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DECORATING WITH THE GRINCH

It was one little fender bender. Sadie was only in picturesque Pineville, Michigan, for a day, trying to handle the ramshackle house her grandmother left her and juggle the sale of her failing design business at the same time. Her debtors don't care that it's almost Christmas. But then neither does the big bad contractor whose truck got squashed.

Colt McCoy might be the least festive person she's ever met. He's gruff, rude, and way too upset about a minor accident. Of course, he is nice to look at, with dimples hiding in his scruffy beard and a body like a lumberjack's. And Sadie will have plenty of time to enjoy the view, since their community service sentence has put the two of them in charge of Pineville's jinxed Christmas tree.

But as their squabbles over ornaments turn to laughter, anyone can see Colt and Sadie have something electric. The hard part is guessing if they'll light each other up—or just keep blowing the fuse . . .

The Christmas Tree Details

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MyMy (PunchDrunkLibrary) says

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PDL's Rating: 5 Princess Stars (Loved)

Funny, I first rated it a 4.5 Stars but as I was writing the review it brought everything back and I realized I truly loved this book and not just really liked it!!

Okay... okay... OKAY. The Christmas Tree was the CUTEST read ever! During this time of the year, my favorite channel is Hallmark where I can lay there all day watching movies after holiday movies like I have no kind of responsibilities in the real world. Well, The Christmas Tree gave me all the feels as if I am watching one of those movies. Actually to be fair, this book is MORE than those movies. I have an awesome imagination and am able to see vividly in my mind than a TV screen can offer – HA!

The one thing (not the only one) I loved so much in this story is the way they met. You're just going to have to read it to find out for yourself. Let's just say I read it a few times just so I can have the experience over and over again. I laughed, still smiling right this moment on how Colt and Sadie met. I just LOVE IT! The hubby always make fun of my love for the Hallmark channel this season so what else is there to do but make him sit there and listen to me while I rehash the book to him. TAKE THAT SUCKER! Best part – he was driving so he had no choice but to listen (so count that as him reading it as well). Just every bit of this book is truly darling. Darling?! See, I loved this story so much it has me spitting out words that are normally not in my vocabulary bank!

Every part of this story is just so lovable including the secondary characters. Those characters, let's just say you are in for a treat! This story truly represents that small town holiday feel that makes a city girl like me want to live in a small gossipy town that people think they know your business better than you. Yup, how peculiar is that huh? After reading this The Christmas Tree, even the frustrating things can turn endearing!! Go figure!

A Holiday must read. As a matter of fact – a must read if you want to laugh and feel awesome and have that warm fuzzy feeling inside!

Chantale Canadian Book Addict says

This is a great read. It is full of humour and romance.

I started reading it yesterday and I am glad I read it then because I really needed the laughs. This book is very well written and it kept me entertained and laughing.

If you are looking for a romantic and funny read this holiday season I do highly recommend this one.

The Christmas Tree is book 2 in the Pineville series but you can read it as a stand-alone.

You can now purchase this book in stores or online now.

Julie (*Happily Ever Chapter*) says

The Christmas Tree by Allyson Charles is a sweet holiday romance that will really get you in the Christmas spirit. It is part of the Pineville series, but can be read as a standalone. I did not read the first book in the series and didn't feel like I was missing anything at all.

When we first meet Colt, I have to admit that I thought he was a giant jerk. As the story continues you start to see a little more about why he is the way he is and he really grew on me. I liked Sadie right away (even if I did want to grab her and shake her a few times). She's a little OCD and definitely a people-pleaser, so I could relate to her in that way.

This book was a little bit of everything; enemies to lovers, holiday fun, witty banter, with a little bit of angst/drama added in.

** I received an ARC of this title via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own.
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Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

Sadie is in Pineville, Michigan to check out the house her grandmother left her. One quick glance at her phone and a raccoon sets off a domino effect ending with a light pole right down the middle of someone's truck.

Colt McCoy can't believe his eyes when his truck is destroyed by a falling light pole. When he finds out that Sadie was looking at her phone instead of the road, he loses his temper completely.

Calling the police doesn't exactly end as planned with them both having to serve community service decorating the town Christmas tree. What starts with anger and barbed words, soon turns into something a whole lot more.

I absolutely ADORED every single minute of this book. It made me laugh out loud SO many times I lost count. The hero and heroine were extremely likable. The banter between them was HILARIOUS at times. Colt was such an ass at first, but he gets over himself quickly and isn't afraid to apologize when he is in the wrong. Sadie was just super sweet. The things her and Allison got up to together..LMAO.

The festive small town feel was enjoyable, as was the plethora of secondary characters that you won't help but fall in love with. From baddie David (I think he is just misunderstood), to Jerome the single father cop. Not to mention Sadie's sidekick Allison, the "tree twins", and even the mayor get in on the matchmaking act.

