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Ava couldn't believe she'd let her best friend talk her into coming to a mind numbing holiday party on the night before Christmas. As Ava counts the minutes before she can leave, all she can think about is how much she wants to snuggle up on the sofa with a crappy holiday movie and drink too much eggnog (with rum). That is, until an old classmate, Elias Young, sits next to her at the party. Elias is way too charming to be any good for her, but fate forces Ava to put that tired theory to the ultimate test. Is it happenstance? Serendipity? Or, is the night before Christmas also the night before everything Ava thinks she knows about love changes for good?

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Wilki J says

So, you know how an author will say they are writing a novella and if it's an author you like you get a tinge of disappointment because you always want more from them, length-wise? Welp, I can't say that here! For a novella, this gave depth and had history thrown in there so readers are able to see why Ava and Elias behaved the way they did in certain situations. I find that sometimes, readers including myself avoid short reads because of lack of character development but Howard has a knack for creating passion with the flick of the wrist. Elias and Ava didn't feel like a rushed romance because and their progression to the end was well suited for how they met or better yet, reconnected. I like that the end wasn't your usual fast love ish you may see in other short reads. Their passion was palpable and left me wanting more of these two. I thoroughly enjoyed this holiday read and was a nice warm surprise on a chilly day.

Kenn says

Caught up!

This is my first book by ms jacinta and I must say it's a good one! I love the holidays and it melts my heart to read about couples falling for one another during such great time!! Ava is as sweet as ever and I understand where she comes from, not wanting to go thru another broken heart!! Elias is such the gentleman and he's just what Ava need! It took her a min but she gave in and I hope to hear more from them and the brothers.. can we look forward to that!? Great job I will be reading more of your work

Dee Cherry says

First read by Jacinta Howard. Great dialogue between likable characters. Smooth flowing storyline helped make this a great holiday read

Marq(ReadingRomanceinColor) says

The Night Before is my type of holiday romance. Elias and Ava have great chemistry. Their relationship blossoms pretty quickly but with the way it was written, it was believable. They have a little bit of history (mainly on Elias' end) which helps make the quick development of the romance more believable.

Ava is hesitant to fall for Elias' charm. Initially she comes off a little stuck up and stiff. She's just ended a long-term relationship and isn't looking to fall into a new one. But who can resist Elias and his charm?

Elias is one sexy hero. He's smart, suave (without being corny), vulnerable and he loves to read. Hello! Definitely perfect man material. I love seeing how Elias interacts with his parents and brothers.

Everything about *The Night Before* was on point. It was sexy and funny and emotional without being cheesy and overly holiday-ish. I was smiling at the banter between Elias and Ava. Their funny text conversations. Everything about this couple had me in my feels. What I need next is a novella for each of Elias' fine ass brothers. I'm just saying.

Jacinta Howard is a new-to-me author and she has gained a new reader. I will definitely be checking out her back-list. If you want to read a sexy holiday romance with a charming and caring hero (with a beard) and a woman who reluctantly falls for him, I definitely say *The Night Before* is the novella for you.

Lenika Winfield says

This was a cute little love story. I love how Elias and Ava met and instantly clicked. I also loved how the Christmas theme was so well written throughout the stories. This was a really good Christmas novella

Connie says

Great novella. Should be a full-length novel. The chemistry between Elias and Ava is just that good! Perfect couple, hope to meet them again in a future story!

April says

I.NEED.MORE.

Deloris says

This book was Christmas Magic!

I loved this couple, meeting and feeling each other as they did. The chemistry was so deep, it burst off the pages. Elias, how can you say no to a man like him? I felt this couple was on a different level than this author has written before, more mature, the connection was different in a good way. I want more from them, more from the other brothers. Please please give us more?!

Mary says

Great Holiday short.

V. Verne says

Loved it and so wanted more! This was such a cute and romantic read. Looking forward to reading more from Jacinta.

reeneNaDaBomb says

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Lots of things touched me about Elias & Ava's ? connection. What stood out the most was her being unsure and his determination to get to know her.

Tamara says

Merry XXXMas!

This felt like so much more than a novella. The chemistry between Elias and Ava was off the charts. They basically had a life changing experience overnight, but it didn't feel as instantaneous as it was. In addition to their experience, we got a chance to meet the supporting characters as well.... they were an added bonus.

I love Christmas stories and this one ranks as one of the best that I've ever read!

Ashley says

Best. Holiday. Ever.

Ava and Elias are so cute. This was the perfect holiday read. And yes, I would love a full length novel about them.

Mia Morgan says

Oh my

This was a great short story. Oh, Elias, that's what I can say about him. I need more on this couple. Actually, I need more on all Elias brothers. I needed more pages. Fantastic read!!!

Carolyn J. says

Absolutely!!!

Jacinta produced another amazing story to go along with the never ending lists of fabulous reads. I liked Elias from the start. He was a genuine sweetie. Loved the way Ava was allowed to be true to herself, and

Elias had the chance to have a real love.
