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Perfect for fans of Sarah Morgan & Mandy Baggot.

Christmas is coming and New York is in full swing for the snowy season. But at The Little Knitting Box in the West Village, things are about to change ...

The Little Knitting Box has been in Cleo's family for nearly four decades, and since she arrived fresh off the plane from the Cotswolds four years ago, Cleo has been doing a stellar job of running the store. But instead of an early Christmas card in the mail this year, she gets a letter that tips her world on its axis.

Dylan has had a tumultuous few years. His marriage broke down, his mother passed away and he's been trying to pick up the pieces as a stay-at-home dad. All he wants this Christmas is to give his kids the home and stability they need. But when he meets Cleo at a party one night, he begins to see it's not always so easy to move on and pick up the pieces, especially when his ex seems determined to win him back.

When the snow starts to fall in New York City, both Cleo and Dylan realise life is rarely so black and white and both of them have choices to make. Will Dylan follow his heart or his head? And will Cleo ever allow herself to be a part of another family when her own fell apart at the seams?

Full of snow, love and the true meaning of Christmas, this novel will have you hooked until the final page.

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Helen says

I loved this book. Lovely feel to the characters. Well written. Can't wait to read more.

Alison says

It's a well known fact Helen is one of my 'go to' authors as soon as a new book is available so I couldn't wait to get my hands on this. Once again it combines Christmas and NYC so a happy reader here before I began the first sentence.

Cleo inherits a knitting shop .. the story revolves around it's day to day running and the people involved in it. I could feel myself wrapped in the cosy yarns, sense the exquisite colours, the smell associated with it and the pleasure Cleo gained from putting her life and soul into it.

A steady flow of customers choosing patterns, the excitement of picking special buttons to fix on a finished garment, the knitting groups she hosted where folk came together to create marvellous items. It is all written with fabulous descriptions and feeling. I learned to knit before I went to school, taught by my grandmother so this part of the story was very nostalgic.

However the long term outlook for the shop is put in jeopardy. And the person responsible just happens to be an irresistible man, Dylan. Cleo meets him at a friends party and the attraction is instant but Dylan is a single dad and this doesn't sit well with Cleo's past, couple that with a possible disruption to her future and trouble must be near by.

I enjoyed the blossoming friendship between Cleo and Dylan and especially liked all the Christmas references to NYC. Another brilliant character is Kaisha, a student who helps out in the shop ... she shows such passion and I would love to see more of her in future.

It will come as no surprise that I loved every minute of this and had to keep reading until I had finished. A cosy, warm, festive feel-good story that lived up to all my expectations! Helen has done it again .. thanks for several hours of escapism.

Nuria says

I was sent this book in return for an honest review.

Let's talk Plot.

Helen J. Rolfe's Christmas at The Little Knitting Box tells the story of knitting shop owner Cleo and web designer and single dad Dylan. They meet at a mutual friend's dinner party and immediately hit it off, talking about life's complications and enjoying a glass of wine on the porch-swing. But what sounds like the perfect start to a relationship soon proves to be a complex and confusing matter of heart over head. Both Dylan and Cleo come with baggage and as the story evolves, we get to witness them overcome their problems and come to terms with where their lives are at right now.

Let's talk Review.

Christmas at The Little Knitting Box was my first Christmas read this year and I'm glad that I can say: I don't regret that. There are many, many, many things that I loved about the book and thus made it perfect for the start of my Christmas readathon. Below is just a selection, really.

1. The Setting

This is, at least for me, a major selling point of Christmas at The Little Knitting Box. And let me tell you, the cover totally does the setting of the story justice. From page one, it is very easy to envision Cleo's knitting shop with all the colourful yarn, needles and hand-knitted sweaters. And after finishing the book, I can really say that I've mentally walked every aisle in the shop. Would such a shop exist here in Zurich, I'd be in it in a second.

But it's not just the knitting shop that is magical. Helen J. Rolfe also added New York to the mix. Now. I've never been to New York, but from what I've heard, seen and read it must be magical at Christmas time. The snow and the lights. The people and the hustle of the city. It's all just perfect.

2. The Story

I wasn't sure what to expect from the book when I first picked it up. Maybe because I've been disappointed more than once by a pretty cover. I'm happy to say though, that wasn't the case this time. Once I got into the story, I got lost in the Christmas spirit and especially fell in love with Dylan and his family.

To me he's pretty much the picture book father: devoted to his family, loving with his kids, strong, funny and compassionate. AND. He knows how to cook and iron a shirt. ?

