



'CHRISTMAS AT HOLLY LODGE'

Synopsis

Orphaned since college, Sophie (Alison Sweeney) had no choice but to take charge and keep Holly Lodge, which has been in her family for generations, up and running. Unfortunately, business has been sluggish the past three years due to the lack of snow and Sophie is eight months behind on the mortgage. But it's the Christmas season, Sophie's favorite time of year, and she isn't going to let that stand in the way of her annual Christmas celebration, a tradition that started the Christmas after her parents died. It would have been Sophie's loneliest Christmas but her parents' friends came to Holly Lodge that year to celebrate with her, letting her know she still had family. Fifteen years later, Sophie continues to bring friends, family and strangers together who would otherwise be alone during Christmas.

Holly Lodge is tucked away in the little village of Overton, surrounded by picturesque snow-covered mountains, the perfect place to celebrate Christmas and experience the possibility of a Christmas miracle. As guests start to arrive, there is already magic in the air. This year there is a new face that shows up and from the moment they lock eyes, Sophie is instantly drawn to Evan Hunter (Jordan Bridges), the handsome and charming real estate investor.

Callie (Crystal Lowe), Sophie's best friend and right hand, discovers Evan isn't here for the Christmas cheer — it's strictly business. Evan has been sent to assess the property for his eccentric millionaire boss to purchase. After being shown what Callie discovered, Sophie is determined to sabotage his assessment.

Evan, unaware Sophie's aware of the reason behind his visit, surprises her with a romantic ride in a one horse open sleigh. He takes her to the most beautiful spot on the mountain he could find, a spot that also happened to be her favorite as a child. This is where Sophie begins to tell Evan stories of her childhood growing up on the mountain and how much it means to her.

Unexpectedly, Evan falls in love with Holly Lodge as well as Sophie and in the process, realizes what his life has been missing. Time is now running out for Sophie who, reluctant to believe in Christmas miracles, considers throwing in the towel. The only thing that can save Holly Lodge now is a change of heart but that could cost Evan his career.

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