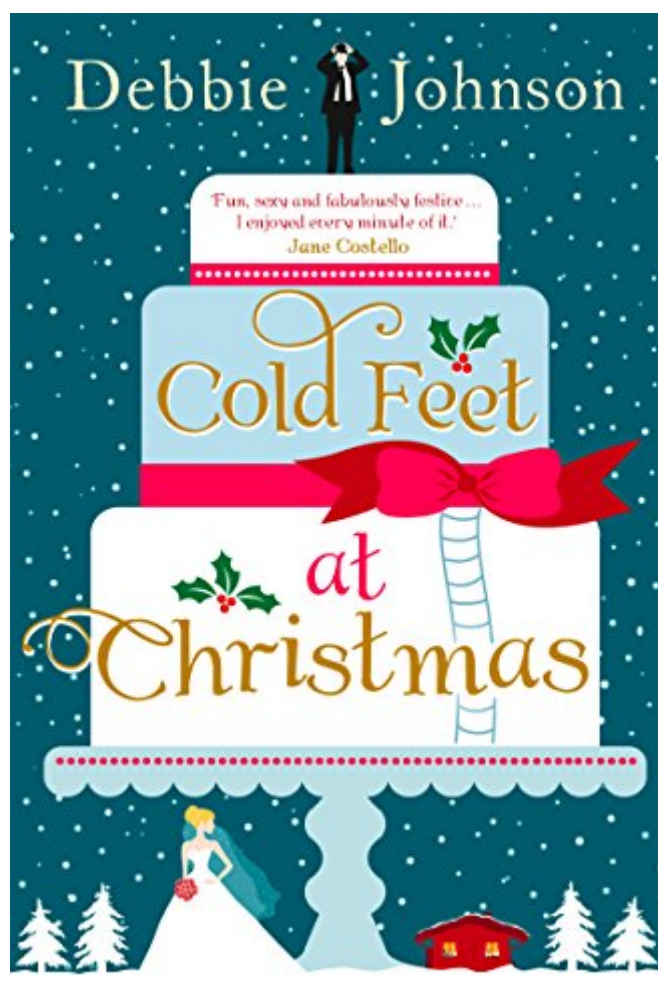


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Cold Feet At Christmas



Synopsis

“Fun, sexy and fabulously festive, Debbie Johnson’s escapist romance travels from snow-capped mountains in Scotland to the glamour of 21st century Chicago. I enjoyed every minute of it.”
Best-selling author, Jane Costello
Running out on your wedding shouldn’t be this much fun! A remote Scottish castle on a snowy Christmas Eve. A handsome husband-to-be. A dress to die for. It should have been the happiest day of Leah Harvey’s life “ but the fairytale wedding turns sour when she finds her fiancé halfway up the bridesmaid’s skirt just hours before the ceremony! Fleeing the scene in a blizzard, Leah ends up stranded at the nearest cottage, where she collapses into the arms of its inhabitant “ a man so handsome she thinks she must have died and gone to heaven! And when Rob Cavelli suddenly finds himself with an armful of soaking wet, freezing cold, and absolutely gorgeous bride on the run, he’s more than happy to welcome her into his snowbound cottage this Christmas “ Superb “ like a fabulous breath of fresh air and I fell in love with the warm, witty, sexy writing style from the very first page “ Holly Martin, bestselling author of “Christmas at Lilac Cottage”

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Customer Reviews

Leah Harvey runs out on her wedding after she discovers her groom in a compromising position

