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Struggling film student Kitty Shakespeare is determined to make the most of her new job as nanny to major producer Everett Klein's son, Jonas. It might not be exactly the career she'd hoped for when she moved from London to LA, but thanks to her habit of freezing up in interviews, this is her last chance to impress a key player in Hollywood - if she can get this right, then surely he'll take a moment to look at her work. However, what Kitty hasn't allowed for is Everett's sexy-as-hell brother, Adam - but love at first sight this is not.

Adam Klein may be sexy, but he's also gruff and rude and in no way ready to make a fool of himself over the nanny - not after the year he's had. All he wants to do hole up in his cabin and hide from the brother who destroyed his life. If only he could find it easier to ignore the way Kitty makes his heart race . . .

As Christmas approaches, Kitty and Adam come to realise that the course of true love never does run smooth - and just maybe, it's more interesting that way...

A heartwarming Shakespeare Sisters Christmas romance from the bestselling author of Fix You.

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Simona says

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A Winter's Tale is book two in the Shakespeare Sisters series. This time we are following Kitty Shakespeare, who lives in LA and is a film student. She is struggling to find an internship and then jumps at the chance of being a nanny for the Klein family over Christmas.

Everett Klein is a major producer, so the job might take her to the right direction eventually. Everett has a brother called Adam. They don't have a great relationship, but live close to each other. This way Kitty gets to meet Adam.

They are not off to a great start. He seems rude, moody and arrogant. However, sparks definitely fly and they grow closer and closer. Things are not easy though, especially with Adam's family involved.

The story is full of ups and downs, which makes it really exciting of course. I adored the scenes and moments Kitty and Adam shared and sometimes Jonas was there too, so wonderful.

Carrie Elks has a very smooth and heart-warming writing style. You get sucked into the story immediately and never want to leave again. The storyline has several levels and in the end everything comes together, it's so gripping.

We also get to read about the other Shakespeare sisters as well, so we get to catch up with Cesca and I'm really looking forward about the other two sisters now. Can't wait for their books.

This book is full of romance, passion, love and excitement. Carrie Elks is one talented author.

Karenj says

The second instalment in the Shakespeare sisters' series, as we meet Kitty the youngest sister, and every bit as good as the first... exactly what I was hoping for from Carrie - relatable characters, intrigue, and descriptions that took me right to the little cabin in the woods, where I'd love to be holed up with Adam Klein myself!!

Who doesn't like a "bearded a**hole" .. troubled, with a mystery in his past, a gruff manner, but oh so sexy as hell! ?

It wasn't in Kitty's plans to spend her Christmas break away from home, nannying for a family she didn't know, it certainly wasn't her intention to get dragged into the Klein family drama, or find herself smitten with said "bearded a**hole" but that's what happened and whilst she loved looking after her charge, Jonas, her Christmas was about to get a whole lot more complicated.

Totally loved that it wasn't all plain sailing, a HEA doesn't ever come without a bit of angst, but I was rooting for Kitty as she was such a lovable character. Loved meeting the other sisters again and cant wait for Lucy and Juliet's stories!

Emma says

I wasn't aware this book was part of a series when I started it, and I have to admit I think it works perfectly as a stand alone novel.

One of my biggest bug bears with romance novels is that they have romances I don't believe in, characters I could never see being together, and whose chemistry just isn't there. That was absolutely not the case with this novel. Carrie managed to create two such believable lead characters that their ups and downs and will they, won't they end up together really had me routing for them.

Reading this book I could feel the crackle of electricity between Adam and Kitty, that spark of something you can't ignore. Who can blame Kitty for wanting to enjoy Adam, who let's be honest is possibly the sexiest male lead I have read in a very long time. Tall, dark, strong, brooding and handsome, I can imagine most women reading this book were wishing he would come and sweep them off their feet and back to his cabin by the lake. Thank you Carrie for giving me a couple I could believe in, I smiled, laughed and I have to admit to shedding a tear while they fought their growing feelings for each other.

