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As the snow falls, her touch sets him aflame...

“I don’t want you to leave.”

Texas billionaire Chase Ferguson has one regret: leaving Miriam Andrix to protect her from his public life. When a snowstorm strands her in his mountain mansion, their passion reignites, and it’s too hot to resist! But reality—and scandal—arrives with the thaw. Chase turned his back on happiness once. Will he fight for what he truly wants this time?

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Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

I always enjoy reading Jessica Lemmon. She never disappoints me, always amuses me and her male characters are always hot and easy to fall in love with. A Snowbound Scandal was no different. I am so happy that I got the chance to read and review this wonderful holiday romance by a fun and fantastic author.

Chase and Miriam were just wonderful together. A summer full of fun and love ruined them for any kind of a relationship with others from the opposite sex. But, they had no choice but to stay away from each other. Chase cuts Mimi loose because he doesn't want to ruin her outlook on life, to put her into the spotlight and make her a part of the circus that his life and family is. It also didn't help that his mother didn't approve of her either. But, Mimi loved him and would have given up all that she knew and loved to be with him. Pushed away, she has nothing else to do but go on. And, she did. But, not without a lot of regret.

An unexpected meeting ... a holiday that has Mimi feeling sorry for Chase ... a freak snowstorm. All the ingredients for a perfect scandal ... if the press found out about the Mayor.

I loved how Jessica Lemmon played all the conflicting feelings out in this story. Chase's regret, Mimi's hesitation. It made for just enough drama to keep you interested and invested in seeing where the story was going to go and who was going to give in first. Well, it kept me riveted to my chair waiting to see what was going to happen. And, the ending ... yep, an HEA that truly had me smiling and cheering. Mimi may have started off angry and hurt but ended everything with pure class and style.

Kudos Jessica Lemmon for bringing us an interesting start to the holiday season.

PointedlyBlunt says

Ten years ago, Mimi and Chase met while he was visiting her hometown in Montana. They had a passionate fling that lasted a few months and were smitten enough with each other that Chase asked Mimi to return with him to Dallas. But after an embarrassingly short trip, Chase decides it's for the best if he let Mimi go and sent her off in a private jet back to Montana. Now Chase owns an extravagant mansion in the town where he met Mimi and opts to visit it alone for the Thanksgiving holiday. He knows Mimi still lives and works there, but color him surprised when they fatefully run into each other and old feelings resurface.

The plot was just ok. There wasn't really much to it: they get stuck together because of the weather and are forced to face their feelings and then there's some minor drama related to Chase's campaign for re-election as mayor. Other than the animosity and unfinished business between Chase and Mimi, not much else happens so the story relied heavily on their connection and chemistry, and unfortunately, I didn't feel it.

The initial separation was caused because Chase chose to make Mimi's decision for her. He claimed he sent her home because he realized how unhappy she would be as a politician's wife and that she belonged in Montana, the home she loved. He insisted she would've been too selfless and would risk her own happiness just to be near him, so he had to save her from making that mistake. Then later, Chase tells Mimi that he sent her home not to break them up, but to save them. That he fully intended on reconnecting later in life after

things changed and they could better compromise.

(view spoiler)

I never saw any growth on Chase's part aside from his willingness to admit that Mimi was always strong enough to be in his world. He never once considered moving to Montana to be with her because his desire to be the mayor of Dallas was stronger than his need to be with her. Chase sacrificed nothing while Mimi lost everything, including her self-worth. In my opinion, not enough was done to redeem the hero, so I couldn't root for their HEA.

Safety note: (view spoiler)

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Bette Hansen says

This was a very enjoyable second chance story. Great writing and characters made this a memorable story for this trope. Chase and Mimi once had a hot and heavy relationship but Chase decided to walk away when it became clear life in the public eye wasn't for Mimi. Now they are both back in Montana and Mimi decides to go to Chase's house to confront him about the past once and for all. One little problem - a major blizzard as come through trapping them in his cabin. With no way out and nothing else to do they are forced to deal with the past as well as the sizzling chemistry that still crackles between them. Will they find a way to be together or will they end up walking away once and for all?

