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All she wants for Christmas is for Hollywood to love her again. But once she meets him, her Christmas list changes.

Jen's only Christmas wish: Hollywood falling back in love with her. Meeting ex-Marine Gunner was a bonus. She likes that he isn't impressed by celebrities or the movie biz. She likes that he's funny and sweet ... and drop-dead gorgeous. And she loves that he has no idea who her alter-ego is: Jen Fleming, Hollywood bad-girl and paparazzi target number one. Why ruin an amazing affair when he's leaving after the new year?

But the closer they get, the harder she falls, and the more she wants to tell Gunner everything. Especially once he shares his secret with her.

Her new Christmas wish: Gunner accepts and loves her for who she really is.

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Pamela says

Rate: 4.5

Hollywood Holiday is the sequel to Hollywood Ever After which I previously reviewed and loved. In this book you have Jenny, a famous Hollywood actress who is returning home after a stint in rehab for a problem with alcohol. She's terrified to fly (unless she's drunk), but the man she ends up seated next to on the plane is more than kind and helpful to her while she's freaking out, and he doesn't even know who she is. By the time they arrive in L.A., they both are interested in seeing each other again even though Jen is afraid that Gunner, the ex-Marine she befriended, will hate her if he finds out who she really is.

Gunner is headed to L.A. to visit his family for Christmas after several years of not seeing them, one year of which was spent in a military hospital. There is something about Gunner that makes him shy away from closer relationships with woman, but he really liked Jenny and is hoping to see where it might lead.

This is another great story by Sasha Summers. I loved that Jen was not in anyway like you might expect a Hollywood starlet to be: mean, arrogant, selfish, etc. She is very down to earth, humble, and caring. She's not above taking public transportation due to having her license revoked for a drunk driving accident. She wants to put her life back on track and be a better person than she was before. And she just hopes that Gunner can see her for who she is now and not the person she was before. The problem is ... telling him.

Gunner doesn't like actors, or liars. An incident from his past has made him a bit prejudiced against them. Even when Gunner finds out that Jen is an actress, though he is still unaware of who she really is, he's accepting of her job choice and realizes that he was being unfair. I absolutely loved Gunner! He is perfect. I don't know what else to say about him.

There were a couple things that didn't add up for me though ... and I read the book three times. As I'm sure you can imagine, Gunner does find out what Jen's professional name is. But I don't understand his reaction; I don't understand his anger. Sure, he feels lied to even though Jen tried to tell him more than once. He never once recognized her as someone famous. He'd never met her before. She never did anything to him worth getting so upset over. So why? I am leaving out part, so as not to give anything away, but even then, it doesn't make sense to me. Apart from that there were a couple things that I feel, having read book one a couple times, were inconsistencies within the story but are very minor things. And although I did like that Jen wasn't arrogant and she has some insecurities, I think that I would have liked her even more if she didn't obsessively worry about what Gunner's reaction to learning the truth might be.

One last thing, I loved that practically everyone from book one was brought back for this story! I really enjoyed getting a glimpse into Claire and Josh's life since book one. Plus Claire's kids, mother, and Josh's father and sister. I am very much looking forward to reading the next book in this series!

** I received an eARC copy of the book from InkSpell Publishing for review.**

Alyson LaBarge says

I *loved* reading and sharing Hollywood Ever After so I was *really* excited when I got to help celebrate the release of Hollywood Holiday earlier this month. Of course, I have been looking forward to sharing my review with you ever since! This one, set again in Hollywood, has a gorgeous leading lady with an Oscar-full of troubles she is trying to overcome. The hunky hero has some healing of his own to do as well. They have 316 pages to figure out if they can work through their individual problems as well as any difficulties that might arise while they decide if they can be a couple.

