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As the spirit of the season is spreading through the rustic seaside hamlet of Cape Light, town mayor Emily receives an unexpected and precious Christmas gift: a baby girl tucked away in a decorative cradle set up outside the church, with a note begging whoever discovers the child to take care of her. Emily is granted temporary custody - and realizes that if the mother is not found, she desperately wants to keep baby Jane as her own. Now, in the midst of the year's most joyous season, Emily must come to terms with her duty to her own family, her own feelings of regret and loss - and what her heart truly desires.

## **The Christmas Angel Details**

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### **Jenny says**

I like to grab books off the Christmas display at the library and seeing that I really like Thomas Kinkade's artwork (I probably was drawn to the idyllic picture on the front of this book) figured I'd give it a try. It definitely isn't anything to gush about, he is a much better painter than author. The story is fairly simplistic and writing isn't that fabulous but it was a good, uplifting story, even though it was a bit contrived. It was nice to read a clean, Christian book at Christmastime. Of course I knew how it would all work out, but I enjoy mindless reads like that at Christmas. I debated whether to give it 4 stars, but would give it 3.5 if I could; the writing and story wasn't enough to give it a 4, even though I like it. I'll probably pick up others in the series during coming Christmas seasons.

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### **Michele says**

# 6 in the Cape Light series. Town mayor Emily receives an unexpected and precious gift when she finds an abandoned baby girl in a creche outside the church. She is granted temporary custody of Jane yet her husband Dan is not so eager to go through the challenges of being a father again. Emily has reconnected with her daughter, Sara, that she gave up for adoption when she was a baby and is eager to experience being a mother to a young child. After the town goes through a fire tragedy, Dan has a change of heart and grants permission to adopt Jane.

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### **Dottie says**

I'm sad to think I'm almost done with his first series of books. I hope that all the rest I read will bring me just as much joy and comfort. I especially love the books set during the Holiday season, although predictable.....who doesn't love a happy ending! I love the fact that it gives truth behind the real meaning of Christmas!!!

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### **Barb Bailey says**

Another of Kinkade's inspirational Christmas books. A very nice Christmas read that is full of the true spirit of Christmas.

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### **Rebekah Morris says**

Having enjoyed the book before this, and having read almost the first chapter earlier, I was eager to read the entire book. I ended up being disappointed. The plots (yes, there are two story lines going on again) were pretty typical. The "Christianity" was watered down so much that there were times I felt like I was reading a non-Christian book. The characters weren't as interesting to me, perhaps because the ladies were all a bit

more of a feminist mindset and the men weren't that strong. But of course the end of the book settles everything just the way you wanted it settled though I was left sort of . . . well, disappointed. After this book, I'm not sure if I'll be reading more by this author or not.

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### **Deb says**

The story of how an abandoned baby found in a Christmas creche turns a small town from selfish to generous.

I loved the Christmas theme in this book...how a small town learns acceptance of all its people regardless of social status, finances and faith. So many good lessons here for people regardless of whether you live in a small town or a big city!

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### **Ruth Rumsey says**

I read this book twice and loved it very much and will read again and again Thomas kinkade is great

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### **Shirlene says**

Emily had married against the will of her parents and left home. Her husband had died while she was pregnant and her mother had pressured her to give up the child. Her daughter had found her when she was 20 and she had moved to the same town as her birth mother. They were working on building a relationship. Emily had recently remarried and her daughter, Sara, was now in her mid 20's. Emily had gone out running one morning before Christmas and had found a baby in the manger of the church nativity scene. She took the baby into the church and called the police. The baby was taken to the hospital and treated for an upper respiratory infection. A note was left with the baby asking that Jane be taken care of. While Jane was in the hospital, Emily talked her husband, Dan, into applying to become guardian of the child while the police searched for the mother or a family member of the child.