This is a well done book and definitely one I recommend.

Isha Coleman says

You can't go back, you can only move forward. That's a mantra we all live by, in life and in love. Regrets. We all have them. A constant reminder of where we've been and where we're going. They help us become who we are. However, there are moments that become exceptions. What happens when your greatest regret becomes the link to your present happiness?

Jessica Lemmon takes a walk down memory lane with Chase and Miriam. They once had it all, until it all became too much. Can a chance encounter with the past guide them toward a future together? A Snowbound Scandal brings Christmas a few months early. The perfect gift all year round. A passionate tale of love lost and found.

Cam (abookeater) says

I was excited for this because I had enjoyed Jessica Lemmon's previous books but the moment I read that the hero was going to be "conservative" (regarding his political views) I could not for the life of me put myself through it.

Ami says

Ten years ago when they were in their 20's, Chase Ferguson had brief relationship with Mimi Andrix. However, oil industry was Chase's family's industry while Mimi was passionate about protesting against it. So Chase broke it up. Now, as Chase is up for re-election as Mayor of Dallas he found himself being snowbound with his old-flame, Mimi, when he visited his mansion in Montana, and Mimi came by his front door bringing him dinner.

I thought it was a nice forced proximity as well as second chance story. Because they were snowbound, Chase and Mimi spent a lot of times just the two of them together, and rekindling their passion. Of course real life is still waiting for Chase, he still wants his career in politics after all, while Mimi is working for conservation society. So they have to find a way to work it out. There's a cute "*Notting Hill*" moment in the end for the two of them.

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Lady Alexandrine says

"A Snowbound Scandal" turned out to be a disappointment for me, but let me start with things I liked about this book. I liked families of main characters. There were episodes that showed how they interacted and it was fun. Most of them seemed friendly and nice. I liked moments with Emmett and Chase's sister. There is some promise for a nice love-story there.

Unfortunately, I couldn't stand the main characters. Their 'love' was completely unconvincing. I couldn't believe in any emotion on their part. They had a holiday fling for a few months. Holiday romance can of course change into a real relationship, but in their case it didn't because they broke up as soon as reality struck. Ok, scratch out that. It was the guy Chase who broke out with Miriam for some artificial reasons, that didn't convince me for a second. Then, 10 years passed and they met again outside the door of a grocery store. Miriam missed him all these years in spite of how he treated her. He gave her a business card and of course she couldn't resist calling and inviting him to a Thanksgiving dinner. He refused in a rude way like an arrogant jackass. Instead of delating his number from her phone and throwing away his business card, Miriam packed a Thanksgiving dinner and drove to his mansion in the middle of a snow storm risking her life. Then, they are stuck together for a few days.

Miriam had no backbone or common sense. The billionaire Chase was rude and had no seduction skills whatsoever. When I read their conversations I couldn't stop rolling my eyes. I hoped for a warm, fuzzy romance and I found their story lacking. There was no sweetness or tenderness in their encounters. Some parts made me laugh out loud, they were so funny.

Overall, I hoped for a more romantic and tender love story. What I got was too cheesy and at the same time devoid of warmth and true romance.

I received "A Snowbound Scandal" from the publisher via NetGalley. I would like to thank the author and the publisher for providing me with the advance reader copy of the book.

Jessica Lemmon says

Dear Reader,

Forced proximity is my favorite trope in romance! When I planned Chase Ferguson's story, I wanted two things: a reunion with a woman he'd left behind, and an unrelenting blizzard that trapped them together. Even better? I set the book in Montana, in the drop-dead gorgeous mansion Chase visits when he's not busy with his mayoral duties back in Dallas. The heroine, Miriam, is stubborn and willful, but above all else, she's kind. She cares too much. So much, that fiercely protective Chase made the mistake of letting her go ten years ago rather than handing her his heart.

From fireside chats to soaking in the indoor hot tub to bonding over gooey grilled cheese sandwiches, we experience Chase and Miriam reconciling their past with the present one encounter at a time. They soon uncover that as different as they are, they still feel the same about each other a decade later. It took a few sizzling encounters for them to realize that beneath their strong physical attraction was real and lasting love.

