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Can Miss Christmas find her spirit again?

After a devastating betrayal, Claire Branham packs up the pieces of her life, along with a twenty-million-dollar secret, and moves to Eternity Springs. She opens a specialty shop—Forever Christmas—and, with the help of a surprise romance with the town's sexy new handyman, Claire's heart begins to heal. Until her past comes knocking...

Jax Lancaster never questioned the need to abandon his career as a Navy submariner in order to care for his young son in the wake of his ex-wife's death. Desperate to help with this loss, Jax straps on a tool belt to give Nicholas the one thing he wants: A life in Eternity Springs. What Jax never expected to find a second chance at love with a fascinating woman for whom Christmas has become a business. But when the truth about Claire threatens their newfound happiness, can Jax prove to her that in Eternity Springs, the spirit of Christmas is real. . .and will last a lifetime?

Christmas in Eternity Springs is the twelfth installment in Emily March's acclaimed Eternity Springs series.

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Paula Radell says

I took this afternoon off and treated myself to Christmas in Eternity Springs. As is always the case with books by Emily March, I finished it in one sitting because I couldn't put it down.

Having read the other books in the series, the moment I read the first paragraph I felt like I'd come home after being away for too long. It was just as warm and loving as I remembered, with characters that feel like family. However, the great thing about the series is that you can start anywhere and feel at home. Eternity Springs is magical, and its author is a magician.

For those who haven't read the series, you need to know that Eternity Springs, CO, is a place where hearts come to heal. This time, it's more than two hearts, it's five: Nicholas, Jax, Claire, and Jax's former in-laws, Linda and Brian. All have every reason to hate - or fear - Christmas. And all eventually make peace with their fears, grab hold of hope, then belief, and finally love.

All of our favorite characters make an appearance, and it's a joy to catch up on their lives. But the central story is truly unique, and has just the right mix of action and emotion. I laughed, I cried - angry, sad, relieved and happy tears. At one point, my husband asked, "Are you going to cry all evening?" to which I replied, "Maybe."

Now that I've closed the latest book in this beautiful series, I'm filled with the usual sense of deep satisfaction and gratitude I feel whenever I read one of Emily's books. And right away I start anticipating the next one...which hopefully will feature my new favorite Callahan.

Thank you, Emily, for an early Christmas present.

Pam says

Another terrific heartwarming story to add to the otherworldly reputation of Eternity Springs! Emily March has a terrific way of writing that brings the town of Eternity Springs to life every time we open the cover of one of the books. Claire Branham has ran away from trouble in her life. Due to her sisters illness & the loss of her family, Claire has lost any joy in Christmas. Just when she is beginning to believe in the magic again, she is dealt another blow. As she is running away from her life, she happens to run into Celeste Blessing who encourages her to visit Eternity Springs.

Jax Lancaster is visiting Angel's Rest Healing Center & Spa in Eternity Springs. He has recently left his career with the US Navy & is in town to pick up his son from the Rocking L summer camp. Jax was deployed when his ex-wife died & his son was traumatized. His son panics & has issues with anything to do with Christmas. He was deathly afraid of dogs but his time at Rocking L has cured that. Jax ends up having trouble with his ex-wife's family overstepping their bounds & decides to relocate to Eternity Springs to see if the town & atmosphere can continue to help his son Nicholas recover.

Emily engages the readers emotions the minute they start to read. As you learn of Claire, Jax & Nicholas's issues, your heart is torn & you have to keep reading to see what happens as they travel along their journey. With a combination of humor, sympathy & love, Emily manages to keep the reader engrossed in reading

throughout twists, turns, confrontations & miracles to the end. It wouldn't be an Emily March book if you didn't laugh, cry & smile while reading & this one doesn't disappoint. The characters of this small town become as real & beloved to the reader as their own neighbors. This book is one of the series but can be read as a stand alone without feeling lost. Returning characters are introduced in such a masterful way that new readers gain an understanding at the same time that returning readers just welcome an old friend. If you didn't believe in the miracles of the Christmas season & of the angels that exist among us daily, this book will make you a believer! As Nicholas conquers his fears, the reader will fall in love with him!