The story got around the small town. Sara wrote up the story for the local paper about the lost and found baby. She also decided that she was jealous of the new baby that Emily had brought into her house because Emily hadn't been around to be a mother to her. Dan didn't really want any more children either. Emily knew that he was only cooperating with the foster parenting because he thought the situation was temporary. Sara had a boyfriend that was 10 years older than she was. They were in love and had been dating for 2 years. He wanted to marry her but she told him she wasn't ready to take the next step in their relationship and become an engaged couple. He told her he would wait but she knew that he wouldn't wait forever. He wanted to know when she might be ready to make a commitment but she couldn't give him an answer.

The preacher of the community was in his 60's and was become disenchanted with his flock. He wanted more of them to care about their neighbors and be more willing to donate food and clothing to them but he couldn't seem to get them motivated. He was getting discouraged and he told his wife that he didn't know if it was his age or because he had been trying for so long and not feeling like he was a strong enough to move people anymore. She was surprised and didn't really want to leave town. She had suffered from a stroke and had spent the last year recovering.

An old girlfriend of Luke's came to town and although Sara was jealous, she chose to stay away from Luke to let him go if he should choose to go away from Sara. Sara went home for Christmas to see her adoptive parents alone while Luke's old girlfriend made plans to move into town.

The social worker didn't locate any relatives to take care of Jane and asked Emily if she wanted to apply to adopt her. Emily told Dan that she wanted to adopt Jane and they argued a bit. Their argument was interrupted by a phone call from the fire chief telling them that a fire had broke out on the poor side of town in a housing unit where the people didn't have any place to go. Emily went to see if she could help and others from her church showed up to bring food and clothes and find a place for them to spend the night.

Ben, the preacher, out of reach and came home and got the messages regarding the fire. He was surprised to find out how the church members stepped in to help without him being there. His wife was happy to find out that Ben couldn't leave now with the tragedy to handle. He wasn't taking the sabbatical that he had planned to take. They were staying put.

Dan had to step in when the babysitter that Emily hired didn't work out. She realized that maybe he was being given a second chance at raising a child with Jane. His first wife had criticized his behavior with their two kids and Dan didn't feel like he could go through that again. After Emily and he argued, he made the decision to give it another shot. Jane was a different child and Emily wasn't his first wife. Emily wasn't always putting him down like his first wife did. He told Emily after she returned from the fire that he was willing to take in Jane as their daughter.

Sara was at Emily and Dan's New Years Party and Luke came by. Luke and Sara talked and Luke told him that his ex girlfriend had left town. He didn't think she would be back because Luke had no interest in pursuing a relationship with her. Sara had missed Luke and asked him if he still wanted to marry her. He got down on one knee, proposed and gave her a ring he had showed her when the whole conversation about them getting married first came up. They went back into the party and received congratulations from her family and friends.

Lillian, Emily's mother, and Emily didn't get along very well. Sara had come to see her and they had struck up a relationship. She was still sharp with Lillian but Sara liked her wit. Sara saw through her tough exterior and knew that Lillian cared more about her than she let on. Lillian was very vocal about Emily making the wrong choice in keeping Jane but once the decision was made, she reluctantly make it known that she would accept the child as Emily's. Lillian had also found herself with a suitor that wasn't put off by her attitude. It was a local doctor who had retired.

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### **Lisa Blair says**

A small town mayor finds an abandoned baby. This book shares her and her husbands journey as they care for the baby as foster parents and contemplate adoption.

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### **Lorraine says**

Ok but not the best book I ever read. A bit slow going and not enough details about the baby, no focus on finding the mother.

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### **Christopher 164 says**

This book had a few different twists than what I am familiar with from the previous Cape Light novels. The story regarding Emily and the baby was very precious. I still have a few problems with the book, but as a Cape Light novel, it was very good.

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## **Sherry says**

Light Christmas read. Schmaltzy diversion.

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## **Anne (Booklady) Molinarolo says**

Welcome back to the late painter of Light, Thomas Kinkade's fictional Cape Light. He and his co-author Katherine Spencer have created delightful reading in the Cape Light Series.