Grab a cup of hot cocoa and settle in. I hear there's snow in the forecast—a lot of it.

Happy reading!
Jessica Lemmon

Candice says

I love holiday romances so much, and this one checked all those boxes. Chase and Mimi's relationship isn't perfect, and their forced proximity allows them to confront their true feelings for each other. While I didn't love Chase's gruffness at first, as the snow and his icy attitude started to melt, I totally saw what made him so charming to Mimi in the first place.

Maria Rose says

A Snowbound Scandal by Jessica Lemmon is the second in her Dallas Billionaire's Club series that features the high powered Ferguson family. As the title implies, this one has a forced proximity theme and is a second chance romance for a pair of lovers who had a summer fling that ended in heartbreak, with the chance to make things right.

Chase Ferguson is the mayor of Dallas. A summer fling ten years earlier has never left his mind, nor the woman whom he sent away. As a man with political ambitions and part of an oil conglomerate family, he couldn't see how he could make things work with Miriam Andrix and her stance against big oil companies, something they could ignore for a few months, but not for a long term relationship. He figured it was best to break things off before they got too involved. He ended up becoming mayor and she now works for a conservation society.

The summer he spent in Montana left an indelible impression on him, and he ended up buying a lakeside mansion where he and Miriam had experienced some fun times. It's now his vacation home, and he's come for a solo Thanksgiving holiday. A chance encounter with Miriam ends up with her at his home, thanksgiving dinner in tow as well as a blizzard that keeps them trapped. It's a chance to hash out what went wrong, and indulge in some steamy no strings attached sex, so long as they both know that it can't lead to anything more – easier said than done. When scandal finds them, will it ruin their chance to try again?

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Aly says

She wanted forever, but he thought it would never worked out. He thought he was doing her a favor when he broke up with her, but he broke her heart.

"Sandalwood. Pine. A touch of leather... And eerily familiar. As was the voice that crashed into her like a runaway shopping cart."

It's been ten years and since then, Chase Ferguson became Dallas's youngest mayor. Miriam Andrix work for an environmental group. They were together only for three months, before neither forgot the other. It's easy to understand why Mimi thought he ended their relationship because his mother didn't approve of her. It was cool to see her express her discontent after he was rude to her.

"I'm here to show you that I'm no longer the besotted twenty-three-years-old you left on an airfield in Dallas."

You may be a billionaire oil tycoon politician with a mansion the size of your hometown, but I became someone too."

But after giving him a piece of her mind, she end up stranded at his house by a snowstorm. Her sister mean well when she says: "Do not have sex with that disgustingly beautiful man, Meems. Remember, this is not a second chance. You're not trapped with him because fate said so, but because you're too stubborn to drive into a snowstorm to deliver the man pie", but she's also wrong. Only destiny could reunite two headstrong souls.

The hero made it difficult for me to be totally satisfied with the romance. Chase is not your cool, sweet nor smooth hero. He choose his career over her and to listen to his mother's opinion. He made a mistake and I could forget it but if only he had acknowledged it and did something to redeem himself. But he never did grand or small gesture (the thing at the end doesn't count for me). He should have been the one who dare pouring his heart out this time but he still hold back and it made me think that this time, he let his pride choose for him.

Not my favorite of the series, but I'm glad we had such a tease for the next romance. Emmett and Stefanie's love story will certainly be hot and explosive, just like I want it :)

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

4.5 Stars

A Snowbound Scandal by Jessica Lemmon is book Two in the Dallas Billionaires Club Series. This is the story of Chase Ferguson and Miriam 'Mimi' Andrix. I have read the previous book and feel this can be a standalone book.

Chase and Mimi had a hot, heavy and quick love affair, but Chase made the decision to step away to protect Mimi to protect her. But now all these years later they meet again with the same hot feelings. But will Chase choose her this time and can they work through their doubts.

Overall enjoyed this book and will look for more books from this author.

