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Skiing With Santa: Secrets In The Snow Short Stories #1



Synopsis

Sandy is like the original Scrooge - he thinks Christmas is commercialised claptrap, and refuses to have any part of it. So it's like his own personal nightmare when Ski School manager Jude tries a new marketing ploy, 'Ski with Santa'; and he has to play a part he abhors. Will his naughty and nice pupils help this reluctant Father Christmas to face his ghosts and discover the quintessence of the season? Please note: British English spelling and grammar PG / PG-13 content, including a couple of mild swear words This is a short story of approximately 4,400 words or 12 pages "Skiing with Santa" is a Christmas short story from the 'Secrets in the Snow' series about a Scottish snowsports school. Chronologically, it sits between episodes 1 and 2. Whilst this is a stand-alone story, you might enjoy reading the series from the first episode, "Winter Arrives".

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Customer Reviews

I found this book a delight in getting in the holiday mood as I drank my mid-day mug of black hazelnut coffee, sweet. Sandy, like some people, hates how everyone participates in the

commercialization the holiday season has become and have forgotten what the holiday is all about. He even resents being reminded about it by his wife; but she's doing it more for their grandkids than anyone else. Sandy's boss, Jude, at the ski school where he works comes up with the wonderful idea of having all their instructors dress up as Santa so they can hear the Christmas wishes their patrons have. While there are no three spirits in this story to help with Scrooge's transformation. As he hears the students assigned to him talk about the holiday and their wishes, Sandy slowly begins to realize he's the one who has been brainwashed by the overly commercialization and that there are still others who hold to the true meaning of the holiday and its value the way he remembers them to be. For having been GOOD in writing this story, this Santa's Helper is giving this author, 5 STARS.

Sandy Potter looked like Santa, even had a white beard that was real. Sandy hated Christmas. After the day spent as Santa at the Ski Slopes he was rethinking his attitude.

It was predictable, of course, but the main character was more than just a miserly Scrooge, and I thought the rest of the characters were well written, although I would have liked a little more depth to the real meaning of Christmas. It's been a long, long time since I was on a ski slope and I enjoyed a glimpse at the slopes again. Brought back my time as a member of the 'snow-plough' group:) The descriptions of machinery didn't enlighten me much, but the setting was unique, interesting and felt real. I am also an author and I received a complimentary copy of this story to review.

This is a good story to put you in the holiday mood. In a way, it's predictable; the Scrooge-like person who hates Christmas learns its true meaning. But it's entertaining to see this realization take place on the ski slopes. The characters are entertaining and you can feel their pain and doubt. It's worth the read.

I received a gift copy of this book from the author, and this is my voluntary and honest review. Sandy had had his fill of Christmas and with the approaching season he is once again confronted with the overt commercialism that surrounds Christmas. Ski school owner Jude asks her instructors to dress up as Santa, and Sandy looks the most authentic of the lot. However, his heart is not in the venture. Having lived in a country where Christmas is not celebrated at all, and also having been in the troughs of despair over one Christmas, I could identify with Sandy's feelings about a holiday that has been taken over by red suited Santas, noisy irreverent jingles and budgets being overextended.

However, like Sandy I also had my perspective upended, leading me to the realisation of what Christmas is actually all about. Skiing with Santa is a gentle reminder of the meaning of Christmas and the reason we celebrate this holiday.

This is a short story about one of the workers at the White Cairns Ski School. Sandy looks like Santa, but is nothing like him. In fact, Sandy detests Christmas. The instructors are asked to dress as Santa for the day and listen to the wish lists of the skiers as they ski. Sandy encounters a couple of people who bring a whole new perspective to the holiday season and he comes to the realization that things aren't the way he thought they were. I loved the lessons he learned and the insight the reader gains about his character. Content: one or two mild swear words; no violence; brief mention of a woman with a female partner. Clean.*I received a copy in exchange for an honest review*

This is an adorable short story about Sandy, one of the ski instructors. Sandy gets to dress up as santa for the day, which puts him back in the right frame of mind. Very cute story that honors Christmas and the reason for the season.

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