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The small boy trotted up to him with a crumpled piece of paper in his hand while his mother stood patiently and watched. As the child spoke, Captain Caine McIntosh fell in love with the curly-haired tot who asked for a dad to help protect him and his mom. When his soft-spoken mother came to grab him, Caine was instantly attracted to the wide-eyed beauty with ebony skin. He vowed to show her that she didn't have to be strong all by herself and to have her love.

Danika Lionel didn't know what to think when the sexy soldier showed up at her door bearing gifts. The neighborhood in Far Rockaway where she lived was not her first choice to live with her son. But being a single mom she took what she could get until she had the opportunity to do better. Caine offered her and Ryan a chance to spend Christmas without worrying about gun shots in the street, and she accepted. She barely put the pieces of her heart back together four years ago when Ryan was born. For his sake, she had to be strong. Did she dare give Caine a chance and let this new love in?

Toy Soldiers Details

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Loves_Orchids says

Cute read!!

Bella says

Very short romance novel!

This was very short, read it within about an hour and a half. The novel is very cute. Joshua is very adorable and you will fall in love with him. It is holiday themed.

Danika Lionel is out shopping with her son, when her son spots a soldier standing. He goes over and asks the soldier to hand a letter he wrote to Santa (he saw a TV programme where Santa was with soldiers). **Captain Caine McIntosh** is the soldier standing there and promptly helps the little guy. And of course manages to find out where Danika lives as Joshua wrote on letterheaded paper which contained their address on it (Danika is a freelance web designer).

Bear in mind this is a very short holiday themed romance novel, things move very quickly so if you're ok with this or just want a quick read this book is for you.

Mspraise50 says

Captain Caine McIntosh and Danika & Ryan Lionel story. This was a great read I really enjoyed.

Through Ryan Danika's son Cain falls in love with Danika. He wants to love and protect them both and take them away from the life they are currently living. Short story but a great read!

postcrdprincess says

Danika Lionel is a single woman raising a small son, in a very rough neighborhood. Captain Caine McInstosh is a soldier; who recently came back from a tour of duty in Iraq, and is participating in a promotional toy drive.

These two meet when Danika and her son are dropping off a toy. Joshua; after seeing soldiers on television with Santa Claus, asks Captain Caine to deliver a letter to Santa Claus requesting a daddy for Christmas that can protect him and his mom.

Captain Caine decides to step in and play the role himself. Will this daddy role become permanent? Can he be the protector these two need? Will Danika and Joshua fill a void that is missing in Caine's life? You must read it and find out.

This story is a quick read and I was able to finish it in a couple of hours. Because it is a quick read, the

romance between Danika and Captain Caine is quick. I wish this book would have been a little longer, and therefore seen the relationship not only between Danika and Caine, but also between Caine and Joshua develop a little more.

But I must say that I still enjoyed the book!

Trickiegyrl says

It was a short read that happened too quickly for me. I prefer the romance to take longer than one day to develop! But, if one is willing to go along with fantasy, then this is easy, quick story.

Elise-Pinterest+Goodreads=The Perfect Book Boyfriend says

The only good thing about this book is that it was short. I do not like it when they are madly in love within a week. She had already moved in with a complete stranger with her son (so responsible!!) and had already planned to move to Texas with him. He has already admitted to having PTSD and she is ok with that. So let me get this right, you met him 3 days ago, slept with him, moved in with him and moving with him to Texas and you brought your son along for the ride. And you know he has PTSD with anger issues. So, next month when you are saying you fell, or hit your eye on the door knob or anything like this, we are going to be surprised. Glad it ended in a hurry. I almost stopped reading this because she was such an annoying person, and so was he by the way, but since it was so short. I wished this had been free. No, I would not lend this book to anyone. In fact, even if you read this review, I will deny that I bought this book. TTFN

Julianna says

Reviewed for THC Reviews

Toy Soldiers is a cute, holiday-themed short story about a Marine, just returned from the Middle East who falls in love at first sight with a single mother and her young son. He then sets about to give them both a Christmas they'll never forget. Caine is a dreamy romantic hero. He's tender and loving toward both Danika and Joshua and not afraid to wear his heart on his sleeve where they're concerned. He's a true gentleman, never pressing Danika for sex, and in fact, holding back, so that she wouldn't feel obligated just because of his kindness. Yet, once things do heat up between them, he's the consummate lover, always attentive to her needs. Caine is also strong and protective, doing everything in his power to keep Danika and Joshua safe from the neighborhood gang-bangers who are trying to shake her down for protection money. All that, and he's a cowboy in his life away from the Marines too. What more could a girl ask for?;-)

Danika was a likable and admirable heroine. When Joshua's biological father found out she was pregnant he wanted her to get an abortion, but Danika refused, even though it also meant being ostracized by her family. She has worked hard to make a decent life for herself and her son and would love nothing more than to move to a safer neighborhood, but she can't afford it. When Caine comes along, treating her son like his own flesh and blood and offering her a better life, she understandably can't resist the handsome Marine, and neither can her son. Joshua is as cute as a button too.

Toy Soldiers is a fast-paced story that takes place over just a few days time, so some readers might have

trouble buying into Caine and Danika making a lifetime commitment to each other in such a short time. I admit the love at first sight trope often doesn't work for me either, and I did have to suspend disbelief to some extent with this one. However, maybe it was the magic of the Christmas season or something else, but ultimately, I couldn't help but think these three characters would make a great family unit. That's not to say the story didn't have a few weaknesses though. The technical aspects of the writing could have been stronger. I found lots of typos and sentences that could have been worded to flow a bit better. I was also a little bothered by Caine and Danika not using protection or even discussing it. Since Danika had already been through one unplanned pregnancy, she should have known better. Lastly, the author used Marine and soldier interchangeably, and I'm pretty sure that most Marines would get quite offended by being called a soldier. Overall though, these were relatively minor things in an otherwise enjoyable story. It was just the right mix of sweet and sexy. The love scenes are pretty hot, and the author does use some frank language, but I wouldn't quite classify it as erotic. All in all, *Toy Soldiers* was a fun little novella that I would recommend to anyone looking for a quick, heartwarming holiday read with a little spice on the side.

Teka Thompson says

The story line was good but it could have been fleshed out with more detail. It was a very fell good Christmas story.