The Good: Jen and Gunnar had me hooked from the *very first chapter*. Jen was not what the paparazzi made her out to be and though I got the feeling I should, I just could not dislike her. Gunnar (I envisioned Channing Tatum the whole time) was *really amazing*...right up until the time they got together at his family's house.*chirp, chirp, chirp*..... (crickets, in case you can't tell). Of course, I cannot tell you what happened because that would *spoil* the suspense but let me tell you that as much as I *liked* them both at the beginning, I *loved* them even more at the end. The story is a page-turner - and it's not even an action book!

The BadGood, Pt.2: The secondary characters were multi-dimensional and really helped to build the story. I especially enjoyed Maurice...I have had a good friend like him before. I also really loved Natalie and Jaws. And the mother-in-law....I *loved to hate* that spiteful ol' biddy! It is so cathartic to be able to hate a pretend person, don't you think? ;)

The Snuggly: *Oh the Snuggly!* I know I start a lot of my Snuggly sections like that but I just cannot help it with this one. I think it was the eye connections...sparkly blue, then the dimples...two of course...and the boy cooks! Holy Hannah, I need a fan just thinking about *THAT*. And I haven't even gotten to the *good* part yet. Pressing bodies, tender hands trailing along faces, heartfelt apologies, the brushing of the lips....yeah, *all* the good stuff. Oh and great sex too. ;) *Not* for under 18. ;)

Well, if I haven't convinced you by now of how much I loved Hollywood Holiday and why, it's never going to happen. I really just wanted to go all fangirl about it but that might have been somewhat indecipherable. So instead, just know that this was one of *the* most well thought out, engaging, heartfelt romances I have read in a long time. And it is yours for the reading. ;)

Hmmm...maybe I'll go make some Gingerbread...with lots of raisins...

5 Stars and more, 3 Flames for sure!

****NOTE:** I received this book in exchange for my honest and unbiased review. All opinions are totally 100% my own!

Veronica of V's Reads says

Sasha Summers spins a stellar sequel.

Try saying that three times, fast!

Yes dear ones, HOLLYWOOD HOLIDAY is everything we can expect coming off the HOLLYWOOD EVER AFTER high. In a delightful twist, the second book of the Red Carpet series focuses on two fresh characters—Jenny Fleming, and actress and good friend of Claire and Josh Wiley—and Claire's younger brother Ben “Gunner” Foster, a combat veteran who lost a limb.

This unlikely pair meets en flight to LA. Jenny, a recovering alcoholic, is terrified of flying and Gunner comforts her through a panic attack...or two. Traveling under an alias to avoid paparazzi, Jenny is unsure if she should reveal herself to Gunner. Plus, she's not interested in becoming another tabloid scandal. The spark they ignite isn't wasted when they disembark, however.

They reunite at a community center where Jenny is completing service for a DUI conviction. Gunner is a volunteer helping the disabled athletes program. A few fits and starts as each character aims to self-defend, but soon we realize why Gunner won't take off his clothes. Jenny is able to assuage his fear—OMG Thank Goodness!!—but he discovers her true identity in Jenny's characteristically humiliating fashion and freaks out.

Without Gunner's constancy, Jenny fears she'll hit the sauce again, so she throws herself into training for her new action movie. And fending off the advances of her co-star, Chris Gibson—who I'll call McGrabbyhands for the duration as this seems more accurate.

Oh! Guess who pops onto the set as a technical stunt coordinator...Gunner! Yea!

Jen's determined to rebuild her career, McGrabbyhands is determined to capitalize on Jen's notoriety, and Gunner's determined to avoid the drama despite his attraction to Jen. Oh, and Gunner's mom hates Jen for some drunken smooching months back. Thinks she's a home wrecker. So, yeah, it's complicated. Jenny's heartbroken and takes off to a mountain retreat to rethink her life. Unexpected arrivals bring on the HEA.

In the end, we get a bit of separation and then no separation at all. And, really, I'm relieved I didn't have to reach inside the book and smack sense into Gunner!

HOLLYWOOD HOLIDAY is a fast-paced contemporary romance with some sizzling scenes sure to please.