I was given an ARC from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest opinion.

Ria says

Claire's festive season memories are associated with the unhappy chapters of her life. She has opened a shop called 'Forever Christmas' at Eternity Springs, hoping to defeat one thing she is most afraid of - Christmas. Jax had come to town with his son, who suffers from a trauma after his estranged wife's death. On a summer day in July, Claire and Jax meet at the Mineral Springs pool and then began a new chapter of their life.

Don't know how she does it! Emily March, the New York Times bestseller, has blown me away with yet another amazing story of love, family and second chances. I'm starting to believe that Eternity Springs is magical and a perfect haven for every reader to run into. CHRISTMAS IN ETERNITY SPRINGS has put me in high spirits - not only for Christmas, but also to keep a positive attitude towards life.

I'm so touched by the message of this beautiful, endearing and inspiring story - BELIEVE. The author has become like an angel to me, 'cause throughout the story, I felt she was talking to me through Celeste - an inevitable character in Eternity Springs series. Celeste is Eternity Spring's own angel- an expert at mending hearts and offering words of profound wisdom. Each time I cracked open the book, I was looking forward to reading her words mostly and noted them down to read again later. Celeste is an amazing character that every reader should befriend.

I liked Claire a lot, a down-to-earth, amiable and lively character: a sparkling personality with so much audacity to challenge the life that mocked at her, many a time. I couldn't be happier when she decided not to dwell on the past and move forward in life. Jax was also charming and his son Nicholas was a sweetheart. I liked reading how Jax and his boy worked together to recover from Nicholas's trauma, the whole process felt so genuine and true. In fact, the whole story had an authentic touch, devoid of any fluffy dialogues and incidents we usually encounter in the contemporary novels.

Emily March's writing is lucid, simple and evocative; can easily slip into the story and enjoy thoroughly. She has beautifully captured the essence of Christmas in this novel and also has an important message for readers - a message to renew the faith and love in the family, in this festive season.

In a nutshell, CHRISTMAS IN ETERNITY SPRINGS tells a festive, feel-good, endearing tale of belief, hope and love. It's a book that should not be missed! It's a book that you must have on your shelves! Trust me when I say Eternity Springs series are worthwhile reading :)

Erin says

Love a story of the magic of Christmas!

Melissa says

I don't normally give holiday themed books such a low rating. Even though a holiday story has potential to be hokey and predictable, they are usually exactly what I am looking for in a holiday book. I want hokey. I want predictable. I want everything to work out perfectly despite reality. For that reason I give holiday novels a wide range of forgiveness when it comes to plot and characters. But for some reason this story didn't work for me. I have a feeling that those already familiar and in love with the Eternity Springs series would love this story. There is obviously a lot of love to be found in this quaint little village. I was looking for a holiday romance to read, and this one was liked by several people, so I grabbed it. Unfortunately, because I was not already familiar with the people in this village I felt like I was missing A LOT of inside information. I felt like I was supposed to know and understand all of the back stories for the various side characters of this novel. I have jumped into series like this before, and usually I don't get too worried about the inside stories that I've missed because of skipping earlier books in a series. It usually doesn't matter all that much. In this story I felt like it mattered. I feel like I was missing some of the HEART of the story because I didn't understand the underlying histories that made this town function. But, although this lessened my enjoyment of the story, it didn't ruin it. What really upset me enough to give this a two star rating was the actions of the heroine of this story. I really have issues when people fall in love with someone and then don't have the common courtesy to STOP and LISTEN to one another when there is some point of conflict. I get it. Jax really made a bone-headed mistake and said something hurtful and kind. I. Get. It. But when you are in love you should allow people to apologize when they screw up. Listen to their side of the story. Claire just ran away without a word. Cowardly. Disappointing. Irritating. If I understand a little more about the things that led to her neuroses, or if more time was spent in the book with her (or Jax) talking about their struggles, I might have been able to stick with Claire as she went through her freakout. Unfortunately, I felt like the majority of this book was just skimming the surface of these people's lives. It was just a series of events, but I never felt the heart of what was going on, despite the presence of a million events that were intended to make me feel something. I never felt like the reactions of the characters were compatible with the events of their lives. Claire's reaction to Christmas seemed completely overblown when we finally learned what was behind it. Jax's son's reactions to things didn't make much sense either. They showed up whenever it was convenient, but when it suited the author to have him magically "cured", then he was magically "cured." I'm sorry, but that is not reality when you are dealing with severe childhood trauma, and you can't explain that away by simply declaring that Eternity Springs is just this magical place that can heal all ills. But maybe I was just feeling grinchy this week. I know many love this series, but this story didn't work for me. Two stars. It was okay.