Lisa Filipe says

GOSH....I can always count on Jessica Lemmon to get me out of a book slump, and A SNOWBOUND SCANDAL was exactly what I needed! After loving and devouring LONE STAR LOVERS, I've been dying to get my hands on Mayor Chase Ferguson's book. Long behold, when I saw it up on NetGalley I might have squealed a little bit, done a happy dance, and one-clicked read it as fast as my finger would click! From page one, I WAS HOOKED! I love a good second chance romance story and this one held my heart. Miriam or Mimi wasn't the same love sick girl she was ten years ago, and Chase wasn't the same "walk the straight and narrow" aspiring mayor. Getting snowed in on Thanksgiving was like jumping into a time machine, as the last ten years melted away and they were the same crazy in love kids as they had been that summer in Bigfork.

Oh my heart broke for Miriam and Chase for all of that lost time. Their chemistry was so electric and enchanting, I was hanging on every word, every touch, every kiss. I absolutely adored it! Jessica Lemmon knows how to write a romance that keeps me turning page after page, and falling deeper in love with her

charming heroes and headstrong heroines, I can't get enough!

I cannot wait for Stef and Emmett's book. I will be waiting not so patiently for it's release! An unputdownable addition to a must read series!

Dali says

Jessica Lemmon resumes her Dallas Billionaires series with this story of the honorable billionaire politician and the woman he left ten years ago along with his heart.

While taking a winter break at his Montana mountain mansion Chase Ferguson finds himself face to face with Miriam Andrix, tree hugger and his only regret. He loved her but left her to protect her from the very public life of a politician. Can he leave her a second time?

After running into Shane at the local market, Miriam has things to get off her chest. When she goes to his place on Thanksgiving armed with a full meal, she only wanted to deliver the food and say her peace. She didn't expect to get snowed in with him for days much less rekindle their old flame but can it survive the scandal that's following them?

Miriam and Chase are attractive characters, both strong and independent. They met and had a wonderful summer together in which a deep bond formed. Being forced into closed quarters it was easy for sparks to fly. I really enjoyed getting to know them during this cute, sweet and sexy story.

A Snowball Scandall is book #2 of the Dallas Billionaires series by [Jessica Lemmon](#). It is a standalone second chance romance, told from both points of view with a happily ever after, no cliffhanger.

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Diane'sBookReflections says

Four Stars as big as the State of Texas!!!

Jessica Lemmon is always an author I drop everything I am doing to read her book. Her latest endeavor, *A Snowbound Scandal* is no exception. This book is the second in her Dallas Billionaires Club series and is a reunion story of second chances.

I loved our main character, Chase Ferguson, who first appeared in *Lone Star Lovers* that dealt with his brother and his now wife, Penelope. Chase was an intriguing character in that first book. I knew there had to be a story to tell, and I was glad that Jessica decided to make her next book in this series about him. In *Lone Star Lovers* he was your classic handsome, smooth as glass, and just as polished mayor of Dallas. A man that

any woman would want, but no one had been able to corral. You see, our Chase has a reputation to maintain, including keeping his life and his family squeaky clean, above scandal. But he also had a strong desire, almost a need to protect those he loves from the pitfalls of living a very public life.

Miriam Andrix is the love of his life and the girl he let get away. Chase broke up with Miriam ten years ago to protect her from his very public political life. A life he knew she could not handle, or so he thought. Now, through circumstances (I can't say they were circumstances beyond their control), they are once more back together and stranded in Chase's mountain home (due to a blizzard) that happens to be in the same town where Miriam's family lives.

Now trapped in close quarters (I use the word "close" loosely because after all it is a mansion) the love, the passion, the hot steamy, sizzling sex they shared ten years ago comes to the forefront with a vengeance.....both now trying to figure out exactly what made them break apart. And both questioning the reasons that caused the break-up.

In true Jessica Lemmon format the writing is crisp and clean, the banter saucy and witty, the sex too hot to handle. I loved the story, the coming together of two lost souls, who despite the gap in time, never really were apart and were never far from each other's mind. My only complaint....the ending was a little too quick in its wrap up. After ten years apart, I thought there might be a little more "baggage" to deal with between these two characters. But despite that, A Snowbound Scandal is an easy read with two amazing characters who manage to find their way back home to each other.

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