Holly Full Moon Bites Book Reviews says

I am sure you all remember how much I loved Hollywood Ever After by Sasha Summers. It was a 5 star read and if possible I loved Hollywood Holiday even more! It was just a wonderful read and at times gave me a bubbly-omg-that-is-horrible feeling in the pit of my stomach when something bad was going on but at the same time that instant connection between Jen and Gunner . . . wow.

Gunner was wonderful, he is an ex-Marine, loves to cook, is super sweet and more. I just wanted to hug him and never let go! Jen was likewise a wonderful character and like Gunner has had a horrible time of it the past year or so.

They are both pretty fragile emotion wise even if they put up a good front, but you can see the relationship blooming from the start and they made each other stronger.

I was not sure if this book was going to tie in with the first but it did and we get to catch up some with the characters from Hollywood Ever After.

Overall Hollywood Holiday is a stunning second novel to the Red Carpet series and I look forward to more

romance and gut-clenching emotional moments by Sasha Summers!

I would recommend Hollywood Holiday to anyone who read and liked book one Hollywood Ever After, but I'd recommend the series to anyone who is looking for a wonderful, at times funny, romantic, sexy, sweet and all around lovely contemporary romance.

I am so getting Sasha Summers Loves of Olympus series ASAP!

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TSN says

This is an almost stupidly sweet story, but it definitely is an enjoyable book and who don't like a happy ending.

Even though all those situations where Gunner and Jen was accidentally thrown together was a bit ridiculous, and in my opinion wasn't necessary, it didn't hurt the story all that much.

Kelly says

Hollywood Holiday was a cute, quick read with the added bonus of it being based around Christmas. I knew what the outcome would be because Hollywood Holiday was predictable, romance stories in general usually are, but that in no way stopped me enjoying the journey to the sweet ending.

I loved the easy writing style which in turn made for an easy read. The main characters were well developed and there was a good supporting cast of other lesser characters. One thing that did confuse me was who some of the much lesser characters were when they were only named once or twice in passing, but that wasn't a major issue since those characters weren't all that important anyway.

There were a few sexy scenes between Jen and Gunner here and there. If you're a lover of sexy scenes going all the way, and not fading to black, these will tick the boxes for you.

It's the first I've read of Sasha Summers's books but I already have Hollywood Ever After lined up and waiting on my Kindle for me and I'm looking forward to reading this in the new year.

Neliey says

My review link

<http://madbookreader.blogspot.com/201...>

Bia says

Ok, I've received an ARC of this book a while ago but I hadn't had time to read it up till one day ago when I started this amazing book!

I loved how you don't have to read the first one to really understand Jenny and Gunner's story!

I loved all about it and I'm looking forward to read other books of this author!

Bookish Indulgences with b00k r3vi3ws says

I have to admit it at the very beginning that I haven't read the first book in the series. But with romance novel series I had usually seen that though the characters often overlap, each book can stand on their own. And it is with this belief that I picked up this book. I was right and though reading the first book in the series will definitely be an advantage, you can read this as a standalone too.

So, Jen is famous for all the right and the wrong reasons. As she is on her way back from a rehab, she meets an ex-marine on the plane. Gunner is a gorgeous guy, who lets you hold his hand and holds you when you are freaked about flying. There's an instant connection between them and they decide to see more of each other once they land up at their destination. But there's a catch, Gunner isn't aware of Jen's real identity and Jen doesn't know Gunner's secret from his marine days. They each have a lot to learn and face before they can have their happy endings.

As characters that shape up this novel, both Jen and Gunner are very lovable and true to life. On one hand Jen lives this glamorous life of Hollywood star, but she has made her fair share of mistakes. What makes a reader like me like her is that she is truly trying to atone for it. It was also a change to see the life of a star from her point of view, while reporters & paparazzi invade your private space like you don't deserve it at all. Gunner on the other hand is handsome, sexy, caring and funny – all wrapped up in one! A perfect fictional character [:P Yep! They just don't make 'em like that in real life.] They somehow do complete each other.