Isha Coleman says

Eternity Springs represents new beginnings. The chance to leave behind the baggage and look toward the future that awaits. Ms. March has a way with words. The pull of the characters and the tragic circumstances that bring them to this majestic fantasy makes for a prolific tale. Both Claire and Jax see Eternity Springs as a beacon in an otherwise stormy time within their lives. In a time of turmoil the healing power of this magical community seems the perfect escape for Claire as she sorts through the dramatic whirlwind that is her life and come to terms with her demons. Jax is looking for a place to help his son through a dark time. There are so many chances in life we take for granted, the message of the story is to hold on to any chance at happiness sent your way because every moment is special and fleeting. I love Eternity Springs.

Chris Conley says

Emily March has created a town that heals. Eternity Springs is one of those places that we wish were real and, who knows, perhaps they are. This one is a delightful place that helps children and adults close wounds and begin to live their lives more happily. Nicholas is a wonderful kid and I am glad he bumped into Emily so she could take him to Eternity Springs.

Julie says

Christmas in Eternity Springs by Emily March is a 2016 St. Martin's Press publication. I was provided a copy of this book by the publisher and Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

With all the holiday themed books to choose from, it's hard to decide which ones will make the cut, but I never miss Emily March's heartwarming Christmas stories.

Claire had finally rebounded from a long Christmas slump after a personal family tragedy. She was floating on air, delirious with the spirit of Christmas, when she discovered a horrible betrayal that shattered her heart, causing her to lose Christmas all over again.

Running away from her troubles, she settled in Eternity Springs and opened a Christmas shop, refusing to let her painful past win the war against Christmas. Little did she know that Eternity Springs is a magical place, and it's her turn to see and feel that magic for herself.

Jax is a single father trying to help his son, Nicholas, recover from a traumatic accident, which led him to Eternity Springs, where he meets, Claire, aka- 'Miss Christmas'. After a brief conversation, the two recognize they are kindred spirits, both trying to deal with life's cruel curveballs and keep from falling into despair. So they challenge each other to write down one positive thing each day, and soon find themselves cheering each other up and becoming friends... and maybe a little something more.

What a terrific story! I absolutely adored Nicholas, and the way the whole story developed and expanded. I enjoyed the leisurely pacing and the magical quality of watching Claire and Jax fall in love, but wasn't at all prepared for that stunning twist, and how everything took shape from there, but of course Christmas and Eternity Springs make great partners, and they have never let us down yet!

I fell in love with Jax just a little bit myself, and have to say, I love it when a guy stands up and proves what he's made of, fighting for the woman he loves, showing her how love can heal the pain and heartache of the past, and can pave the way for true love and happily ever after.

This tender story of hope and healing may cause a lump in the throat and few standing tears, because it will definitely touch your heart. I love visiting Eternity Springs, especially during the holidays and I think you will too!

Lisa - (Aussie Girl) says

If you like a heartwarming and feel good Christmas story with kids and puppies, Christmas in Eternity Springs is the story for you.