But in all honesty. We live in a time where family come in all shapes and sizes, something that Christmas at The Little Knitting Box highlights more than once. And while some forms might look more "normal" or traditional, all of them have their flaws and cracks. But at the end of the day, what counts are the people we surround ourselves with and the people we love. Whether they be blood-related or not. Christmas is a time to come together and forget about the past and what might keep us apart. It's a time to celebrate love. And Christmas at The Little Knitting Box certainly is a celebration of family, love and the magic of Christmas.

3. The Knitting

I might be a bit old-fashioned and boring here, but I LOVE me some knitting. I've recently discovered the craft for myself again and have been knitting blankets, sweaters and socks ever since. I'm nowhere near as good as Cleo, but I'm sure that I love it just as much as her.

So all the yarns and the knit-talk was heart-warming, inspiring and to the point for me.

Head over to the blog for more reviews and a list of knitting projects ideas
<https://unwrappeddreams.com/book-revi...>

Kaisha (The Writing Garnet) says

All reviews can be found on my blog at <https://thewritinggarnet.wordpress.com>

Have you ever fallen so in love with book that you feel a loss when it ends? Have you ever fallen so in love with a book that the entire thing just felt...right? I have. I was really excited to read Helen's new book even before it was released (I will explain why shortly), so when I had the added bonus of falling in love with the

storyline and the characters, I just knew I had to shout loud and proud about this one.

To Cleo, The Little Knitting Box is everything. It's her safety net, her lifeline and the place where she can fill her heart with memories of her family as she works. Just as Cleo feels settled, something is about to threaten The Little Knitting Box's livelihood..

One of the reasons why I was bouncing around like a lunatic before the book was released, was because Helen had created a character...with MY name! Oh yes folks, The Little Knitting Box has a character in it called Kaisha! Even though I knew my name would crop up, I still felt quite emotional seeing it in black and white. Absolutely surreal. I was already beginning to feel involved in Cleo's life myself, then my character doppelgänger turned up and was also involved in Cleo's life! Yes, the character has my name, but despite that, the way that she was written into the storyline with such feistiness and bolshiness, Kaisha quickly became one of my favourites.

As Helen was describing The Knitting Box interior with such attention to detail, I felt like I was walking around the shop myself. Every feature she described, I could see it. Every smell she described, I began to smell it. Everything. That may sound daft but it is true. Such beautiful descriptions of such memorable features; if this was an actual shop in my town, I would be living in it, mark my words!

The storyline goes between Cleo's life, and Dylan's life. Unfortunately, we meet Dylan at a very sad time in his life, and people around him seem to be using that to his advantage. His naivety was a little questionable at times, but it was a joy to see Dylan grow as a character throughout the book. By the end of the story, my opinion had changed as I had gotten to see a different side of him and get to know him much better. The only way that I can describe Dylan would be; 'teddy bear', you'll see why in the story!

It's not often I say this but I really would love to see this storyline carry on into another book. Whilst the ending wasn't left unfinished, it still has been left with room to expand due to where the characters are in their lives at the end of the book. For me, the book just stopped. I wanted to know more and I am really hoping that Helen does make it into a series because it is such a beautiful book. Every single thing was...perfect. I felt like I was opening a present as I turned each page and read the magically words in front of me.

Christmas at The Little Knitting Box has gotten under my skin in ways I never thought were possible. I feel like have lost something due to finishing the book, crazy huh?

Helen Rolfe has written such a warm and cosy read, which will fill your heart with sheer joy from first page to the last. I ended the book feeling as though I had gained a lot of new friends, and there is no doubt in my mind that you will feel that too.

Beautiful, magical and incredibly moving; Christmas at The Little Knitting Box is a book that keeps on giving. Easily one of my favourite books, ever.

Clair says

Firstly there needs to be a nod to the designer as the cover is gorgeous, so festive and in keeping with the story!

Christmas at the Little Knitting Box whisks the reader to West Village in New York during the weeks leading up to Christmas. Cleo runs the Little Knitting Box, a business that has been in her family for decades

and which has brought her over from England. Cleo is recently divorced and enjoying her new life in New York until a letter arrives jeopardising the future of her business.

Dylan is a single father of 2; 6 year old Ruby and 4 year old Jacob, following the breakdown of his marriage. Dylan is also a trained lawyer but has decided to pursue a creative career – much to his ex-wife's disapproval!