SO many well written and enjoyable secondary characters that added a nice backdrop for the main couple.

Add in some sexytimes (fairly mild), a little relationship angst (just a smidge), and this one should definitely be on your holiday TO READ list. Two HUGE thumbs up from yours truly.

Bette Hansen says

This was a truly fantastic read. Filled with humor, holiday magic, and a wonderful romance. The witty banter between Colt and Sadie kept me laughing all the way through the book. These two first meet when they are involved in a little fender bender. Well maybe not so little but it was just an accident!! When the judge sentences these two to community service decorating the town Christmas Tree the real fun begins!!

Don't miss this one this holiday season. I highly recommend it.

Ann Lorz says

I'm really enjoying visiting in Pineville. It seems like a really cute town to visit or live in. I'm a huge fan of small town romances and this series fits the bill perfectly. You'll both love had hate the closeness of everyone (your business is everyone's business.

This is the second book and in the series and I'm already waiting for the next one. I really love Charles' writing. She blends happiness and heartbreak well.

The whole idea of these two having work together after the Judge (love him) community service is a the perfect holiday story. I can see it on the Hallmark Channel. And just like movies on the Hallmark Channel this isn't going smoothly.

Right away my first thought of Colt is WHAT A DICK! I'm not kidding you, that's what I thought. I figured there was no way in hell that the author would be able to turn him into hero material. I was so wrong. As the story unfolds you learn more and more about him and who he is.

Hero!!!

Now Sadie I liked right away. For the most part she's a great character but there are times I wanted to slap her upside the help. The woman more then once refused to see what was right in front of her face. I'd love to say more but don't want to ruin it for you.

I think you'll love their stroll down romance lane. You really want both Colt and Sadie to find happiness. Add is the Christmas theme and this is a big hit with me!

Now I'm a big fan on reading series in order but I will admit that this one did have much to do with the first one other then the Judge. It can be totally read on its own, why you would I do know because Putting Out Old Flames is really good! Now all I have to do is wait for Why Did It Have to Be You? which comes out in

May of 2017. A long wait for those of us that have read The Christmas Tree. You guys get it, right?

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ARC received for a honest review

Kathleen says

The Christmas Tree is a sassy holiday romance tale that will easily get the reader into the holiday spirit. Author Allyson Charles weaves an enjoyable tale set in the small town of Pineville, Michigan, that follows the humorous forced pairing of professional house stager Sadie Wilson and general contractor Colt McCoy, when they are sentenced to perform community service by decorating the town's Christmas Tree.

Sadie Wilson is in the small town of Pineville, Michigan, to get her grandmother's house that she inherited ready to sell. While driving through town, Sadie is waiting for a text from a potential buyer of her declining designer business, when she swerves to miss a raccoon in the street and hits a light pole that crashes on the cab of an F-150 Ford Truck owned by general contractor Colt McCoy. Sadie is charged with texting while driving and destruction of property, while Colt is charged with driving uninsured. Since they are both first time offenders, the judge sentences them to perform forty hours of community service by decorating the town's Christmas Tree within one week in time for the traditional lighting of the tree in the town square. Can total opposites forced to work together find a way to set aside their differences and petty squabbles in order to complete the community service, and along the way discover the magic of Christmas?

I really enjoyed reading this fun holiday romance, it had the right amount of witty banter, sassy humor, drama, angst, unexpected romance, and Christmas magic. You can't help but cheer on Sadie and Colt as they overcome their personal obstacles while working together on the town's Christmas Tree, and unexpectedly find love during the holiday season. I would be remiss if I didn't mention how much I enjoyed the rich description of the charm and holiday spirit of the small town setting, and the antics of the quirky Pineville townsfolk, who kept me thoroughly entertained and in stitches.

The Christmas Tree is the second book in the Pineville Romance Series, but can be a stand-alone read.

The Christmas Tree is an entertaining holiday romance that will definitely put you in the holiday spirit!

Disclaimer: I received a copy of the book from the author / publisher via NetGalley in exchange for my honest review and participation in a book blitz event hosted by Goddess Fish Promotions.

<http://jerseygirlbookreviews.blogspot...>

Wendy'sThoughts says

4 Don't Text While Driving Stars

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As the Holiday Season approaches, some of us make To-Do Lists...

These lists may have been made by Sadie Wilson....

Things To-Do:

1. Do not mope about design business going to hell in a hand basket...Figure something out.
2. Stop obsessing about selling grandma's house...Make it happen...
3. Forget EVER TEXTING WHILE DRIVING...swerving for the racoon, Yes it was cute...
4. Own up to the Asshat whose truck was CUT IN HALF because of that silly light pole...
5. Ignore that Asshat is handsome and you can't look the other way...Because he is a Stubborn Asshat.
6. Agree to do the Community Service, (Hahahaha, He has to, too and did that surprise him!) and make the Community Tree The Best Ever.