Claire says

This is my second Emily March read and returning to the town of Eternity Springs was a joy, it really does feel like coming home. It's the perfect read leading up to Christmas and actually after finishing this book I swear I could have flipped right back to the beginning and started the journey all over again. It's such a charming and satisfying read. Emily March is a genius she just knows how to mix in enough loss, heartbreak, love, family and secrets to make the perfect kind of story to warm your heart.

Jax is just perfect I seriously think you fall a little in love with his character and Nicholas is just a beautiful little darling of a boy I was so so so happy when I discovered that this book was about him after learning a bit about him in Reunion Pass I couldn't wait to get started. I loved all the new characters Claire (AKA Miss Christmas) was brilliant I loved her approach with Nicholas on Christmas and the slow burning romance with Jax was just a treat.

I honestly say this every time but reading an Eternity springs book really does warm your heart they are just bursting with love, loss, heartache, family and a lot of healing a perfect read in my opinion as I said before in a previous review everyone needs at least one heartwarming magical tale a year let Christmas in Eternity Springs be yours.

I received this book from the author via netgalley in exchange for an honest review. Review part of the book blog tour.

Cathy Geha says

Eternity Springs is a place anyone would love to live. The people are a loving, caring, exceptional group of people that believe that where they live is special and each story in the series proves that Eternity Springs for some reason has positive energy in abundance for those that are willing to tap into it.

Claire Branham has reason aplenty to dislike Christmas after experiencing more than one event that soured her feelings related to the holiday. When she ran from the last negative Christmas disaster she found herself in Eternity Springs opening Forever Christmas – of all things. She hopes one day to have positive feelings regarding more than just Christmas but is unsure her heart will open enough for the joy of Christmas and the ability to trust to return.

Jax Lancaster meets Claire when he goes to pick his son, Nicholas, up from summer camp. Jax and Claire talk and share then agree to keep journals that will keep the positive spirit of Eternity Springs in their lives as he heads out of Eternity Springs to create a life with his son. Several months later Jax returns to town with Nicholas hoping that the positive energy he felt before when visiting will provide his son with the support he needs to overcome his fears.

This is a wonderful story of healing, trust, community, family, believing and love. I recommend it highly to those of you looking for an uplifting holiday novel with a happy ending.

Also...each book sees at least one person getting their “wings” and what a powerful thing getting one’s wings is in this community :)

Thank you to NetGalley and St. Martin’s Press for an ARC of this book in exchange for my honest review.

4.5 Stars

Cyndi Becker says

I know lots of people who begin thinking about Christmas in July or earlier. If you're one of those, or you just simply need a syrup sweet romance read, this is your book. It's not that we spend the entirety of the story during the actual holiday season, no this story spans months, and in fact, begins in July.

What makes this story about Christmas is the “Forever Christmas” store owned by our heroine Claire, and the fact that there is something about the holiday that is trigger of trauma and grief, not only for Claire, but also for one Nicholas Lancaster. Odd huh? The Christmas lady of Eternity Springs almost dreads the very holiday season she spends her life surrounded by. But, it makes for an interesting quandary and I was anxious to find out exactly why Claire felt this way and what prompted Nicholas’ fear. March very cleverly brings the two plot points together and creates a super sweet and hope filled romance as the other key character in Nicholas’ father Jax. There’s something magical about Eternity Springs, and a little magic is what Claire, Jax, and Nicholas need.

The backstories that March creates are emotionally rich and I found myself completely engulfed in Claire's and Jax’s connection. There are obstacles that get in the way but nothing quite like themselves. March does a great job with respect to the PTSD that Nicholas experiences and how his issues are worked through. the story is propped up with well thought out symbols and also sprinkles the story with sentimental notions of the holiday season. With March’s descriptions of Claire’s shop and the town prepping for the holidays, you will find yourself getting excited for Christmas (and snow. Yes I said it, I’m looking forward to snow).

