

## **Read Online Temptation In Texas A Christmas Special Kindle Edition Lynda Chance Free Download Pdf**

***The Twelve Days of Christmas in Texas A Texas Christmas Carol A Texas Hill Country Christmas Texas Night Before Christmas Twelve Days of Christmas--in Texas, That Is Texas Night Before Christmas Santa's Sleigh Is on Its Way to Texas Christmas in Texas Their Texas Christmas Gift A Texas Kind of Christmas An Old-Fashioned Texas Christmas (The Archer Brothers Book #4) Snow --The South Texas Christmas Miracle 2004 Cajun Night Before Christmas A Texas Kind of Christmas The Night Before Christmas, in Texas, that is A Fortunes Of Texas Christmas Texas Christmas Tales Under the Texas Mistletoe Christmas at Twilight A Doublewide, Texas Christmas Christmas at Twilight Texas Christmas Revenge A Texas Christmas Wish I'll Be Home for Christmas A Texas Christmas West Texas Christmas Stories Texas and Christmas The Sheriff's Christmas Angels A Texas Christmas A Texas Christmas Miracle Texas Christmas Magic Dear Santa, Love Texas A Perfect Christmas Gift The Christmas Dare A Wedding for Christmas Somebody Like Santa The Christmas Cowboy Hero The Christmas Backup Plan Texas Classic Christmas Trivia Cactus Christmas***

***In this outrageously funny comedy, it's Christmas-time in the newest—and tiniest—town in Texas. And it's beginning to look a lot like trouble in Doublewide. Not only are the trailer park residents dealing with the stress of the holiday season, but they've just discovered that Doublewide is being doubled-crossed by the County. With their official incorporation papers in jeopardy, this band of eccentric Texans throw themselves into taking on the "Big Guys." Determined to bolster their legitimacy, they first set their sights on the County-wide "Battle of The Mangers" competition. They conspire to win this smackdown with their "Nativity At The Alamo" entry...by any means possible. In addition to that shaky undertaking and trying almost single-handedly to keep the new town afloat, Mayor Joveeta Crumpler has to wrangle her celebrity-obsessed mother, her beleaguered brother who's being bullied by a pack of vengeful raccoons, and her demoralized best friend who's at the end of her rope from dating every loser this side of the Rio Grande. To make matters worse, Joveeta finds herself increasingly wary of the newest resident, Patsy Price. Patsy, fresh out of the local mental institution, clearly has her own devious agenda and the County competition over in Fayro is just the place for her to settle an old score. By the time this full-tilt rocket ride of lunacy climaxes in a what-else-can-go-wrong live television presentation, you'll have doubled your Christmas spirit. So spend the Yuletide in Doublewide and let this hilarious Jones Hope Wooten Comedy make your Christmas merry and bright...because there's no place like a good ol' Texas-sized mobile home for the holidays! In this 2-in-1 novella collection, Gift of the Heart tells the tale of a widow whose heirloom brooch brings her in contact--and conflict--with the local banker and might bring her a second chance at love. In An Archer Family Christmas, gathered together for the holidays, some of the Archers see long-held dreams fulfilled by an unexpected request for help. While most folks are preparing for***