Cleo and Dylan meet at a mutual friends party and hit it off straight away – it's clear from the start that they are perfect for one another how both have a lot of emotional baggage.

Christmas at the Little Knitting Box is a beautiful modern romance but also an exploration into relationships across different generations. Cleo has a lovely relationship with her Grandpa Joe and his lady friend Maggie however the relationship she has with her stepmother is difficult – Cleo is almost still the difficult teenager she was many moons ago, due to the grief of losing her mother at such a young age.

It doesn't take long in this book to really bond with both Cleo and Dylan, the author achieves this brilliantly through narrative from both their perspectives. They are both very real characters with their flaws and insecurities, but ultimately both have a heart of gold.

The setting, both in location and time of year are perfect for this book as both set each other off tremendously.

A wonderful, heartwarming and cosy festive read!

Jules says

I was first attracted to this book by its beautiful cover.

Christmas at The Little Knitting Box is a story set in a close-knit community and is as cosy as a **woolly** jumper.

I loved the shop, and was dying to have a good old rummage around it. I was able to imagine the colour, texture and smell of the balls of wool as if they were in my own hands. My full-time job is selling novelty craft buttons online, so I couldn't help but imagine having my very own novelty buttons corner within The Little Knitting Box. I also loved that Cleo (who I spent the whole book calling Chloe in my mind) had the nickname Buttons, as I'm known as Auntie Buttons to the little ones amongst my family and friends.

This is an overall feel-good romance with a great mix of characters, a strong focus on family and a festive feel to it.

Now where did I put those knitting needles and that learn how to knit book of mine?!

My review is also available on my blog here:

<https://littlemissnosleep.wordpress.c...>

Yvonne says

This is a beautiful, cosy, snugly, wintry read. Meet Cleo, she ran to New York 4 years ago from England, leaving behind a failed marriage. Now divorced she has taken over The Little Knitting Box, a family run business that Cleo fits into perfectly. She has found her safe haven amongst the ribbons, buttons, threads and wool that makes up this haberdashery shop.

Now meet Dylan, ex husband, ex lawyer and father of two. Things were going well until his ex-wife Prue starts spending more time with the children. She has made a mistake, wants to try again, be part of the family. Dylan thinks she has something up her sleeve.

But things for these two people are about to change. Unforeseen developments are on the horizon that will make both Cleo and Dylan re-think their individual futures.

This is a story that has pulled on the city of New York, a city that does Christmas, and does it well. Helen has managed to bring the sights, sounds, smells and atmosphere onto the pages and into my head. She has invoked the warm cosy Christmas feeling into her pages and has wrapped it around a story very adeptly. The Knitting Box descriptions are a delight, I could see the colours, shapes and feel the textures.

The plot hooked me from the first few paragraphs and kept me turning the pages. Among the plots that are told in this story, there is one that I really liked. Second chances, should people be given a second chance? This I really liked as there were many different aspects, scenarios and situations that involved this theme. A constant will they, won't they plot, with some unexpected twists and developments.

This is a book that I fell in love with, it is out of my usual reading genres, but I am so glad I gave this book a chance. I wanted a read that was Christmas themed, with a bit of romance and had a good story line. This ticked all of those requirements and added quite a lot more. A look at life, love, relationships and past personal problems that have an impact on life.

I would highly recommend this beautifully written Christmas book. A great read that is perfect for snuggling up under a blanket or beside an open fire with a constant supply of hot chocolate. Ideal for readers of romance, women's fiction and general fiction.

Rachel Gilbey says

Cosy, colourful, beautifully written, kept me guessing throughout and well its Christmas in New York what's not to love!

This is a rather warm and cosy story, its a rather sweet romance, and at the same time its so much more than that. Its a hug of a book with characters that I felt connected to instantly.

When I say colourful, wow did Helen Rolfe swallow a colour dictionary, so many different shades of the various yarns mentioned. I could visualise all the various tones and decided that it must be a very pretty knitting shop with them all on display. And the descriptions of the various wools and yarns were also well researched, and thankfully my wool allergy doesn't kick in just reading about it!

It truly was a beautifully written story, at times I was almost in tears just from things in the characters pasts, others I was just amazed how much I felt I knew both Cleo and Dylan. We see things from both of their perspectives, so I was able to fall for Dylan's children, as well as enjoy the interactions between Cleo and her

new assistant Kaisha.