The plot was simple and predictable like most romance novels. The relationship in this one too moved a bit too fast for my liking. Call me old fashioned, but I prefer the wooing-dating-getting to know each other period to be a bit more spaced out. The author's style of writing is easy to get into and as result it turned out to be a pretty fast read. And, to round it up – it was a pretty enjoyable read.

Vanessa says

I was very grateful to receive an ARC copy from the publisher. Such an engaging love story for the holidays! Sensual and with a happy ending! I hope there will be more book in the Red Carpet Series!

Elle (Ligia) says

Rating: 4.5 stars.

Get ready, because with *Hollywood Holiday* you're in for a ride!

Jen Fleming is a Hollywood actress; she's a party girl, a trouble maker. Paparazzi follow her every move and after one too many bad decisions she only wants to be her old self again. She just wants to be Jenny again; the woman, the actress. Without the baggage and problems trailing right behind.

Things start looking up when on the flight home she sits next to a gorgeous, sweet, and completely swoon-worthy ex-marine. If only he didn't recognize Jennifer Fleming in her, then we'd be all good.

It appears Jenny is on a lucky day, because cute-dimples-Gunner is not a movie guy. Now there's only one thing missing for Jenny to be completely at ease. Get over her irrational fear that the plane is going down.

The beginning of *Hollywood Holiday* was completely hilarious. Jen had some serious problem with her brain filter, not that I blame her with Gunner sitting right next to her. She also had some funny monologues. It was hard not to giggle.

"He grinned and I stared. Good looking didn't cut it. He was seriously hot. And he had a dimple. A really adorable dimple."

Really, if she could just stop talking about his dimples! That was on the second page, and I was in love with Gunner already. *Damn his dimples!*

Ah! Hard as it might be to believe Gunner was much more than a hot body and a couple of dimples. He was so incredibly sweet, I melted. Not everyone is going to let you squeeze his hand until it hurts, or hold you when the plane is going over a rough patch, or let you sleep on his chest when you're having a complete freak-out. Especially not if you're a stranger to him.

Swoon, anyone?

Ugh, he was funny too! Such perfection is not fair. And yes, you can totally picture me pouting right now, because I am. Where's my Gunner, dammit! *wink* He was a bit cocky sometimes, but in a funny way. It never failed to make me giggle. Yet... oh yes, because we need to make him more perfect, there was vulnerability and tenderness behind all that muscle.

[For the record. This is so not me complaining, alright?]

Jenny was not far behind. She was going through a hard time both in her personal life and her career, so it's understandable that she would feel a little down and needy. But she had a way of seeing herself that made me sad. Sure, she made mistakes, don't we all? Yet she always made it seem like she didn't deserve a second chance, and it made me sad.

"Bottom line: he was a good guy. And good guys didn't end up with girls like me. No matter how much I might wish things were different."

Try as she might though, she didn't stand a chance against Gunner. He was sweet and caring and thoughtful and hot. Did I mention hot? *Right*.

The closer she got to him, the harder it was to stay away. The harder it was not to fall for him. And the harder it was to keep her identity as an actress a secret, because the second Gunner knew who she was he was out the door, and she knew it.

While *Hollywood Holiday* might fall into the category of predictable books –meaning we know where the story is going –you'll be surprised with the twists and turns the story takes. I admit I was actually gasping once (don't worry it wasn't anything bad). And that just made me love it more.

Hollywood Holiday has it all. A swoon-worthy hero, a funny –yet sometimes needy –heroine, a cute dog, annoying and loving family, butt kicking, and some steamy scenes. What else can we ask for?

Not much left, huh? Now I'll just make sure to pick the first book in this series to read as soon as I can, there's no way I'm missing Sasha Summers's amazing storytelling skills. And you better don't!

If you're looking for something funny, something sweet, heartbreaking and steamy, *Hollywood Holiday* might just be it.

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I received an e-copy of the book from the publisher. This in no way affected my review.

Cocktails and Books says

sighs Such a great holiday story. Review to come.

