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A Christmas novella set on the Outer Banks. A story of love, loss and finding oneself again. The story of a young military widow and her son finding themselves again after the loss of their husband and father. The proceeds of this book go to Operation Military Kids. A charity that helps military children while their parents are deployed.

## **A Sandy's Seashell Shop Christmas Details**

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## **From Reader Review A Sandy's Seashell Shop Christmas for online ebook**

### **Hannah says**

4.5 stars

Books written in present tense can be really hard for me to get into, but this one was very well-written, and I didn't have as much trouble adjusting as usual. The story itself is so very sweet and packed full of good Christmas spirit—a Christmas on the North Carolina beach, with a widow and her small son. Definitely recommended.

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### **Kate says**

A very sweet short story that reminds us that, with Christ, all things are possible, even hope in grief, and Christmas miracles!

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### **Nancy says**

This is an E (for electronic?) Short i.e. 40

Page story.

I have loved all the other books Lisa has written and she writes a compelling tale here that touches your heart.

Normally I do not like this length of story but  
She aced it !

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### **Rachel says**

I enjoyed this short Christmas novella by Lisa Wingate. It's a sweet story about a woman whose husband has died while deployed and she struggles with Christmas. Every year she takes her son to the beach to get away from Christmas. This year a flyer on the beach points her to a Christmas Eve party at Sandy's Seashell Shop where she'll encounter a miracle and begin to feel life and hope again.

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### **Sarah says**

This was really good. While first person, present tense is my least favorite narration, I still enjoyed the story. It has a good, strong message. Unlike so many of the Christmas stories that mention God, this one really lived it out. I loved the characters and wished their was more to the story.

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### **Jana says**

What an appropriate way to start off this Christmas season! This is a must read for everyone to put the season in its proper perspective! Lisa Wingate has shown that even through tragedy there is hope for new beginnings if we truly believe.

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### **Joleen says**

My fifth Christmas book for the season is A Sandy's Seashell Shop Christmas

I'm more convinced than ever I don't like novellas. This story is very good, but soooooo short that it was frustrating. Because of how well it was written and how captivating the story was, I'm offering the best I can, which is four stars.

Tiff is a widow with a 3 year-old boy. She avoids Christmas because her husband, Aaron, was shipped home from Afghanistan at Christmas. She goes to Outer Banks to escape the holiday with her son Micah.

This year she faces what she's been dreading... moving on.

Her son Micah made the whole book! So cute he actually made me laugh out loud.

Meh for the shortness, but huge pluses for the writing!

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### **Paula Shreckhise says**

A wonderful, well executed novella. Great set up for the other novels and novellas. Makes you want to know what happens next. I love Lisa's writing style!

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### **Dalene W. says**

Another great read from Lisa Wingate. Lisa has such a wonderful talent for writing stories in which you the reader feel that you are right there living the lives of the characters. This story is set in the Outer Banks, in which we can once again visit Sandy's Seashell Shop. Her novella, The Sea Glass Sisters, introduced us to Sandy's shop. This new novella is a fast read and well worth reading.

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### **Magdalena aka A Bookaholic Swede says**

*A young widow with a little son has been struggling to get over the death of her husband in Afghanistan. Every year she goes away around Christmas with her boy so that she doesn't have to celebrate the festivity that reminds her of how her husband arrived home at Christmas in a coffin. But this year everything will change...*

I found this short story absolutely wonderful and sometimes really sad to read. There is just something with this story that touches my heart. I only wished it had been a book and not a short story. Not that it didn't work as a short story, it's more that I found the character so lovely and I wanted to read more about them.

The story is free now on Amazon!

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### **Andrea Cox says**

by Andrea Renee Cox

What an amazing little story! From morose to hope to joy in only five short chapters, this book has a little bit of everything. Most brief stories aren't deep, but Lisa Wingate knows how to deliver depth in a single sentence, so making it count in fewer than forty pages apparently was no trouble at all. This is a Christmas tale I'll be revisiting many times in future holiday seasons. I highly recommend this family treat.

I was not compensated for my honest review.

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### **Laura says**

Title: A SANDY'S SEASHELL SHOP CHRISTMAS

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A magical place, an island Christmas eve, a broken family in need of healing....

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But in tiny Hatteras Village, the crew at Sandy's Seashell Shop is determined to make sure no one is forgotten at Christmas. Is it possible for a magical Christmas Eve at the Seashell Shop to help mend one damaged life? On a night of miracles, in a place of miracles, can a young widow's heart be reopened to joy, hope... and even love?

My thoughts: A SANDY'S SEASHELL SHOP CHRISTMAS is a sweet story that had my heart breaking for Tiff, swelling with love for her sweet little son, Micah, and leaves us with hope for this struggling dual. A story of healing and hope. Highly recommended.

Proceeds from the sale of this E-short will help fund a donation to Operation Military Kids, which serves children whose parents are deployed. E-short length: 40 pages

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### **Angie Thompson says**

[I was actually getting a bit excited that it wasn't a romance, but then there's that little bit at the end... Definitely sweet and poignant, though, and I'm glad that at least she was starting to find happiness and hope again before another guy possibly came into her life. (hide spoiler)]

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### **Randy Tramp says**

Losing a loved one makes life difficult to move on. Tiff Riley fights that battle.

A warm Christmas story, that leaves you filled with hope.

A setting that will flow waves of warmth over your soul.

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### **Lorraine says**

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**REVIEW:** This short, very quick read will bring tears to your eyes, smiles to your lips, and hope in your heart. In a vein similar to O'Henry's The Gift of the Magi, its sweetness and tenderness will fill your soul. It is a poignant tale of love lost and love found. I definitely will read it again come Christmas time as it is one that you can read over and over and still feel it's sweet message. This novella is part of Wingate's Outer Banks series which I look forward to reading.

**FAVORITE QUOTES:** "Maybe every piece of joy we find, I think, maybe it's Aarons joy, too. maybe that's the best gift we can give him, now. Our joy."

"But life is still here. It's sleeping right beside me. It's represented there in the manger. It's here for the taking, but I have to make the choice. I close my eyes and choose life."

"To really live, you have to accept reality."

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