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## **'WINTER LOVE STORY'** **Synopsis**

First-time author and part-time barista Cassie Winslett (Jen Lilley) has just had her first book published, a real-life account of her biggest-ever breakup called *My Heartbreak Year*. At her first, and very modestly attended, book-signing, she meets successful fantasy author Elliot Somersby (Kevin McGarry) whose first two books of a trilogy are big hits. His fans love him and turn out in droves for his book signings. Cassie is scared to death of reading from her book in public, doing interviews or appearances, and that is due to her fear of being compared to her mother, Princeton Literature professor and award-winning novelist Jeannine Jordan Winslett (Mary-Margaret Humes).

Cassie is paired with Elliot for a book tour by their publisher, the strategy being that his fans and brisk sales will help jumpstart sales on Cassie's book. Elliot is a media pro who loves reading from his books at signings, making TV appearance and doing interviews. Completely unsure of her own talent, Cassie agrees to the book tour, certain it will be her one and only. From the very start, Elliot is nothing but encouraging and supportive. Soon, we learn that super-confident Elliot has his own fear that the third book of his trilogy will not live up to the first two, and it has him stuck. He can't seem to get the book written.

Throughout the tour, Elliot is kind and gracious to Cassie, letting her have the best rooms when they stop for the night, treating her to comfort food at his favorite roadside eateries, and being an all-around perfect gentleman. Cassie is still too caught up in her own "less than" author feelings to notice the spark between them. Elliot coaches Cassie before their appearances, and she grows stronger and more confident with each one, obvious from the great audience reception she gets. The attraction between them is growing, but when Elliot makes a planned visit in Buffalo with his ex-wife, Cassie becomes convinced that he might be working on a reconciliation and tries to put the brakes on her growing feelings for him – especially when he tells her he is staying on in Buffalo for a couple weeks following the tour.

Back at home, Cassie admits to her best friend that she fell in love with Elliot on the tour. A few weeks later, Cassie travels to Buffalo to attend an event where Elliot is receiving an award. Once again, their feelings for one another are obvious, but when Elliot thanks his ex during his acceptance speech, Cassie leaves the event, crestfallen. Certain now that Elliot is working to get back together with his ex, she attempts to put him out of her mind, and even teases the first chapter of her new book online for her growing legion of fans. However, when Cassie attempts a do-over of her first book signing at her local bookstore, Elliot surprises her and reveals the truth about why he really stayed on in Buffalo, as well as his true feelings for Cassie, whose faith in the power of love is restored with one, long-awaited kiss.

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