Cecilia Robert says

Hollywood Holiday is a wonderful romantic story. I haven't read the first book in the series. I didn't need to. Ms Summers wrote this sequel in a way that one doesn't need to read the first book in order to read the second.

Jen is going back home after spending time in rehab. Inside the plane she meets Gunner, who is also flying to LA to visit his family. Jen has a phobia: She doesn't like flying. But the goodlooking man-Gunner-sitting next to her helps her through the turbulences until they arrive to LA. Gunner doesn't have any idea who Jen is, and knowing he might reject her, Jen decides not to tell him-For just a little bit longer.

Hollywood Holiday was a wonderful read. Ms Summers did a great job with the characters and the attraction between Jen and Gunner. Both characters have secrets that they fear if the other knows, they will be rejected. The characters in this story aren't perfect, and that is a good thing. Personally I don't like perfect characters. Flawed is way much better.

I look forward to reading more of Ms Summer's work.

Katyana says

I didn't like this as much as I thought I would, or wanted to. Mostly, because I thought Gunner was a shit.

Here's the thing. She kept her secret for, what, 2-3 days? That's fair, and frankly, he kept a secret too... and he kept it for the exact same reason: because when people find out his secret, they stop seeing *him* and a relationship becomes impossible. So he should fucking understand. His reaction was so spectacularly shitty and over-the-top that nothing short of utter groveling would redeem him, to me.

Especially when he didn't have the fucking decency to stay away from her after he lashed out at her. Don't fucking get a job on her set. She's hurt and trying to recover, and he's just battering her. It didn't feel loving, it felt abusive. You hate her now? Fine. Stay out of her goddamn life. It shouldn't be hard, since you hate actors and acting so damn much. This is a woman trying to get her life back together. A woman that has been totally shattered. There's not one iota of care for her life, in his behavior. Frankly, it's amazing she stayed sober.

And the kicker was Marty. She was so fucking out of line that this character - whom I loved in the first book - was loathsome to me. I despise her. When everyone around her could tell her that the media reports were wrong - and when they knew the thing about her uncle - she still is such a bitch to this big-hearted, betrayed and broken girl? Fuck you.

I liked seeing a bit more of Josh and Claire, and I really liked Jenny... her vulnerability and strength were beautiful. But she deserves so much more than Gunner, and frankly, should in no way tether herself to someone that means she'll have Marty in her life for forever. Ugh. Fuck all of that.

Jessica says

This book had a little bit of everything that you could want. From a hot actress to a soldier, drama, and a sweet yet complicated love.

After going to rehab, Jenny is trying to stay out of trouble and get her life back together. She has been hurt time and time again. While on her way back home, she meets Gunner, a big, sexy, bad-ass ex-Marine with dimples who allows her to curl up on him during the flight. Jenny doesn't want to trust anyone with her heart again but something about this glorious man makes her reconsider seeing him again. They leave with promises to see each other again.

Along with rehab, Jenny has to do community service at the youth center. Gunner walks in and automatically turns on the charm. Afterwards he makes her dinner. Jenny is ready to throw all reservation out the window but Gunner isn't so easily persuaded. As things heat up and emotions grow, they can't seem to get past the secret each are hiding.

Jenny is falling for Gunner but she can't seem to tell Gunner that she is Jennifer Fleming. Once Gunner's secret is out, Jenny finds it even harder to tell him. As Jenny tries to talk to with her best friend Claire to find a solution but when she is invited for dinner, everything blows up. Jenny's biggest fear all along come true. My heart broke for both Jenny and Gunner. I have a soft spot for Gunner and he definitely won me over with him dimples. Jenny was handed a sucky hand and she reacted the way most people would. After being screwed over so thoroughly I definitely understand her trust issue. Her dedication and contraction were

admirable. She didn't allow anyone nor any circumstance to get in the way of her job.

In the first book you get a glimpse into what its like having paparazzi after you but this book really made you want to jump them repeatedly. I love that the problems that arose were realistic and handled the way an average person would deal with it. Every girl who loves a love story with a soldier needs to read this!

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