There was a real will they, won't they feel to the Dyland and Cleo story - I imagined just about ever scenario as to what may happen, apart from the real one, and I honestly had no clue which way it would go until the last few pages. In fact we don't even find out at least one of the secrets until really late on, and it does explain some of the hinted at thoughts throughout.

As you know from fiction and movies, Christmas in New York is magical, and I really feel as though I have experienced a Christmas period in this book from just before Thanksgiving, all through the run up to the big day and onwards. And in this book we get Christmas markets, lights, food, carols just the whole spirit of the season, it was wonderful.

Christmas at the Little Knitting Box is a fantastic festive tale.

Dash fan says

5? A warm Romantic feel good read, that's full of Christmas magic

When I first see Christmas at the Little Knitting Box I was so excited as it brought back so many beautiful memories of knitting with my Nan.

She taught me all the stitches. Even when I lost a few lol!

Unfortunately my Nan is no longer with us and reading this story might just inspire me to find my knitting needles again! Well that's if my rheumatoid let's me lol But that's for another time!

The Little Knitting Box is a treasure box of all things beautiful. From the delicate alpaca yarn, to the beautiful buttons.

Cleo has literally thought of everything.

All of the Little Knitting clubs where people just come to socialise it's a place I wish i could visit. There are so few of these gems around now!

Cleo is now running the Little Knitting Box for her Grandpa Joe after her Grandma passed away he could no longer cope. Plus Cleo is running from her past!

So when Cleo gets a letter to say she has 1 year left on her lease she is devastated.

There is no way she can afford to buy somewhere else. She just doesn't know what the future holds!

When Violet her best friend invites her to a party she really isn't in the mood to go, but she never gets out and maybe it's time to have some fun.

After a good few wines she relaxes.

In walks Dylan! He is very gorgeous!

They get talking over a bottle of champagne and he tells her that he had just buried his mother that day!

Cleo and Dylan instantly connect and there is obviously a spark and a very steamy embrace up a tree!! LOL

But Dylan has 2 children and Cleo really doesn't want to play mother.

She has a very strained relationship with her step mum and it's scared her.

Will things work out for them?
Will Cleo be able to let her guard down?
What are the secrets Cleo is hiding!
Will the Little Knitting Box survive?

Dylan is a fantastic Dad, Prue walked out on him and their 2 children as he lost his job and Prue was all about the money and lifestyle. Dylan could no longer provide her with her lavish lifestyle so she left! Grrr now she's back.... but what does she want?

I loved Cleo she has a heart of gold, but clearly has a lot of issues when it comes to relationships. Cleo loves Christmas and maybe it's time she had herself a magical romantic Christmas!!

I adored this beautifully charming book. There is emotion, romance, gorgeous knitting, loveable characters (especially Grandpa Joe who is a big charmer and a hit with the ladies) , family dramas, friendship, and best of all its Christmas!

I highly recommend this book to those looking for a warm, cosy Christmas read that will make you feel good, and fall in love with the charming Little Knitting Box.

I received this book from Rachel Random Resources in which I voluntarily reviewed.

My Review is also on my blog website:
<https://dashfan81.blogspot.com/2017/1...>

booksofallkinds says

I may not be able to afford Christmas in New York but this book is most certainly the next best thing to actually being there. With its stunning descriptions, loveable and completely engaging characters, and twists along the way which will blow your mind, CHRISTMAS AT THE LITTLE KNITTING BOX by Helen J. Rolfe is a mesmerising story that should be read by everyone - I guarantee you if it was, the world would be a better place!

Cleo left England and all of her troubles behind her four years ago when she moved to New York to take over The Little Knitting Box for her beloved grandfather. But when she receives a letter informing her that the space she leases will be sold in the near future, it forces Cleo to really think about her life and what she truly wants. And can she find happiness with a ready-made family and a gorgeous man whose own past resurfaces at the worst possible moment?

I fell instantly in love with this story and I really wish there was a little knitting box store where I live as it just created such a comforting, cosy atmosphere that was evident throughout. Cleo and Dylan have both suffered losses and grief, and as they tentatively reach out to each other and the connection that exists between them, we can see the cogs turning in their minds as they cannot decide whether they should follow their hearts or their heads. There is plenty of drama and secrets in this story which will throw you completely off balance, and the more I got to know the characters I could not stop myself from getting emotionally invested in their story.

CHRISTMAS AT THE LITTLE KNITTING BOX by Helen J. Rolfe is everything that is heartwarming

about Christmas and romance all wrapped up in one perfect story and I cannot wait to read the next instalment in this series, which you can find out more about further down in this blog post. So take my advice and treat yourself to this beautiful story and its sequel. Happy reading!

