



'CHERISHED MEMORIES: A GIFT TO REMEMBER 2'
Synopsis

It's been a year since Darcy (Ali Liebert) ran into Aiden (Peter Porte) on her bicycle, literally crashing into the love of her life. Fortunately, Aiden, now fully recovered from his amnesia, feels the same way, and besides his cherished dog Bailey (Lexi), he's certain Darcy is the only one for him. Each living in an apartment building owned by the affable Mrs. Henley (Tina Lifford), Darcy manages Chaucer's Bookstore, and Aiden is an art teacher for grade schoolers.

With Christmas approaching, Darcy has her bookstore's holiday party to arrange, decorations to put up, and the book donation drive to run. Luckily, her more-than-competent assistant Carrie (Abby Ross) has everything under control, including arranging for a special guest author, and Mrs. Henley has the decorations handled. Now all Darcy has left is decorating her tree and Aiden, with a pizza in hand and Bailey by his side, is there to serve. But when he discovers a box marked "Christmas Village" Darcy suddenly becomes awkward, until she finally explains.

The box is filled with carved replicas of buildings from Darcy's mother's hometown. Her mom always wished she'd gone back more often, so Darcy's dad carved a piece of her hometown as a gift for Christmas, allowing his wife to always have her birthplace with her. Although Darcy cherishes how the carvings represent her parents' love, they also make her sad, missing them that much more. Gently reminding Darcy that memories grow stronger if you share them, Aiden carefully helps set up the treasured Christmas Village by the fully ornamented tree.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Henley, who's caring for her nephew Marcus (Dominic Mariche) while his parents serve overseas, asks Darcy and Aiden for advice as to what to do with a bored 11-year old. Fortunately, Bailey steps in and cheers up Marcus in seconds. The two become inseparable, especially when Aiden asks Marcus to help him create the best Christmas present ever for Darcy – a tiny wooden replica of her hometown, complete with the library, the rec center, and even the house where she grew up. But Aiden's gift is about to become even more important, especially when Darcy finds out her beloved rec center is being shut down and sold.

Visiting David Pierce (Benjamin Wilkinson), whose family has owned the century-old rec center for generations, Darcy and Aiden put up a good fight, but Pierce says the financial opportunity is too good to refuse. Now trying to get the Society for Historic Preservation to declare the rec center a historic landmark, Darcy has her hands full with the bookstore's huge Christmas party just days away. She's also hoping her Christmas present to Aiden will stand up to the big secret present he's been working on. She feels she's gotten the perfect gift, a first edition, signed copy of his favorite book, Patricia Highsmith's Found in the Street. After all, that's how she met him, albeit under her bicycle! But the replica of Darcy's cherished hometown isn't the only surprise Aiden has in store. The entire gift is sure to be one she'll always remember.