**Christmas, the tight-knit Jensen clan can only hope they'll make it home. In San Antonio tracking down an outlaw, Luke Jensen finds him leading a wholesome life as a pastor and agrees to wait until after Christmas to bring him in. Smoke and Sally Jensen head out from Fort Worth by stagecoach, only to be stranded by unrelenting rains - and stalked by a killer. And in Austin, Ace Jensen falls head over heels in love with a girl who's engaged to one of the outlaw gang that's gunning for Luke's bounty. I spent one winter researching the holiday history, folklore, legend, and more of each and every state,' says Carole Marsh. A great coffee-table book or classroom read, this book-in an edition for each U.S. state-shares a wealth of fascinating historical material and trivia about everything from holiday traditions to how we got the Christmas tree, superstitions, and more. From the Yule logs of Maine to snow on the Alamo, you'll love your own state book, but wish you could read them all. Don't forget to send your favorite teacher or grandchild a copy for their state! A unique book of different ethnic groups that have come to Texas. This book shows how Texans have celebrated Christmas for over 4 centuries, during good and bad times. Describes the visit of a cowboy Santa Claus to two children in Texas. Three Charming and Festive Holiday Novellas Spiced with Humor, Frontier Action, and Sweet Romance In this 3-in-1 novella collection, bestselling author Karen Witemeyer presents the new story "A Texas Christmas Carol," in which a town's wealthy, Scrooge-like bachelor finds his world invaded by a woman set on earning his donation for helping the local poor, and by the penetrating questions of three mysterious visitors. It also includes, for the first time in print, "An Archer Family Christmas." When the Archer clan gathers for the Christmas holiday, an unexpected request for help leaves Cassandra Archer directly in the path of a dangerous outlaw. Desperate to protect the woman he loves, Jim Archer races to the rescue, only to find that Cassie's life is not the only one in peril. It will take a Christmas miracle--and the entire Archer clan--to keep a second Archer Christmas from ending in disaster. In previously published "Gift of the Heart," a widow and her young daughter move to Hope Springs for a fresh start. But with no money to secure a home, Ruth must convince a wealthy resort owner to accept her heirloom brooch as collateral. Will the pin that brought love to three generations soften the heart of a wounded recluse and give Ruth a second chance at love as the holidays draw near? Sprinkled throughout the collection, you'll find a hope-filled Christmas devotion, Witemeyer holiday recipes, and fun facts about nineteenth-century Christmas celebrations! The yuletide season brings something très magnifique to Austin, Texas, in the form of handsome French entrepreneur Amersen Beaudin. The sexy but standoffish playboy has zero interest in meeting his newly discovered Fortune relatives. But when matriarch Kate Fortune dangles an attractive business proposition, he is too intrigued to stay away. And once he meets Kate's beautiful gardener, Robin Harbin, he starts to rethink his holiday plans... A spicy affair with the blonde, blue-eyed Texan is now at the top of Amersen's wish list. But all Robin wants for Christmas is the flirty Parisian's heart and soul. Can she convince him that love - and family - can lead to a joyeux Noël? New York Times-bestselling author Grant returns to Texas, where a small-town legend comes home for the holidays and finds the greatest gift of all. Original. An abandoned little boy is the only clue to a killer's dangerous holiday plot... Certain a desperate 911 caller is her presumed-dead sister, emergency dispatcher Brandi Callahan follows the cryptic message to a terrified toddler...and an armed assailant. Now Brandi will do**