The setting for this novel is a very snowy West Virginia and I have to say Carrie knows how to set a scene, I really found myself sucked into the cold winter vibe of this novel, I was imagining the scenes where Kitty and Jonas are out sledging and could almost feel the cold air. I found myself wishing I could enjoy one of Annie's hot chocolates in the warm Klein house kitchen.

Another character I adored in this novel was little Jonas, his open heart and his relationship with Kitty was beautiful. I found myself hoping he had the best Christmas ever, surrounded by a family who adored him. His excitement over Christmas was great, and the fun he had with Kitty warmed my heart.

The family tension between Adam and Everett, the sparks of romance and lust between Kitty & Adam, as well as the clearly fraught marriage between Everett & his wife Mia makes the Klein Christmas a very interesting affair. Will all of them survive Christmas day unscathed?

This is my first Carrie Elks novel, but it definitely won't be my last - I am heading off to search out the first of The Shakespeare sisters series. A wonderful story to warm your heart on a cold winters day, full of love, lust, laughter and a whole host of family drama. I will be honest it was a book that kept me up until 2am reading, just to see what happened in the end. I fell in love with the characters of A Winters Tale and I hope you will too.

Thankyou to Piatkus & NetGalley for providing me this copy for an honest review.

Claire Robinson says

5 - "**This thaw is for Christmas, not for life.**" Stars!

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The second book in Carrie Elks' *Shakespeare Sisters* series, has a decidedly Christmassy feel to it, and I

absolutely adored Kitty and Adam's story.

You get the perfect combination, of drama, angst, familial battles, with a heavy dose of love and romance with this one. Plenty of snow, Christmas sparkle, sexy-times and a really likeable couple, all balanced out around a really well written story.

Home wasn't where your blood was. It wasn't even where your heart was. Home was where you felt accepted, love, at peace...

I adore this author, and am loving how this series is growing and developing into something special with each new addition to it. *Absent in the Spring* gives us Lucy's story next, and is due for release April 18.

ARC generously provided by the author, and it was a pleasure to provide the above review in exchange.

Maureen says

I read 'Summer's Lease', the first book in the Shakespeare Sisters series in June and I devoured it. I truly loved that book! So when I heard that 'A Winter's Tale', the second book in the Shakespeare Sisters series came out with a Christmas theme, my favorite holiday, I was beyond excited. And I was over the moon when I received an email with the question if I wanted to read this book. And when I received it, I started reading immediately.

In 'A Winter's Tale' we meet Kitty Shakespeare. Kitty is the youngest of the Shakespeare sisters. Kitty has been living in L.A. for almost a year. It has been her dream as a film student to make it in the big city. But Kitty is struggling to get a new internship. Desperate Kitty accepts a job as nanny to major producer Everett Klein's son, Jonas. This way Kitty hopes to impress the producer enough he considers her for internship. But when Kitty arrives in the cold and snow covered Blue Ridge Mountains she isn't prepared for Everett Klein's brother Adam. Adam is tall and handsome, but incredible rude to Kitty. But still, Kitty doesn't seem to be able to forget him.

Well, I love books with a Christmas theme, and I loved the first book in this series so this book should be perfect for me. And it was. I loved every single page and I read it in a day. Kitty's character is one I really loved. Kitty is a kind of shy, hardworking, beautiful, strong and a little naïve. And it was really fun to read about her. When Kitty met Adam she was completely in awe of him, even though he was really unkind. But being the good person she was, she tried to be kind to him and those first interactions between Kitty and Adam were really fun to read. I loved the way Kitty seemed to be in complete shock about someone like Adam liking her. I could honestly hear her say 'You do?' in my ear. Loved it!

Adam isn't really a bad guy, but he has been through something terrible and after someone from his family betrayed him he doesn't seem to be able to get past it. He leaves everything behind, and starts living in this cabin in the cold Blue Ridge Mountains. Adam is done with people and just wants to be left alone. But Kitty knocks him off his feet. And I loved being able to read this book from both his point of view and that of Kitty's.

The romance and chemistry between Kitty and Adam was amazing and I loved reading every single page of 'A Winter's Tale'. The scenery the author described was gorgeous and I definitely got this wintery Christmas

feel while reading this book. This book definitely is another great one and I can't wait to read the next book in this amazing series.

