

THE SWEETNESS OF HER LOVE—KIMBERLY RAE JORDAN

James Dawson may have looked like the hero of one of the romances Erin Kirkland loves to read, but she quickly discovers that he is not the hero for her. After all, how can she have a happily-ever-after with a man who doesn't believe in love or marriage?

Who would have thought that a visit to his grandmother's favorite bakery to order a cake for her ninetieth birthday would end up causing James to re-evaluate his whole life? Certainly not James Dawson. But following their rather disastrous first meeting, James is determined to show Erin that he is a better man than she's first judged him to be.

Erin doesn't want to friend-zone James, but she's not sure she can trust that the changes he's making will be permanent. Can someone really go from totally dismissing love and marriage to embracing it so quickly?

SUGAR AND SPICE—CECELIA DOWDY

Sheila Parks is stunned when Mason Smith, the identical twin brother of her ex-boyfriend Reese, moves to Blue Spring and opens a bakery. Reese's cruel breakup still bothers her and seeing somebody who looks just like him is a painful reminder of her predicament. Unemployed, Sheila needs financial help and it appears that Mason can assist her with her problem. Can she learn to trust a man who looks just like her ex?

Mason is stunned when Sheila storms into his bakery, mistakenly thinking that he's Reese. Mason is used to comforting his womanizing brother's ex-girlfriends. A stutterer, Mason has always had a hard time socializing with others. However, he finds himself smitten with beautiful Sheila. Can he control his stutter so that he can ask Sheila to be his date to his grandmother's Christmas birthday party?

Both Sheila and Mason deal with past pains as they work together during the Christmas season.

MOOSTLETOE—JAN ELDER

Rev. Samantha Evans lands in Moose Creek, Maine, where parishioners chew up new ministers for breakfast. Happily, she also reunites with forest ranger Eric Palmer, her best friend from her teenage years. With Samantha's career on the line, Eric must save her job and rescue his own shattered heart in the process. But how does Matilda the moose factor into the mix?

THE HECTOR CLAUSE—CLARE REVELL

The last thing Brie Dalgleish expected her boss to do was ask her to play an elf in the toy store grotto. She's even less enthusiastic when she discovers Santa is the same bloke who drove his car through a puddle the previous evening, completely soaking her.

Hector Clause is playing Santa in the family owned toy store under sufferance as a favor to his grandfather. He'd rather be in a nice safe office, using his law degree, than playing Santa in a shop full of squealing kids. Even if the chief elf is on the cute side.

With the store's centenary fast approaching, the anniversary party is abruptly cancelled. Hector resolves to celebrate anyway, but isn't prepared for the curveball he finds headed his way.

GINGER & BRAD'S HOUSE—MARION UECKERMANN

When Brad O'Sullivan is unfaithful to Ginger Murphy, she escapes to Australia for five long years. During this time, Brad's shotgun marriage fails. Besides his little boy, Jamie, one other thing in his life has turned out sweet and successful—his pastry business.

Ginger returns to Ireland, when her mother's diagnosed with heart failure. She loves being a wedding flautist but fears bumping into the wedding cake chef she tries to avoid.

A gingerbread house contest fundraiser at church has them competing, both determined to win—Ginger the contest, Brad her heart. But a dear old saint challenges Ginger, and she has to decide whether to embrace the true meaning of Christmas—peace on earth, good will to all men. Even the Irishman she'd love to hate.