anything to protect the boy—even if it means asking her ex-fiancé, Texas Ranger Rhett Kincaid, for help. But can Brandi and Rhett stop this killer before he exacts his terrible Christmas vengeance? From *Love Inspired Suspense: Courage. Danger. Faith.* A regimented ex-Army man drives an irresistible wedding planner from Cupid to Twilight in the next *Twilight, Texas*, novel from New York Times bestselling author Lori Wilde. You are cordially invited to a *Twilight, Texas, Christmas Wedding!* The town is decorated, the cookies are made, and the stage is set . . . for love. Wedding planner Aria Alzate has one goal: to give her best friend a perfect day. But after a bump on the head, she's under doctor's orders not to travel on her own. So she's stuck on the road to *Twilight* with upright, uptight Remington Lockhart in the driver's seat. True, Remy is one long, tall, Texas male, but the ex-military man never saw a rule he didn't like—making this one long road trip . . . Remy has left the military, but the military lifestyle has not left him. The uncertainty this ex-paratrooper encountered during his tour of duty has convinced him that plans—combined with backup plans—will keep life under control. Aria is undeniably tempting, but her fly-by-the-seat of her pants attitude is never going to work. Then a sudden snowstorm strikes, and these opposites come together in a night of unexpected passion. And suddenly the magic of a *Twilight, Texas, Christmas* takes hold, proving that sometimes the best plan is to have no plan at all. A *Healing Season* Karly Kalakona's new nursing job is the perfect Christmas gift she and her son needed for their future. The single mom just never counted on dealing with not only a stubborn patient, but also with his prodigal son. After years away, pilot Tyler Childress is only a temporary traveler to the Texas ranch he's spent his life escaping. But the chemistry he shares with his father's nurse is undeniable—and has him thinking of sticking around past the holiday season. Can Tyler learn to trust the woman whose caring ways are bringing his father back to life...and who might just be the partner his wandering heart can find a home with? "'Twas the night before Christmas . . ." and Texas is ready and waiting for old Santy to appear. You may know the story, but you've never heard it like this before. Based on Clement C. Moore's poem, *Texas Night Before Christmas* is filled with images of the Lone Star State, whimsical illustrations, and playful text. It's an icy Christmas Eve as this Texas family prepares for Santy's visit. A great ruckus arouses Pa, and he spies Santy himself in full Western garb: rawhide suit, Stetson, and cowboy boots. He fills the young'uns' waiting boots, then warms himself a while before leaving for his next stop. As Ma and Pa lose sight of him in the fog, Santy calls out, "Merry Christmas, y'heah? And y'all have a good night!" Christmas is our most cherished holiday for many reasons. It tugs at the heart and evokes memories. It's a time for laughter and joy. Christmas is about faith and family and friendship, about Jesus and also Santa Claus, about giving and receiving, about anticipating and experiencing. And Christmas is about story-telling. Every one of us probably has a Christmas story or two worth telling the time everything turned out perfect, or not so perfect; the best Christmas ever; a remembered disappointment; a spiritual encounter; a lesson observed and woven deep into the fabric of our own personal quilt of values; an incident so funny we still laugh out loud years later recalling it. The stories here do all of the above and maybe more. Some may elicit a smile or a chuckle, others may find you wiping away a tear, while others may cause your mind to drift back to moments and memories catalogued deep within your soul. Some are by writers who may be familiar; others by writers you haven't read until

now. Some are fiction, others non-fiction, though in the spirit of Christmas it may not always be possible to separate one from the other. Though diverse, the pieces in this book have a few things in common. Geography, for one they are either set in West Texas or they are the product of West Texans putting pen to paper or, more likely, fingers to computer keyboard. Length, for another none of these stories take very long to read. And, finally, all are intended to help make this Christmas a little more meaningful.

**Angels.** Emma Cramer doesn't consider herself an angel by any stretch of the imagination. Temporarily stranded, broke and unable to pursue her dreams of working in the big city following her mother's death, Emma's life changes when she rescues a small child and a puppy who get trapped in a garage where Emma's truck has finally breathed its last. The girl's relieved and grateful grandmother believes Emma has been sent by angels because her family needs temporary help. She offers Emma a job, a good salary and a place to stay until after the holidays. It seems like a Christmas miracle for both of them. Angels often appear when least expected, but when the most needed. Cynical sheriff and rancher Cole Drayton has heard that all his life, but he's never been in the market for much else. He can take care of his daughter, his ranch and his family on his own without his meddling mother, but his long protected heart and desire for isolation is no match for a beautiful stranded stranger and a misfit puppy who make his daughter laugh and him feel alive again. Can unsuspecting hearts intersect at the moment when love and trust is needed most? Anything is possible with the magic of the Christmas season and faith in the Christmas angels 2022 WILLA AWARD WINNER

