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Home For Christmas



Synopsis

Quinn Riordan hasn't been home for Christmas in more than ten years -- ten long years since she's seen her family and Chagrin Falls, the town where she grew up. It's been that long since the sister she once adored had stolen the man Quinn loved. But when Quinn's beloved Aunt Fiona has a bad fall and breaks her leg, Quinn can't stay away any longer. In order to help her aunt, she has to go home and face her past. But along with her past, the trip home brings her an even more difficult challenge in the form of her aunt's boarder, Peter Kimball. Peter has been curious about Fiona's niece ever since he first saw her framed photo in Fiona's living room. He hasn't been able to understand how someone Fiona speaks of so glowingly could so selfishly stay away for so long. He's prepared to dislike Quinn and is stunned to very quickly realize he doesn't. On the contrary, he's attracted to Quinn and wants nothing more than to get to know her better. But Quinn isn't the only one who has been running from her past. Peter has avoided confronting his demons by staying away from the place where he lost everything he held most dear. Can these two troubled people overcome the problems that have haunted them for so long? Will they be brave enough to forget and forgive and move forward into a future that promises to be filled with more happiness and love than they ever imagined? In the capable hands of best-selling author Patricia Kay, this heartwarming story will be the perfect accompaniment to your own holiday season.

HERE'S WHAT REVIEWERS AND OTHERS HAVE SAID ABOUT PATRICIA KAY AND HER BOOKS: "...A master storyteller! . . . This author is bound to become a perennial favorite." -- Susan Wiggs, New York Times bestselling author "Patricia Kay has done a fantastic job of delving into a powerful story that will take your breath away." -- Amy Cunningham, Romance Reviews Today (about FAMILY ALBUM) "If you love LaVyrle Spencer, you'll love Patricia Kay." -- Deborah Smith "Kay's books are character-driven, and the pacing is inexorable, as her characters stumble, walk, and finally race toward redemption." -- Patricia O'Dea Rosen, Happily Ever After newsletter "Full bodied characters, rich emotional scenes, strong conflict, and sensual tension . . ." From a review of WEDDING BELLS & MISTLETOE by Pamela Cohen, Romantic Times Magazine "It was wonderful. You had me sniffing and tearing up at the store in front of my customers. One of the most moving books I've read in a long time." -- Merry Cutler, Annie's Book Shop, Sharon, MA (reviewing WITH THIS RING) " . . . A very good job exploring the emotional consequences of a heartbreaking romantic triangle. WITH THIS RING is a touching read." -- Romantic Times Magazine

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Customer Reviews

I really like this book. The story just seem to flow so effortlessly. Quinn and Maureen lost their parents when they were very young. Their aunt (Their father's sister) raised them as if they were her own. Maureen grew up with the better looks and had lots of friends, but Quinn was the one who had all the smarts. The Aunt seem to favor Quinn more though, probably because Quinn reminded her of herself. Anyway...Quinn always looked up to her big sister, while Maureen took anything Quinn got her hands on--- including her boyfriend. But like Maureen states in the story, beware of what you ask for...because you might just get it. Turns out Maureen got the boyfriend alright, but he turned out to be a real jerk. Quinn left home for 10 years trying to avoid the happy couple, but if she'd stayed home she would have seen that she was the lucky one... because it seems that she managed to dodge a bullet. When she does return 10 years later, her Aunts boarder... Peter takes an instant dislike to her, but then the feelings are sort of mutual. That is...until they bury the hatch and learn more about each other, and why they act the way they do. Peter is hiding from his own past, a past that he's never told anyone about. My only complaint is that this story seemed to end a little too abruptly. It would have been nice to have an epilogue at the end. There were a few questions about the story, that I would have like answered and I think if there had been even a short epilogue, those could have been cleared up. Would I recommend this book? Yes!

Quinn has felt betrayed and heart broken for 10 years. She has remained away from home for all those years. Now her beloved Aunt Fiona has fallen and broken her leg and needs Quinn to help care for her during the healing. Peter feels responsible for a terrible event in his past and has isolated his heart in order to protect it from pain. These two people meet, and are instantly not in like with one another. Slowly, through exposure to one another they learn that their immediate impressions may have been wrong. The setting of the holidays and family help both Quinn and Peter work through some of the pain in their past. And eventually the underlying attraction simply cannot be ignored. This is a quick and satisfying read. If one likes romance with a little tension thrown in, this is a book you will enjoy.

Sometimes a story just give you that perfect pitch between romance, family and self-awareness. Patricia Kay's *Home For Christmas* is in that category. Quinn Riordan had a falling out with her sister which drove her away from her hometown, Chagrin Falls, for over 10 years. After a devastating accident, Peter Kimble left a promising career in Chicago to start over at Chagrin Falls. Having their hearts broken once, both Quinn and Peter guard their emotions like sentinels. But the attraction they feel for each other was hard to contain even hide. And in the season of giving and forgiving, Quinn and Peter find themselves facing their biggest fears before they could move forward and find true love. A timely read for the season, *Home For Christmas* tugs at your heartstrings as Quinn and Peter become closer to their families and accept their roles as lovers. A beautiful story for a beautiful season. This book is rated PG 15 due to a few sex scenes.

This is a sweet story of coming home and giving forgiveness to her sister after ten years. Learning how to forgive from the sister who obviously doesn't like her from the first moment they meet. But just wait, there is a Christmas miracle in the story too.

Just when you think nothing else could go wrong, you go and fall in love! Running away never really solved any problems. Both our lead characters realize this and then have to face the pain of both their situations while fighting the possibility that they are falling in love. So many emotions are flying around in this strong story with amazing well developed lead characters. Christmas love and spirit are falling off the pages. You'll be holding your breath for these two to face themselves. Very enjoyable reading.

I was sick when I read this book, but found it was just what I needed. Characters well developed so I

didn't have to think too much. The story was cute and yet true to life. A hurt mixed up girl who comes home to help and falls unexpectedly in love. The friction between the two sisters, is well written and believable. Patricia Kay scored a hit with this one for me. Note to self - read more of her work.

Sweet, seasonal read. I've just stayed up waaaaaay past my bedtime to finish this book. It was just a pleasant holiday story. Characters were well fleshed out. A couple scenes are very sexually graphic so if that is an issue with you, be forewarned. The story would have been fine without the 'loose' character traits but it isn't a Christian book so you get what you get in that regard.

A story about a woman coming home to take care of her aunt after being gone for over ten years. This actually was a sweet story, I honestly enjoyed it very much.

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