Nicola says

4.5 Stars.

I have to admit I was a little nervous going into *A Winter's Tale* as its predecessor and opening book in *The Shakespeare Sisters* series saw me clash somewhat with the characters. But there's no finer feeling than realising a couple of chapters in that you're well on the way to being taken to your happy place.

"Welcome to Cutler's Gap. Home of Dead Deer and Sexy Bearded Assholes."

This book is the reason I love Carrie Elks' writing: a couple to fall in love with, a magical romance, humour, a smattering of angst and those moments which leave a lump in your throat. I adored Kitty, empathising with her fears and loving her gentler nature, quiet determination and soft heart, but I'd be a liar if I said it wasn't Adam that stole this book for me, because I have a particular affinity to brooding grumpy men.

Adam's ongoing feud with his brother created just the right amount of tension and drama, but I loved how it never took the shine off the romance or the magical Christmas atmosphere, and as Kitty worked her way into his heart smoothing his harsher edges, the romantic in me sighed—they were wonderful together.

"I might be an asshole, but I'm not afraid to say when I'm wrong. And this time I'm definitely wrong."

This series may have had a shakier start for me, but all that didn't work in Cesca's story was righted by Kitty's and I'm looking forward to seeing how Lucy and Juliet's happy ever afters play out in 2018.

"...you know how to woo a girl."

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Whispering Stories says

Reviewed by Stacey on www.whisperingstories.com

Kitty Shakespeare is a film student looking for an internship. After another disastrous interview, this time for producer Everett Klein's company, she believes that she won't be getting the job. Upon receiving a surprise phone call from Everett's wife, Mia, her hopes are re-ignited, but they are soon dampened again when Mia is calling to offer Kitty the job of Nanny to her son Jonas.

With no other offers coming in Kitty agrees, which is how she finds herself heading to Cutler's Gap, West Virginia a few weeks before Christmas. Unfortunately, travelling via the mountain pass, she hits a deer, her car refuses to start again, her phone isn't working and no-one is around. She is also wearing unsuitable clothing for being stuck in the snow.

Adam Klein is the brother of Everett and is staying at Cutler's gap, in a cabin by the lake. The brothers don't see eye to eye and tensions are at boiling point between them. So when Adam is the one who ends up rescuing Kitty he takes an instant dislike to her as she is Everett's employee.

Adam, though realises that Kitty isn't like Everett's other employees, but can he make amends and will she accept his apology after his rude, obnoxious behaviour towards her? Perhaps a puppy might help!!

A Winter's Tale is the second book in The Shakespeare Sisters series, the first, Summer's Lease I reviewed earlier in the year and loved it, so I couldn't wait to get started on book two.

I absolutely love this book. From the start I was intrigued by Kitty. She is a delightful character and it's lovely to see a ballsy woman who won't take any rubbish from a man, even if he is god damn sexy.

Adam Klein has a tough exterior, but is a complete and utter softy at heart. He has trouble with trusting people and pushes people away to stop himself getting hurt.

From the moment that Kitty and Adam meet you sense that there is a spark between them, so I eagerly awaited their rendezvous.

The plot, scenery, character development and the descriptiveness all took me to a gorgeous cold snowy place far, far away from rainy Manchester, UK. This is a book that I could visualise perfectly.

This is a definite must read for anyone who loves romance/chick lit books. It is simply captivating, filled with drama and lots of passion. I now can't wait to read book three.

Melanie Moreland says

Carrie Elk's newest book is A Winter's Tale. It's a book of finding love, learning to forgive, and discovering that sometimes, not everything is the way it seems.

I loved Adam and Kitty's story. She is feisty and strong—despite the fact there are people in her life who could make it easy for her, she is determined to make it on her own, even if she has to return to a former career for a while.

Adam is bitter and jaded, angry at the world, especially his brother. It takes a lot for him to step away from that bitterness and come to terms with his life, his family, and the fact he has lost his heart.