Cape Light and its citizens are preparing for Christmas. Emily Warwick has plenty to be grateful for: her job as Mayor, her daughter, Sara, and her husband of nearly a year. She's also thankful for her new nephew and for her many friends. But a morning run on an early December morning will turn her world upside down. And she could lose her Mayoral position and possibly Dan. What happened? She finds a 2 month old baby girl in the creche in front of the Church. Emily sees the child as a gift from God and wants to keep the babe and raise little Jane as her own, since she didn't get to raise her daughter Sara. Her husband, family, and even Reverend Ben have some major problems with that.

But Reverend Ben has his own problems. He feels he's let down his congregation. He believes that he's failed to provide proper spiritual guidance to his flock, and finds them lacking in Grace and Charity. Maybe it is time he leaves Cape Light.

Sara is also undergoing a restlessness. She has sent clippings out to major newspapers in the Northeast without telling Emily nor Luke. She's also scared of "the engagement, marriage thing." She runs a very true risk of losing Luke especially when an old flame of Luke's comes into town.

All three story lines resolve on Christmas Day when a part of the village suffers a devastating loss. A true Christmas miracle is needed.

The ending reveals why Thomas Kinkade titled this 6th installment The Christmas Angel: A Cape Light Novel. And yes, since the setting is the Christmas Season the reader will experience slightly more spirituality in the novel or because Reverend Ben is in a Spiritual crisis, but Kinkade and Spencer never preach or overdo religiosity. They tell a very good story and the pages fly quickly.

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## **Donna says**

The town of Cape Light is once again preparing to celebrate the holidays. Town mayor, Emily Warwick, finds an unexpected gift when she finds a baby girl tucked into the cradle in the nativity scene outside the church with a note asking to take care of "Jane." Emily cannot believe that someone would leave a baby outside in the cold. She goes into the church where Rev. Ben finds her and the baby. Officer Tulley is contacted and soon an ambulance arrives to take the baby to the hospital to be checked over. Emily rides along.

Emily is so determined to be granted temporary custody of Jane. Dan, her husband, isn't quite so taken with the idea. He had told Emily before they married that he didn't want any more children. But, Emily wears him down and he agrees. She gets so attached to this little girl and hopes that she and Dan will be able to adopt her if no family is found. She feels that when she had to give Sara up for adoption when she was born that she missed out on so much. Now she wants to have the chance to give another little girl some love. She is praying for this to happen. God will hear her pleas? Dan has to see that they would make good parents. Will she be able to convince him?

Cape Light has another problem with the people that live out in Wood's Hollow. A fire has destroyed many of the buildings that the poor people were living in. Cape Light has come together and taken the poor into the Church and given them someplace to stay. Food, shelter, clothes were given also. Rev. Ben is so surprised that his parishioners have come together in this way. He was beginning to think that he was no longer of any help to the people. Now he knows that he was being heard and people listened. God showed him the sign that he needed to stay in Cape Light to look after his flock.

More exciting things happen for the holidays in Cape Light. You will have to read to find out what all the hoopla is about.

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### **Catherine says**

I enjoy reading holiday themed books as the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approach. The Christmas Angel, by Thomas Kinkade, appeared like it would fit the bill. This book is part of a series (#6 in the Cape Light series). I have never read the previous books, and this did not in any way impede my enjoyment or understanding of this book. The author provides background on each character without dragging the storyline down by rewriting previous books.

The Christmas Angel is primarily the story of the mayor of Cape Light, a woman in her early forties, who finds an abandoned baby in the town's nativity scene. The impact on her life, and the lives of others, is great and in a few short weeks, their lives are forever changed by this infant.

This is basically a sweet and quick story, although not very believable. The holidays are not a central theme to this book, but are just part of the background. The book is not bad, but not memorable either. It served the purpose of a light read at holiday time, but if you are looking for a book where the holidays play a major role, this would not be the one in my opinion.

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