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In 2012 I began a holiday tradition of writing Christmas codas for some of my—and your—favorite stories. I ran the codas on my blog and left them up there for readers to enjoy all year round.

Readers requested that I collect the codas and make them available digitally and in print, and I thought that was a fun idea, which is how you come to be reading this. I decided to add another ten new codas to the collection, as well as some recipes for cocktails and dishes that are either featured in the original works or seem to add some final comment or insight into the era or the characters or their relationship.

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From Reader Review Merry Christmas, Darling! for online ebook

Colette says

Wonderful collection of Christmas codas, with recipes!

Emilie says

I had read these on the blog and saved each as a Word document, but it's nice to have them collected in one place. There are also recipes for food and drinks included. I don't drink alcohol, so the cocktail recipes are lost on me, but I'm sure other readers appreciate them. I may try some of the simpler recipes for meals. I enjoyed the codas catching up with various couples, especially for the books that had abrupt endings.

Heather says

Re-Read Review January 2017:

Always love these codas and they're even better a second time.

Original Review December 2014:

This was such a fun read. Some could be labeled outtakes others could be epilogues, but whatever you call them, they are great! There were a few from stories I haven't read yet so I skipped those and will go back to them once I have. I think the one for Holmes & Moriarity stood out for me because it wasn't really what you called "happy holiday" but it was perfect Kit and JX, had it been written a bit more happily then it wouldn't have suited the characters and the stories we've come to love. This is a must read for Lanyon lovers, especially if you're like me and never really ready to let go of his characters when you turn the last page.

KC says

How absolutely lovely to spend time with characters i love and care about, while trying out awesome recipes and a cocktail or two! Cheers!

Marge says

I read many of these coda's on Josh's website and his blog here at Goodreads. However, I was one of those who asked for them in ebook form, so I could sit in my favorite cosy chair and savor these Christmas snippets. The stories show us our favorite characters a few years on in their relationships, and the recipes are a nice added bonus.

Savoring these stories each December will probably become a yearly Christmas tradition for me.

Kati says

Some of the stories were good, some a bit boring, most of them a bit repetitive. My favorite was the follow-up to Mummy Dearest with Drew & Fraser, and then the one to Ghost of a Chance with Sam & Rhys. Possibly also the one to Icecapade with Noel & Robert. The rest... hm. Sweet but rather forgettable, to be honest.

Jax says

Makes me want to read all the original stories again!

Jillian MacLeod says

While the individual stories are all good, I think it's hard to have a themed anthology like this—especially by a single author—with it starting to feel repetitive, which is just what happens here. I think the individual codas would be better read after the related books than one after another.

After all, even the best chocolates start to lose their appeal if you eat an entire one-pound box in one sitting (or so I'm told *g*).

Tori Thompson says

I wish I remembered more of these characters.... I probably would have enjoyed this more! I did like it, but these are such quick little glimpses I couldn't really bring enough of the original books to mind to get much out of them. But it's Josh Lanyon, and he is awesome, so it's all good!

Lala says

A collection of Christmas codas for almost every couple Josh Lanyon wrote about!!

Needless to say, I was in a reader heaven the whole time reading this. I loved each coda, but the best one for me was the one about Wyatt and Graham from Perfect Day...their bittersweet relationship gets me crying each time.

T.T. Kove says

I'm reading the Codas as I read the books. As I haven't read all of Josh Lanyon's books yet (but I will!), I

can't rate this collection until I finish it.

Somebody Killed His Editor: Christopher and J.X.

Love this series. love, love, love it. And it was nice to see this little scene that took place between Somebody Killed His Editor and All She Wrote.

The Dark Tide: Adrien and Jake

Been a while since I read the Adrien English series, but I loved it! So this was a cute, little read, with Jake being all sweet.

Mummy Dearest: Drew and Fraser

I loved Mummy Dearest, so to see a Coda from them was a great surprise! Cute two pages.

Heart Trouble: Ford and Jacob

Cute, cute, cute! Nice to read a little bit more about these two.

Perfect Day: Wyatt and Graham

The original short story was good: this made it even better. Good story between these two, angst.

The Ghost Wore Yellow Socks: Nick and Perry

Awww, love these two!

The Parting Glass: Tim and Luke

These two's story was heartbreakng. So nice to finally see them in a good place!

Come Unto These Yellow Sands: Swift and Max

Love these two!

I Spy Something Christmas: Mark & Stephen

This one was a scene I'd already read in I Spy Something Christmas, but it was a nice one for this collection.

Cards on the Table: Tim and Jack

Awwww!

Fair Game: Elliot and Tucker

I definitely want to see more scenes between Roland and Tucker. ;-)

Ghost of a Chance: Sam and Rhys

The first page scared the hell out of me... but then everything turned out fine. Well, relatively fine. It's was sweet. :-)

In Plain Sight: Glen & Nash

Green Glass Beads: Archer & Rake

This Rough Magic: Brett and Rafferty

Lone Star: Mitch and Web

Sort of Stranger Than Fiction: Ethan and Michael

The White Knight: Sean and Dan

Just Desserts: Ridge and Tug

The Dark Farewell: Julian and David

The Dickens With Love: James and Segwick
Lovers and Other Strangers: Finn and Con
In Sunshine or In Shadow: Keir and Rick
Icecapade: Noel and Robert
Other People's Weddings: Griff and Hamar
Snowball in Hell: Nathan and Matthew
The Darkling Thrush: Colin and Septimus
Until We Meet Once More: Vic and Sean
Kick Start: Will and Taylor

Antonella says

Oops! I've just found out I never rated this. It is also because I had read the codas one by one first. But to put them all together is a great idea. Of course one should have read the book to be able to enjoy these delightful glimpses in the future of the MCs.

Louis A says

Loved it, all of it... thank you JL for bringing them back!

Angel says

Love the snippets from some of my favorite stories.

Stonemagpie says

I really enjoyed the coda's for Somebody Killed His Editor, Mummy Dearest, The Dark Tide and The Ghost Wore Yellow Socks.

I struggled to remember the other characters and plots. I spent more time looking them up then I did reading the codas. It did make me want to read the books again though!
