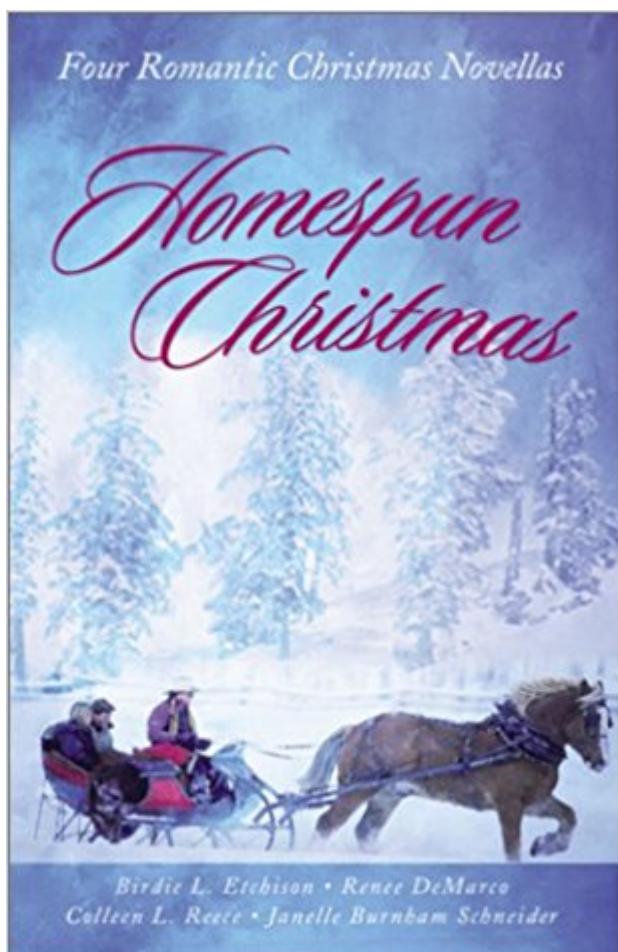


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# **Homespun Christmas: Hope For The Holidays/More Than Tinsel/The Last Christmas/Winter Sabbatical (Inspirational Christmas Romance Collection)**



## **Synopsis**

For the good citizens of Hope, Washington, the future appears hopeless- until a small boy's crazy idea for a Homespun Christmas begins to turn things around. A century earlier, when pastor Fergus McKay came as pioneer to the small logging village of Hope, he envisioned a place where couples could fall in love and grow old together in service to God and community. But over the years, the hope died - and all that remained was a village filled with despair. This Christmas, will the vision of that young minister find fulfillment at last? Can the Christmas wishes of one small boy ignite the fires of optimism in the citizens of Hope, Washington, once again? Enjoy the holiday season as it once was - and may be again - in a town called Hope. Discover a real Homespun Christmas.

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## **Customer Reviews**

"Homespun Christmas" has its roots in the lives of my great-grandparents. They came to a small western Washington logging town in the early 1900s and built the first church, which Grandpa pastored for many years. Their story, tweaked and with names changed, became the perfect Prologue for the four related novellas that follow, starting 100 years later."Hope," Washington, should be celebrating its Centennial. Instead, they are desperately trying to save the town from dying . . . and they are determined not to let that happen.I am not Sarah, the heroine. But she resides in my old home. She lives the life I enjoyed for thirty-four years. She walks the streets I knew so well, and cherishes friends and neighbors committed to helping one another, as I did. Thomas Wolfe said, "You can't go home again." He was wrong. Any time I want to relive my years

in "Hope," I only have to reread Homespun Christmas. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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LOVE this.....great value!!

Four authors band together write about Hope, Washington and four couples who found love plus God's love along the way. This book also makes us aware of what is happening in small town America, the young leaving to find jobs and towns crumbling. I was impressed by the way the entire town bands together to create a Homespun Christmas that saves the town. It was nice reading about Christmas in June. A copy of this book was given in exchange for an honest review.

A really good book with 4 stories about a small community and how everyone comes together to save it. The stories were really exquisite in the fact that each one had its own storyline. All of the characters were divine. The Lord works in mysterious ways that is for sure. I was given a copy for an honest review.

What a great combination of different author's talents put into a group of stories about a town named Hope. Two of the stories mainly tell how the town people want to save the town and work together to make it happen by creating a Homespun Christmas for out-of-towners to come and join in the small town Christmas feeling. In the midst of their creating the Homespun Christmas, people of the town find true love. The next two stories have out-of-towners coming into Hope and finding how the small town helps them find true love with all of the small town camaraderie blossoming. I loved the way each author's abilities joined the stories together, but also showed different styles so as not to be too clichéd from one story to the next. Great culmination! I was given this book in exchange for my honest review.

While this was a good book, I think that two of the stories in it (which all the stories are put in the same setting, time, and scenario with characters popping in all of them which I liked that they did)

were more realistic, and the other two stories seemed more unrealistic by making relationships skip the whole dating/courting experience and right into engagement and very short ones of that. One of the stories that jumped to engagement at least showed that they knew each other for a longggg time. but those other two . . a month to a few short months and bam then engaged? The overall spiritual perspective in these were great. it showed how faith and learning to forgive people when thinking of God is helpful. Then there are the situations that can get all jumbled in our heads with a lack of communication with each other can cause issues. The Christmas aspect was very much in a couple of the stories but seemed to be less of a big deal in the last story completely. All of them had their sweetesses about them but I liked the first story best. The book as a whole was a nice read and brought a couple watered eyes at points of reading.

This Christian Contemporary Inspirational Romance is written in four short stories relating to the same little town called "Hope" Washington. The town is in danger due to the the lack of work because of the logging company closing due to an endangered owl. Will they all have to move somewhere else? Can a six year old boy save the town with his idea that they can make their town into a tourist attraction during the Christmas season because of the way they celebrate Christmas, as old-fashioned, simple," and homespun. The four stories each have a different couple as the main characters. Can the town strive to work together to save it? I was given a copy for an honest review.

A collection of stories centered on the small town of Hope. The citizens are trying to save the town by turning it into a Christmas tourist attraction. The stories are well written and are quick easy reads. I highly recommend this collection. I was given a copy for this review.

Homespun Christmas is 4 neat stories in Hope Washington Where a whole community is fighting to save its townWhere a 6 year old comes up with an idea for a homespun Christmas You will thoroughly enjoy reading these storiesAbsolutely what small town living is likel was given this book for my honest review

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