This is only the 2nd book in this series that I’ve read but the cast is familiar enough to really pick up on the nuances of the characters that make up Eternity Springs. This can be read as standalone and while it's not a terribly angsty love story, there is conflict that provides for some groveling and need of a certain someone redeeming themselves. Christmas in Eternity Springs is a solid 4 Star read!

I was gifted a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

Claire Mc Partlin says

NARRATOR: Amy Landon.

This was a very enjoyable return to Eternity Springs, with an Christmas themed story, mainly because it's set around a year-round Christmas shop, but also in part set at Christmas itself.

The Christmas shop, Forever Christmas, is owned and run by Claire, who has relocated to Eternity Springs after a bad break-up with a cheating ex. She obviously has secrets which are slowly revealed as the story goes by but she is a really lovely gentle character.

Jax and his son Nicholas have also recently moved to Eternity Springs, but only until the end of the school year. Nicholas had a traumatic time when he was in an car accident where his Mother died, leaving Jax as his only parent. Jax was in the Navy at the time and it was hard to leave initially, so his in-laws looked after Nicholas. But once Jax returned home full-time the parenting issues became a problem as his in-laws were trying to take over. So Jax and Nicholas moved to Eternity Springs for a while so Jax could be a proper Father to Nicholas without interference, and because Nicholas kept saying he wanted to move there. Nicholas had been to a camp in Eternity Springs and the counsellors there had done wonders for him and his fear of dogs, although his fear of anything to do with Christmas was still a big issue (the car accident was at Christmas with presents in the car and Christmas music constantly playing).

There is a lovely slow-burning romance between Claire and Jax and they agree to have a 'mistletoe fling', but then, as things started to get more serious towards the end of the book and Claire admits a few things to Jax, he turned into an idiot and really annoyed me for a while. But of course the magic of Eternity Springs eventually worked things out and Jax realised he was an idiot and set about remedying it, with help from other Eternity Springs residents.

As usual there is a lovely laid-back, comforting feeling throughout most of the book, as Eternity Springs books always are, and it feels really Christmassy at the end. I look forward to reading more in this series soon.

Danielle says

Emily March writes some heart warming stories with her Eternity Springs series and this one was no different. I love a good Christmas story and put it with a romance is a total win.

Claire no longer believes in Christmas but she tries to change that around for her fiancé, Logan. When she decides to make a donation to the children's hospital she feels more in the holiday spirit that is until she sees her fiancé there with another woman. Yikes. Come to find out he's married but she is determined to start all over and Eternity Springs is the perfect new start she needs.

Jax has just recently got of the navy and needs to be with his son. After a terrible accident has killed his ex wife and trapped his son he's really trying to find out what the right thing for him would be. Jax never expected to meet a woman like Claire but even after months of not seeing her he still can't get her off his mind. When him and his son move to Eternity Springs he starts to believes that maybe this place is special after all.

I'm not one for reading novellas but this one really appealed to me after reading the blurb. This story was emotional and had me believing in not only HEA but the joy and love that comes along Christmas. March did an outstanding job on bringing Jax and Claire together and really giving them time to sort through things in their life before the romance got going.

While this story is kind of about Christmas I enjoyed how it starts earlier and gave me a inside look to what happened to the character during a three month period. I really teared up at certain parts but they were the good kind. The kind that you just can't help when a story is so touching and this one was. The way Claire took to Jax's son was sweet and I loved how being with them helped her move on a little from her past and trust issues. Even though both characters had no desire to have a relationship I could see that was changing but it was done at a slow pace I felt it was so realistic.

I'm really looking forward to reading more of this series. If you are looking for heartfelt stories with lots of warm characters that will fill the pages you won't want to miss this read.

BJ says

Another lovely visit to Eternity Springs and its quirky, sometimes eccentric inhabitants. This is Clair and Jax's story of healing their hearts and finding love. Enjoyable read.