*I voluntarily reviewed this book from the Blog Tour Organiser

teresa birchall says

Absoutey brilliant.

Wow what can I say I loved this book . really felt like I was there with them. I had to read it all from start to finish I couldn't put it down.

Sarah says

What a wonderful festive read!

There is literally nothing I didn't like about this book. I loved all of it. From the wonderful New York setting to the fabulous shop as well as the engaging characters.

The story flicks between Cleo and Dylan, this way we get to know both characters really well. Even though essentially this is a romantic read, it really was so much more. Both Cleo and Dylan have to overcome people and things from their past in order to move on with their lives. Seeing them deal with their situations had me well and truly hooked.

I've never been one for knitting. My mum tried teaching me when I was a child but was never great so didn't take me long to grow bored of it. The parts in this story though to do with the Little Knitting Box had me in awe. I felt like a child in a candy shop. I could so easily visualise the wonderful array of colours and the feel of the different materials. It had me wanting to rush straight out and buy myself some knitting needles.

Christmas at the Little Knitting Box is the perfect read for this time of year. It's all about friendships, loved ones as well as being true to yourself and going after what you want in this life. A book that you will want to curl up with and lose yourself into.

Louise says

Cleo and Dylan meet at a mutual friends party, they are both having a really bad day but the chemistry between them is unmistakable.

Dylan has very sadly just buried his mother, and Cleo has received a letter to say that the lease on her business premises was to come to an end. So, they are both preoccupied and not on the lookout for love.

Cleo runs the delightful Little Knitting Box and she has put everything into making a success of her grandparents business since arriving from England. The shop, in New York, has been in the family for

decades and Cleo loves it, displaying every type of yarn imaginable and even running knitting workshops for her loyal customers. She still has a close relationship with Grandpa Joe, but family life has been hard for her.

Life is busy for Dylan too, he has two children who live with him and a demanding, and selfish ex-wife.

On their first date, the couple find that their lives are very firmly linked, by a strange coincidence.

With their lives already entwined, complicated family situations and stressful business situations, will they ever be able to move forward with their relationship?

The author alternates the book between Cleo and Dylan's stories, so you get to know them equally as well, and you desperately crave a happy ending for them both. The wonderful descriptions of the yarns with their different textures and myriad of colours took me back to my childhood where I spent many hours waiting in wool shops whilst my mother found just the right wool for her latest project.

The writing flows beautifully and the pages fly by, don't start this book on a day when you have anything else to do!

Jessica says

After seeing the beautiful cover of this I knew this was a book I needed to read this Christmas, so as soon as it was released I made sure to get this on my kindle.

Clio runs the Little Knitting Box, its been in her family for nearly 40years so she is so passionate and has a real love for the store.

With christmas approaching Clio is taken back to receive a letter in the post which turns her world upside down and puts her under a load of stress.

On the brighter side Clio goes to a party and meets Dylan, they instantly click and fall for each other so quickly. With both of them carrying a ton of baggage between them it takes them a while to get together.

Christmas at the Little Knitting Box is the perfect festive romance. I loved every page of it and it kept me completely gripped to the end. Loved this!

Kate says

When a book title has something to do with knitting it's almost destined to catch my eye, and this one certainly did. The description made it sound like a perfect read for a wintry cold Sunday afternoon so I curled up on the sofa with my kindle and a hot chocolate and soon forgot about the housework.

This is such a lovely and cosy story, with characters that readers cannot help but take into their hearts and want to hug close. And the wool shop, well that's got to be my favourite part of the story! Having visited one or two wool shops over the years (ok so many wool shops), I can officially say I've never been to one as amazing as that described by Helen! I definitely would like to go to it though, it sounded so wonderful. The

rainbow of shades of yarn mentioned sounded quite magical, the descriptions of the yarns, the smells, it all felt so real as if I were standing in The Knitting Box.

The way that this story is written, giving readers a glimpse at the perspectives of both Cleo and Dylan means that you get to know them both, get really see what they are like and in turn feel connected and invested in them. Cleo's assistant Kaisha is a lovely character, her enthusiasm and passion are wonderfully written and I'd love to see her in her own novel!

Christmas in New York is always a lovely setting and in this book it's perfect! It works so well with the budding romance between Cleo and Dylan, the "will they, won't they" feel to it all just makes for a more enjoyable read