with a bridesmaid. She finds herself stranded in rural Scotland in the middle of a snowstorm without a cell phone signal or any supplies to survive. She finds a cottage where she hopes to wait out the storm and meets the inhabitant, Rob Cavelli. Every Christmas Rob Cavelli heads to the remote Scottish cottage to hide from his pain and the guilt he carries and is unable to let go of. When he opens the front door of the cottage to find a bride, gorgeous and nearly frozen, he brings her in to the cottage and his life, against his better judgment. Leah and Rob spend Christmas together exploring the attraction they both feel and when Christmas is over, Leah accepts an invitation from Rob to go to Chicago with him, but as friends only. I enjoyed this cute and charming story. I liked Leah immensely. She is a spunky and feisty character who doesn't let the events of her fiancé's betrayal and failed wedding hold her back from grabbing a chance at happiness. She takes a huge leap of faith and travels to Chicago with Rob and believes he is the only man for her, in spite of his determination to push her away. I liked Rob when I first met him, but after they returned to Chicago, I didn't care for the change in his behavior or personality. He became overbearing and at times, downright hurtful to Leah. Even after learning why, I felt bad for him, but still wanted to hit him with something heavy until he fell down. It surprised me that Leah continued to believe the best in Rob in spite of his constant rejection and I really liked that she didn't become bitter or hurtful in response. I recommend this book if you are looking for a story about forgiveness and second chances.

I am a sucker for a great romance that involves an attractive curmudgeon, a sassy, confident woman, a secluded cabin and a holiday setting, which must be the reason I fell in love with this book. I absolutely adore Leah and her great sense of humor and obviously big heart. Of course I also fell in love with Rob pretty much from the start. Although his self-deprecation did start to weigh on my nerves, it was easier to tolerate once you understand why he is the way that he is. The chemistry that the two of them share was so strong it practically jumped off the pages and into my living room. This story was both hysterical and heartbreaking at once. The way that Leah diffused the situation when she deemed it necessary to lighten the mood is really what made this story really great. Actually it was pretty much Leah that made this story period. This was the perfect story to get me out of my holiday reading slump. Yes, I realize that it's just the first week in October but I am already on the hunt for this year's best holiday reads. So far this is the only one that I've truly enjoyed in all of its romantic glory. This is the first book that I've read from this author but I know that I'll be keeping a close eye out for her in the future. Sidenote: This is obviously written by a European author due to some of the slang terms used. At times it was a little bit off-putting considering that a

lot of the book takes place in America. If you can get past that (I happen to love all things British) then this book is definitely worth your time.*I received an ARC from the Net Galley in exchange for an honest review

If you like your male love interest tall, dark, muscularly built, handsome, rich, and clueless emotionally, Rob may be your guy. If you like your female protagonist blonde, petite except in the bosom department, and with a savior complex, Leah may be your girl. Leah meets Rob after her car breaks down as she is running away from her wedding day after finding her fiancé having sex with a bride's maid. She is nearly frozen by the time that she reaches Rob's cabin where he is hiding from his family during the Christmas holiday. Their story only gets more complex from this point. There were some very humorous parts in this book. I did get bored with Rob's unrelenting "I'm a broken man; I can't be fixed. I can never love another or be worthy of the love of another." I really wished that he had moved beyond that faster. It was annoying.

The first thing that got me excited about this book was the adorable cover! Runaway bride, at Christmas no less... I was intrigued. What I hoped was a light hearted Christmas romance turned out to be more of a heavy, predictable story with some sexy scenes thrown in. Now I'm usually all for some depth in my romance books. I love a good redemption story, but this book just had me frustrated the whole time. The book blurb promised a fleeing bride and a handsome man, both of which were present but the story itself was more about their bickering relationship, a man with a lot of baggage and a woman with no direction. Leah seemed like a fun character, and while she had some funny moments she seemed artificial to me. Leave my wedding after finding my fiancé with a bridesmaid and immediately jump into bed with a stranger? Well we all make mistakes when we are in pain and I can almost believe that. Proceed to move to a different country with no income and only knowing said stranger.... much less believable. Aside from the insta-love from Leah's side, Rob was dealing with lots of demons of his own. I didn't quite expect the heaviness of his back story but that's not what bothered me. The writing style of constantly trying to create an internal conflict for him was hard to get through. Guilt and anger are sincere emotions and I feel like his standoffish behavior was supposed to create this tension with him and Leah but it seemed so forced and insincere. The constant "I don't deserve to be loved" attitude was exhausting and seemed to drag the story on for much longer than the actual 222 pages. His redemption moment was so very predictable I almost didn't finish the last chapter. If you're looking for a light fun Christmas romance, this is not it. I will say that there were some exciting and sexy scenes mixed in with all of the drama

that were fun to read.

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