**Two people who don't believe in Christmas or miracles...** Retired from special forces and back on his family's Texas ranch, Chance Rafferty's finally found some peace through creating a foundation to rescue and retrain military K-9s thought to be beyond redemption. He prefers to be left alone with his dogs and his work, but when a woman arrives shortly before Christmas looking for the dog that saved her husband's life, Chance is astonished at the dog's—and his own—response to her. Though it's been years, Ariel Larson still dreads the Christmas season because it marks the anniversary of her deployed husband's death. When she learns her husband's K-9 partner survived combat, Ariel feels she's been given a lifeline to escape her grief. She suddenly has a sense of purpose she's been desperately missing. But she never expected the man determined to rehabilitate the traumatized animal would have such a stunning impact on her own life. Can these two wounded hearts come together to create their own Christmas miracle? A different kind of Christmas book, complete with pull-out cards and letters featuring state symbols, animals, and landmarks! It's Christmas in Twilight, Texas. The Cookie Club is baking, the town is decorated, and Delta Force Operator "Hutch" Hutchinson has finally, reluctantly, returned home . . . . . only to get pepper sprayed by the delicious- looking stranger who's taken over his house. She says her name is Jane, and she immediately sets down ground rules. Top priority: no touching. For Hutch that isn't easy—he was wounded in action, but one part is still working very well. Then Hutch learns the truth. Jane harbors a frightening secret—she's really Meredith Sommers, on the run from a dangerous ex-husband and desperately in need of the safety Hutch can provide. In that moment, he vows he'd do anything in his power to protect her. And as Christmas approaches, they discover that their love can conquer the past and overcome any obstacle—but what price will they pay? When he arrives in the small town of Branding Iron, Texas, journalist Cooper

**Chapman, hoping to start a new life with his young son, gets a second chance at love with the help of a little Christmas magic. It's Christmas Eve, 1859, and everyone who's anyone is headed to the glorious St. Nicholas Hotel for the most talked about ball of the season. It's the kind of Texas night where anything can happen—even love . . . ONE NIGHT AT THE ST. NICHOLAS** New York Times and USA Today Bestselling Author Jodi Thomas To escape her stepmother's plot to marry her off, Texas heiress Jacqueline Hartman spends Christmas Eve sharing a hideout with an accused bank robber. After a night in Nathaniel Ward's arms, Jacqueline is certain she has met her match after all. But will his heartfelt promise of love lead to his demise at the hands of the law? **BIRDIE'S FLIGHT** \* Celia Bonaduce Seamstress Birdie Flanagan gets the surprise of her life when she receives a beautiful gown—and a sudden invitation—for the ball of the season! Birdie creates a stir from the moment she arrives, capturing the eye of the dashing Captain Douglas Newcastle. But will a secret from her past keep her from her long-awaited happily-ever-after? **SPIRIT OF TEXAS** \* Rachael Miles When lovely spinster Eugenie Charpentier makes a trip across the Texas frontier with former Texas Ranger Asher Graham, she dreams of an adventure, and the rough-and-tumble cowboy is happy to oblige. But both Eugenie and the rugged lawman are keeping secrets. Can they find each other—and love—on the dance floor at the Christmas ball? Christmas is a magical time of year wherever you may be, but in Texas, the holiday has its own unique customs and traditions that showcase an astonishing blend of cultural diversity. Texans love tradition almost as much as they love celebrating -- and what better place to celebrate the joy and magic of Christmas than the Lone Star State? Share the drama of Christmas on the early Texas frontier as it comes alive through historical costumes and reenactments. From Old World Spanish traditions, passed down through generations from Spain to Mexico to Texas, to German holiday customs dating from the mid 1800s, this book is filled with memories and holiday traditions sure to delight. **Book jacket.** Hard-driven, corporate lawyer Evan Conner is tasked with accompanying his ailing boss to Kringle, Texas, where his boss plans a lavish party to make amends for his Scrooge-like misdeeds that almost destroyed the quaint little town five years earlier. Dismayed to find a stray dog who's just had puppies in the house they've rented for the event, Evan calls local vet, Chloe Anderson to bail him out. Chloe is the most charming woman Evan's met in a very long time, despite her silly Christmas costume and plethora of pet hair on her clothes. He loves her bubbly attitude and bright smiles. But the town is suspicious of Evan and his wily boss, and they warn Chloe that big-city men simply can't be trusted. As Evan's feelings for Kringle and the adorable veterinarian grow, he finds himself yearning for the most perfect Christmas gift of all...Chloe's love. Told with a Texas twang, this tale features a dozen icons of the Lone Star state. Clever rhymes count down the days of Christmas, revealing such surprise gifts as silver spurs, oil wells, and armadillos. Festive illustrations fill the pages of this western romp. Ashley writes a letter home each of the twelve days she spends exploring the state of Texas at Christmastime, as her cousin Josê shows her everything from a mockingbird in a nut tree to twelve bucking broncos. Includes facts about Texas. **New York Times best-selling author, Kate Summers, is facing a divorce in her 40's and up against a hard deadline for her next novel. She rents an Airstream on the Texas Wine Trail to find inspiration, but discovers much more... She meets Zach, a medical doctor from the Northeast scouting for a winery to invest**