Carrie's weaves a wonderful tale. The weather is cold, the friction is hot, and the story is beautifully told. A five star read for me.

Paromjit says

This is a feel good festive romance set in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Virginia. I chose to read this book because the book cover is simply gorgeous and I could not resist, plus there were various Shakespeare

references, including the title. Kitty Shakespeare is the youngest of 4 sisters, the others are Cesca, Juliet and Lucy, the eldest, their makeshift mother after the death of their mother. Kitty is British, and in the process of completing a film course in LA. She needs an internship, but is not good at interviews. After failing an interview, she is contacted to be a nanny for a short while to 7 year old Jonas in Virginia for the festive period. His parents, Everett and Mia, are too busy to look after him. Kitty meets Adam, Everett's brother, a well known documentary maker, and her first few meetings are fraught and argumentative. In addition, to complicate matters, Adam has a fiery and conflict ridden relationship with Everett which has involved a violent incident triggered by what Adam feels was a betrayal.

To avoid charges, Adam is seeing an anger management therapist on a mandatory basis whilst taking time out of his stressful career. Kitty and Adam get over their initial antipathy to embark on a covert affair, whilst ostensibly caring for a secret present for Jonas, a puppy that causes mayhem and havoc. However, the course of true love never does run smoothly. Each chapter begins with a quote from a Shakespeare play which charts the highs and lows of their love. Everett and Adam's relationship remains difficult, and Kitty is caught between the loyalty she owes her employer and her growing love for Adam. Adam will have to address his volatile temper and anger issues before their relationship can go forward. The picture perfect snow filled and icy location in the mountains is a sure fire winner for this time of year. This is a great festive read, heartwarming and entertaining. Many thanks to Little, Brown for an ARC.

Alison says

5 Heart Warming and Magical Stars!

When Kitty was given the job of being nanny, to a big producer's son, she decided she had nothing to lose. What she hadn't planned on was falling in love with the brooding man living in the cabin. Will true love prevail? Or will secrets and lies, from the past, come between their happiness?

Another fabulous, beautiful, and enthralling romantic read from Carrie Elks. This second book in the Shakespeare Sisters series did not disappoint.

Kitty and Adam's story is a fun, heart-warming, Christmas story. Whilst reading this story, I'm pretty sure I wore a huge smile on my face, for most of the time. It was hard not to get swept up into the fun they had together and the obvious attraction they shared. Once they tore down the walls they had put up, they brought out the best in each other, they brought life back into their lives and lived for each day.

This sweet festive story had characters I loved, some I disliked, and some I wanted to throttle. One character, in particular, was really sweet, and very wise for their young age; considering the atmosphere around them, they still found the interest, and the energy to enjoy the festivities around them, and their little heart held so much love for everyone.

I truly enjoyed this second book in the Shakespeare Series. If you enjoy contemporary, comedy romance stories, A Winter's Take is for you.

Julie says

A lovely heartwarming tale that is sure to melt your heart, Set against a beautiful snowy backdrop, this story

of Kitty Shakespeare working as a nanny as she tries to get an internship will have you wondering if she will ever find her HEA. Her boss is none other than the head of the production company she wants to work for. She soon discovers that all is not a bed of roses as her boss and his wife are like ships that pass in the night with no time for their young son, her charge. When she crosses paths with Elliot's brother Adam, she's usually at the receiving end of his criticism. With Christmas approaching, it's not looking good for a merry one.

I really enjoyed this story of the second Shakespeare sister and look forward to the next in the series.

Rachel Gilbey says

Is it wrong that I want my first sentence of this review to include the words "wow that Adam is one of the sexiest main characters I've read for ages"?

I mean of all the many glowing things I want to say about this book such as how the story grabbed me, and how much I enjoyed the characters and getting to know the youngest of the Shakespeare sisters, the first thing I have to comment on is the male lead.

Well let's continue in that vein then, he is living in a cabin by the lake of his parent's property, after a falling out with his brother led to him having to leave LA for a while. Due to the dual perspectives we see that Adam is in therapy and that there is more to him than his hermit-like rugged good looks.

