body heat they soon get physical naked together under a blanket is to much temptation **who thought being stuck in a snow storm could be so HOT.**

When they arrive back at Dean's house Phil Tilly's big brother is there waiting for them and soon everything changes for the worse. Can some Christmas magic bring these to lost souls together? What is Dean hiding

from his past? Can Tilly forgive them both? The epilogue was different.

This is one of the best Christmas reads I read this month I enjoyed the writing style I will be checking out other books by Aurelia B Rowl.
