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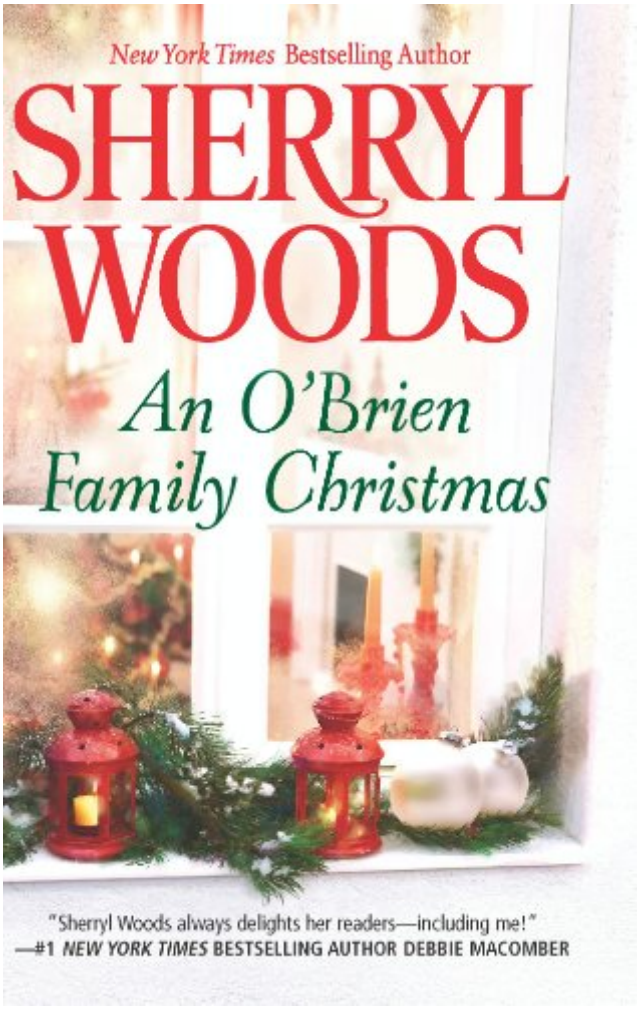

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Synopsis

Dating Matthew O'Brien—a playboy and a younger man—cost Laila Riley her career and her parents' respect. A high price, even for love—and when Laila decides it was just a fling, she breaks it off, despite Matthew's objections.But the O'Brien family has other ideas, and they conspire to get Laila to join them on a Dublin holiday. It's a great time to get away from it all, but Laila has reservations about the trip. Matthew's bound to be there, and she's far from immune. What if she can't resist temptation?Meanwhile, the O'Briens are in an uproar over matriarch Nell's unexpected romance with an old flame. Will she follow her heart, despite the risks? And will Laila discover that some risks are actually once-in-a-lifetime opportunities?

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Customer Reviews

The whole Chesapeake Bay series is wonderful. I can’t decide which book I like best. This one is about the O’Brien family and their extended family going to Ireland for Christmas. Nell (Gram) finds an old friend, Matthew & Laila work out their differences and the whole family has a great vacation. And, maybe there is love in the air for Luke.Thank you, Sheryl Woods for a great series and I’m looking forward to the next book.

I think this is one of my favorites of Sherryl Woods's books. The whole family in Ireland for Christmas there is no way it doesn't get a little crazy with that many O'Brien's on a mission! Wonderful read and as always Mrs. Woods doesn't disappoint!

Grandma Nell O'Brien wishes for a Dublin family Christmas. Sparks fly in this family overseas outing and it's not all from the Yule log. Lust licks the bowl of Christmas pudding in another O'Brien holiday from author Sherryl Woods.A bit disappointing is that there is not much description of a Dublin setting for this Christmas gathering. No dialect to drool over, no Gaelic phrases, faith 'n begorrah--but then this is a Chesapeake Shores Novel series-- not Irish Wonderland. Of course there's the O'Brien family name, the Riley's, an O'Malley and other Irish names tossed about between the love angels--but they all speak American English.It's obvious there is a past to many characters which leave the novice to the "Chesapeake Shores' series a bit at a disadvantage, standing in the shallows, so to speak. But surely it's a delight for anyone who's read some of the 7 previous books in the series. It's a Christmas family love story by a good author noted for romance and the seashore. And some senior age romance is included but no one named Paddy and no leprechauns. Just romance--a MIRA book from Harlequin.All mistletoe;NO shamrocks.At least worth the Kindle price for any romance reader. But I still prefer a good hardcover.

In Chesapeake Shores, Laila Riley ended her relationship with younger Matthew O'Brien but paid the price for what she declared a fling. Her parents condemned her and after a fight with her father she left the greatest position in the world at his bank. Only Trace her brother seems to support her emotionally and with customers as she opens up an office in The Inn At Eagle Point. Matthew is heartbroken as he wanted a permanent relationship with the love of his life, but honors her wishes to stay away from her as he knows she resents him for what their tryst cost her.The O'Brien clan believes Laila and Matthew are soul mates and plan to act on it while on a two week Christmas vacation in Ireland in honor of the family octogenarian matriarch Nell. Knowing her estrangement with her parents, Laila's friends persuade her to come on the trip as they do not want her alone over the holidays. Although she has trepidations of seeing Matthew who will be going too, she travels to Ireland for an O'Brien family Christmas. Meanwhile Nell sees her pre American marriage Irish boyfriend Dillon.The latest Chesapeake Shores family drama (see A Chesapeake Shores Christmas) is the usual charming tale. Part of the pleasure is to observe what has happened to former lead protagonists and Nell's second chance romance. However, the main story line is the

relationship between the older Laila and Matthew whose game plan is to prove to his beloved they can have more than just the greatest sex he ever has known.Harriet Klausner

Audiobooks are wonderful and Sherryl Woods on audiobooks is about as good as it gets. Her story lines with the O'Brien family is not only entertainment at it's finest, but it's addictive! I find myself anxiously awaiting each new book (and yes, I buy everything I can get my hands on in audiobook format!!). When I get the audiobook in the mail I simply cannot wait to listen...and then I listen to them over and over. This was a special story - not only because it is about Megan and Mick, but also because it's centered around my favorite time of year, Christmas. The O'Briens are such a fun family, filled with strong characters, strong community ties, honor and loyalty - they have their "minor" disagreements that sometimes go on for a long time, but eventually Nell manages to shame them into resolving problems and moving forward. I love Nell as the matriarch of the family, always there with a willing ear and heartfelt advice. You can't go wrong with Sherryl Woods - and the O'Brien saga is at the top of my list!

I enjoyed reading this book about how star crossed lovers reconnected with the help of friends. Happy endings are always nice. Keeping track of who was who in the family was kinda difficult, needs a family tree.

In this novel the entire O'Brien clan decide on Christmas in Ireland. Matt, in love with Leila, works very hard to entice her to go along with his family. Leila resists them all unitl Grams gets into the act. Once in Ireland Leila and Matt seem content to spend time together. In the meantime Grams (Nell) locates an old flame and seemingly they pick up where they left off years ago. Ultimately the wedding of Matt and Leila brings her father around as he and her mother arrive in time for him to walk her down the aisle. The story is one of the Chesapeake series, but the only one I have read so evidently it is a stand alone. I fully understood the characters and their relationships. It is a wonderful Christmas story and, if you love Ireland, a must read.

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