*in. They decide to spend a week enjoying tastings, but just as they are getting to know one another, he has to return suddenly back home. The holidays are hard for Kate, as she lost her mother two years ago. This Cactus Christmas is prickly and sweet as Kate must heal her heart, try to reconnect with her estranged sister, Lillie, and find her way on her own. Will she finish her book? Will she meet Zach again? Will timing ever be right? A delicious story of finding yourself (again), second chances at love, and taking huge risks that payoff. A jilted-at-the-altar bride reunites with her high school sweetheart in Lori Wilde's sensational new *Twilight, Texas Christmas* novel. Kelsey James always played by the rules and look where it got her—dumped and half-drunk in a poofy white dress, her Christmas wedding ruined. Then her best friend talks her into going on her “honeymoon” anyway, daring her to a “Christmas of Yes.” It's about time she lets loose a little, so Kelsey agrees to say “yes” to fun, to romance, and to adventure! And adventure leads her right smack into the arms of sexy Noah MacGregor. Noah's never one to say no to a risk—from leading his NBA team to victory to making Christmas cookies in *Twilight*, he's up to the challenge! But a lot has gone on since they were teenagers, and he knows he has to take his time to make Kelsey dare to believe that what they feel is more than just the holiday magic that's in the air . . . Take a trip to beautiful Texas and the fabled St. Nicholas Hotel on Christmas Eve, 1859 where anything can happen—even love—in the story collection fans of Diana Palmer, Linda Lael Miller, and Lori Wilde will fall in love with this holiday season! **ONE NIGHT AT THE ST. NICHOLAS** New York Times and USA Today Bestselling Author Jodi Thomas To escape her stepmother's plot to marry her off, Texas heiress Jacqueline Hartman spends Christmas Eve sharing a hideout with an accused bank robber. After a night in Nathaniel Ward's arms, Jacqueline is certain she has met her match after all. But will his heartfelt promise of love lead to his demise at the hands of the law? **BIRDIE'S FLIGHT** \* Celia Bonaduce Seamstress Birdie Flanagan gets the surprise of her life when she receives a beautiful gown—and a sudden invitation—for the ball of the season! With her flaming red hair, Birdie creates a stir from the moment she arrives, capturing the eye of the dashing Captain Douglas Newcastle. But will a villainous suitor from her past keep her from her long awaited happily-ever-after? **TEXAS SPIRIT** \* Rachael Miles When lovely spinster Eugenie Charpentier makes a trip across the Texas frontier with former Texas Ranger Asher Graham, she gets an unexpected lesson in the ways of rough-and-tumble men. But once Asher is escorting her across the dance floor at the Christmas ball, it's Jenny's turn to tutor the rugged lawman in the art of love. . . . Most of these pieces bring the past into the present, reviving traditions and memories of Christmases long gone. Others reflect the diversity of our Texas people, and still others describe customs that are even today setting new traditions for the future. The whole town is ready for the holidays: the Cookie Club is baking, Main Street glitters with lights, the carolers sing . . . there's even a Christmas wedding. When bodyguard Ryder sees his best friend's sister, Katie, at an L.A. Christmas party, he mistakes the slinky blonde for a celebrity stalker and tackles her. Then they tackle each other . . . at his place. The next morning, Katie's gone, and Ryder tells himself it's for the best. It isn't. Now, one Christmas later, Ryder's falling for the woman he's been missing in the town he hasn't missed at all. . . Katie Cheek's outgrown the romantic fantasies she had about Ryder when she was fifteen. Katie's packed their hot night away in a box labeled “fling”—or tried to. But *Twilight's* bad boy is the best man in her*