Things NOT To-Do:

1. Don't fall for Colt...Don't Fall for him... you have too many things you need to handle.
2. Stop your feelings and having fun with this man...especially when he owns up to being an Asshat...
3. Try harder to not have such fun experiences with Colt, bantering and looking at that mouth of his...
4. Stop yourself from thinking maybe...or maybe stop yourself from stopping yourself...
5. Finally, don't let anything get in the way of loving where you are at this very moment... with the town, your friends and the reformed Assshat, Colt.

Things to Check Off To-Do List:

1. Did the service
2. Made the Tree Amazing
3. Bonus: Found Love
4. Merry Christmas

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Jessie says

These are just fun little reads.

Pat says

This fast paced read had a great storyline and very likable characters that captured my heart from the very first page and wouldn't let it go until I finished reading the very last page! This book is an absolute must read and I definitely look forward to reading more from this author!

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Keeper Bookshelf

What does a quick glance away from the road, a raccoon, a falling light pole, a wrecked truck, a jinxed Christmas tree and two strangers have in common? One hilarious, touching and enjoyable Christmas tale.

Sadie had only intended to spend one miserable day in Pineville to tend to her grandmother's house. Rotten luck seemed to follow her everywhere she went... and now dumb luck, okay maybe her own fault, but dumb nonetheless is keeping her in this small town doing community service with the most grumpy, handsome man she's ever met.

Colt can't believe his eyes or the reason why his truck in totaled. To say he's not a happy camper is a vast understatement and instead of what he was looking for.. justice for the damage done... what he's getting is tied up even tighter with this crazy woman on a community service sentence to put up the town's totally jinxed Christmas tree.

Bad luck, horrible timing or two people coming together at just the right time to fall in love – very unexpectedly.

The Christmas Tree is quite simply one of those Christmas stories that will stay in your mind, and be brought out for another read next year – or whenever you need a good chuckle.

Sadie and Colt seem like an unlikely pair at first glance, but then no one is at their best under those circumstances. As they work on the Christmas tree project they will discover the real person behind that first impression... and maybe find out that the best gift they got this year was each other. i laughed out loud, commiserated with their situation and sat back and enjoyed the sparks they lit off of each other.

If you're looking for a feel good read full of chuckles, Christmas cheer and small town madness, then this is a story that you'll want to add to your own Christmas list. I would definitely recommend The Christmas Tree. It's funny, charming, heartwarming and just a good read to get you in the holiday mood.

I received an e-ARC of this novel from the publisher via NetGalley. That does not change what I think of this novel. It is my choice to leave a review giving my personal opinion about this story.

Kristy Johnston says

What happened to the raccoon? I read the first chapter of the book and that was enough for me. The woman swerves to avoid a raccoon but pleads guilty to texting while driving since she glanced at a message on her phone minutes before, no mention of said raccoon. That's after she gets yelled at by the guy who's truck gets destroyed by the poll she hits. He runs out of the cafe, jumps to conclusions and screams at her without evening stopping to hear an explanation then get arrested himself for not having insurance (not sure I understand that either since he wasn't even in the truck so what did it matter if he had insurance or not? the truck was parked and he wasn't actually driving it). Anyways, they both plead guilty and get sentenced to decorating the town christmas tree. ?Maybe a little more thought could have gone into this setup. DNF at the end of chapter 1.

Cathy Geha says

The Christmas Tree by Allyson Charles
Pineville #2

Both Sadie and Colt have issues to deal with in addition to dealing with one another while doing community service time decorating the Pineville Christmas tree. They may feel an immediate attraction to one another but the idea of acting on that attraction is the furthest thing from both of their minds...at least for a while. The story had me hating Colt, then warming up to him, and finally caring whether or not he and Sadie could find common ground. This was a cute, easy, fun Christmas story set in a small town that I recommend to those looking for a light entertaining holiday read.

Thank you to NetGalley and Kensington Books for the ARC. This is my honest review.

3.5 Stars

Penny Leidecker says

I really enjoyed this small town Christmas story. This book will make you laugh out loud several times and leave you with a smile on your face. I love all the characters and I can't wait to read more in this series. Wait until you learn who has been stealing the Christmas decorations, lol. Allyson Charles has quickly become a favorite author of mine and I can't wait for her next release. Now, on to the next book in this series.

Bernie says

Great read

I enjoy small town stories and all the characters that go with them. Allyson Charles does a wonderful job of creating a great story that has fun H/h and makes you look forward to the next in the series.