Within the first couple of meetings between Adam and Kitty there are plenty of sparks flying and that is before they even think about liking each other. For the first meeting Adam rescues Kitty, but thinks she is not suited to life in West Virginia.

Actually coming back to West Virginia, I believe this is the first book I have read that is set there, and I loved the remoteness of the Klein household. I am going to blame Carrie Elks for putting the song Country Roads into a loop in my head - as it's the only reference I knew to West Virginia!

Kittie is a film student who is struggling to get an internship, but does end up being offered the job of nanny of the great Everett Klein's son Jonas. Jonas is a fabulous child but rarely gets much attention from his parents.

One of the funniest scenes involved Kittie, collecting all of Jonas' Christmas presents from the airport and being given an surprise extra one to take home. Not only take back to the Klein's house, but also hide so it's a surprise for Jonas. Just one small problem, this present has 4 legs, is prone to barking, and really dislikes travelling by car.

This is a book filled with laughter, good times, Christmas with a child, a rugged man that oozes sex appeal, some brotherly rivalry and just generally a great storyline. I was enjoying the book so much I genuinely had no idea what time stop I was at...not sure what the person who was sitting next to me's excuse was though for also not knowing where we were!

Where was I?,, ah yes hooked on a book on a tube, and thinking how wonderful I found A Winter's affair. This does read as a standalone but since these first two books are so great I would say make sure to read them all - and already looking forward to the third book and curious as to whether it is Juliet or Lucy's story next.

Thanks so much to Piatkus and Netgalley for this copy which I have reviewed honestly and voluntarily.

MetLineReader says

Another fab tale about the Shakespeare sisters - this time about the youngest, Kitty.

Love the quotes at the start of each chapter, along with the fabulous characters including the brooding Adam, the gorgeous young Jonas and the warmth of housekeeper Annie.

There's also something very alluring about the vulnerability of Kitty.

4*, a warm and cosy read.

Zoe Hartgen says

Firstly, thank you to the publishers and Carrie Elks for my copy of *The Winter's Tale* in exchange for my review. This book... This. Book. I thought *Summer's Lease* was great, but this topped that.

Carrie Elks has the ability to transport you to wherever it is her book is set. For this one, a remote house in West Virginia. Surrounded by snow, and not much else. It felt like home, and most definitely somewhere that I would love to visit.

Kitty so far is definitely my favourite Shakespeare sister. I know that's not difficult as we only know about 2 of them really so far, but still. She's witty, sarcastic, and give as good as she gets. I think that Kitty is better for 2 reason. One, she didn't start the book in a bad place like Cesca did. We knew she was down on her luck, but she didn't let it affect her everyday life like Cesca did. Kitty just kept her head high and moved onto then next internship interview. And 2, I just preferred her as a character. She written wonderfully, and there was depth and improvement. Her backstory is obviously fairly similar to cesca's but you can see how the death of their mum touched them differently.

Adam... Again, I can;t help compare to the first book. I thought Sam was a great character, until Adam come along. Grumpy, yes, beard, yes. Hot? Definitely. A well-built sexy character? Most Definitely. Carrie Elks knows how to write a man!! Adam is the character with the biggest development and I was glad we were along for the ride. From grumpy and irritable to happy, confident again and in love. He even proves he has a romantic side. I was very intrigued by his backstory and the secrecy of Colombia. I actually didn't see where it was going or would have even guessed what happened.

The chemistry between Kitty and Adam was instant, you knew it was going to work. In fact, the chemistry with a majority of the characters was great. Especially Kitty, Adam and Jonas. Jonas was an adorable little boy and you could really tell that Kitty loved him. I did think that Everett and Mia were going to have bigger roles but I'm glad they didn't. I didn't really take to them.

The writing style was extremely easy to get into. I loved that there was a bit of a Beauty and The Beast thing going on, and it references it quite a bit towards the end of the book. I'm so excited for the third book, which sister will it be??

With a spectacular romance, great writing and wonderful character chemistry and development. With a steamy romance and that very special happy ending, I give this book a big, fat, whopping 5 out of 5.

Sibel Gandy says

3,5/5