**brother's wedding. And up-close and personal, Ryder's impossible to ignore. So Katie can either go into hiding—or surrender to Christmas magic. With a team of Longhorns, Santa arrives at a sod shanty and drops down the chimney to fill the youngi½unsĩ½ boots with toys. "If you re old enough to remember Texas before it became pretty much like the rest of the country, you ll love this little collection of Christmas tales that reveal much of the character and characters who textured its legends. If you re not, you ll still savor the taste of a time and place that s almost withered away, even in the small and distant places Mike Blackman calls one-Bar-B-Que-joint towns. And who better to tell these stories of Christmases Past than those who lived under the Lone Star and chronicled the experience in Texas newspapers from O. Henry to the small but distinguished herd left as the years trailed into a new century?" --Roy Bode, Marble Falls Highlander In the Texas Panhandle, the winters are long, the storms fierce--and the Yuletide nights are sizzling. New York Times bestselling author Jodi Thomas along with Linda Broday, Phyliss Miranda and DeWanna Pace, bring you one tempting holiday delight. . . On the eve before Christmas a blizzard arrived, transforming a small Texas town into a night to remember. Four ladies desperately in need of saving, four hard-ridin' cowboys who aim to please. . . When a lone farmer strides to a pretty store owner's rescue, their deepest wishes just might come true. . . A brave heiress can't believe a rugged angel is riding out of the night to save her and her fellow train passengers--until she gets him under the mistletoe. . . A quiet loner wants to help a stranded widow have a holiday to remember. . . And a female saloon owner tired of being scorned by respectable folk gets some very naughty help from a handsome greenhorn. . . "Readers couldn't ask for a finer quartet of heroes. . ." --Romantic Times on Give Me a Texas Ranger "Will warm your heart and bring a smile to your lips." --Love Western Romances on Give me a Cowboy Sometimes a fresh start requires a Christmas miracle... Angelica Rossi moved to Whiskey River, Texas, for a true second chance. As Christmas approaches, she's ready to rebuild her reputation and help her community by launching a nonprofit aimed at providing resources to the town's underserved residents. To pull off this miracle, she'll need to grab the attention of billionaire Max Parrish who's offering business grants. How? By crashing his holiday party. Max Parrish is a successful entrepreneur who prides himself on seeing through people's characters and ulterior motives. When Angelica approaches him during his business Christmas party, he knows she's not on his carefully curated guest list. Still, he lets her make her pitch. Her beauty and confidence intrigue him, and her proposal is nearly as tempting as she is. Max knows firsthand how important second chances are, so he agrees to fund Angelica's grant with strings...him. Max and Angelica find themselves collaborating over her business plan during the town's festive holiday traditions. But Max has been fooled before. Will Angelica's good intentions last beyond the holiday? 2022 Carol Award Winner From the talented pen of bestselling author Karen Witemeyer comes a charming Christmas novella inspired by the holiday classic The Christmas Carol. After the Panic of 1873 ruined his father and impoverished his family, Evan Beazer set a single life goal for himself--security. He would never allow joviality and dreams to send him to the poorhouse. Now a successful businessman, Evan runs a dozen inns throughout Texas from the privacy of his home, keeping locals away with the perpetual scowl and gruff manner that have become his natural disposition. Felicity Wiggins is in charge of distributing church Christmas**

baskets to the less fortunate, and she is determined help as many families as possible. In an attempt to gather more donations than past years, she must convince the wealthiest man in town to participate and sets forth on a campaign to pester him into cooperation. As Felicity tries to bring Evan out of seclusion--and he does everything in his power to avoid her--can she convince him that true riches lie not in bank accounts but in bringing joy to others? It's Christmas in Twilight, Texas. The Cookie Club is baking, the town is decorated, and Delta Force Operator "Hutch" Hutchinson has finally, reluctantly, returned home . . . . . only to get pepper sprayed by the delicious- looking stranger who's taken over his house. She says her name is Jane, and she immediately sets down ground rules. Top priority: no touching. For Hutch that isn't easy—he was wounded in action, but one part is still working very well. Then Hutch learns the truth. Jane harbors a frightening secret—she's really Meredith Sommers, on the run from a dangerous ex-husband and desperately in need of the safety Hutch can provide. In that moment, he vows he'd do anything in his power to protect her. And as Christmas approaches, they discover that their love can conquer the past and overcome any obstacle—but what price will they pay? The Cajun Night Before Christmas® has been a part of Louisiana's holiday traditions since it was first published. Now, more than forty-five years later, a new generation is discovering the charm of Gaston® the Green-Nosed Alligator. First conceived by J.B. Kling, Jr. writing as 'Trosclair', the CLIO award-winning sales jingle for the Bergeron Plymouth Company in New Orleans was based on the Clement Moore poem. The exclusive rights were purchased by Pelican Publishing Company and the illustrations of then fledgling artist James Rice brought the story to life. Beloved master storyteller Coleen Salley narrated the read-along CD. Radio personality and voice talent Tommy Joe Breaux became the voice behind the recordings at City Park and on the audio version of the adventures of Gaston®. The book also created what has become the largest segment at Pelican Publishing--;the children's book division. With the passing of publisher Dr. Milburn Calhoun and his wife Nancy Calhoun, illustrator James Rice, and the loss of Colleen Salley, the people behind the creation of the story are mostly gone. What remains is a long legacy of delight. Each year at the Celebration in the Oaks light show featuring the classic cabin from the story, dedicated staff from Pelican Publishing collect memories of attendees as they flow through the premiere preview parties. From now grown children who remember it as the first Louisiana tale they ever heard to young parents who laugh about a non-Louisiana spouse reading it to their children in full-blown Cajun accent, the book is universally loved and remembered. Teachers talk about how they use it in the classroom, business people mention they send it to out of state clients, and children laugh as they try to mimic the dialect that has all but disappeared from everyday life. The classic tale has been interpreted in gingerbread houses in competitions as far away as California and in cakes at the Edible Book competition at NOMA in New Orleans. For years, the miniature book ornaments have appeared on Christmas trees across the country as a reminder of a faraway Louisiana home. Even the New York Times praised the lilt, the humor, and the rough-hewn drawings of the Cajun tale. At Pelican Publishing, a huge portrait of Gaston® and his bearded friend hangs in the boardroom watching over each new author and illustrator that joins the family. Christmas in Twilight, Texas, is all merriment and mistletoe. The Cookie Club is whipping up their most festive sweets, the townspeople are scrambling to get their holiday shopping done, and



***Joe—a hometown guy with a restless heart—is dreaming about the woman he wants to kiss most . . . . . And who happens to be staying at his sister's place over the holidays, while Joe's sister is away. But Joe isn't quite sure he wants to be a living Christmas present to runaway law student Gabi Preston. Joe thinks the sassy sweetheart he nicknames "Trouble" won't inconvenience anything but his healthy sex drive. But when he discovers the reasons Gabi escaped from her life, he aches to give her everything she's never had. As the magic of the season draws them together, the gift of love is the only one worth giving... Can two strangers... Become family this Christmas? Widow Faith Lockhart Hewitt is getting the ultimate Christmas gift in adopting a baby boy. But when the baby's father, navy SEAL Lieutenant Zach Callahan, shows up, a marriage of convenience gives Faith a son and a husband! As the holidays approach, Faith and Zach are drawn closer together. But she's already lost one husband and her second is about to be deployed. Can raising their son show them love is the only thing that matters? From Harlequin Special Edition: Believe in love. Overcome obstacles. Find happiness. Lockharts Lost & Found Book 1: His Plan for the Quintuplets Book 2: Four Christmas Matchmakers Book 3: The Twin Proposal Book 4: Their Texas Triplets Book 5: Their Texas Christmas Gift***

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