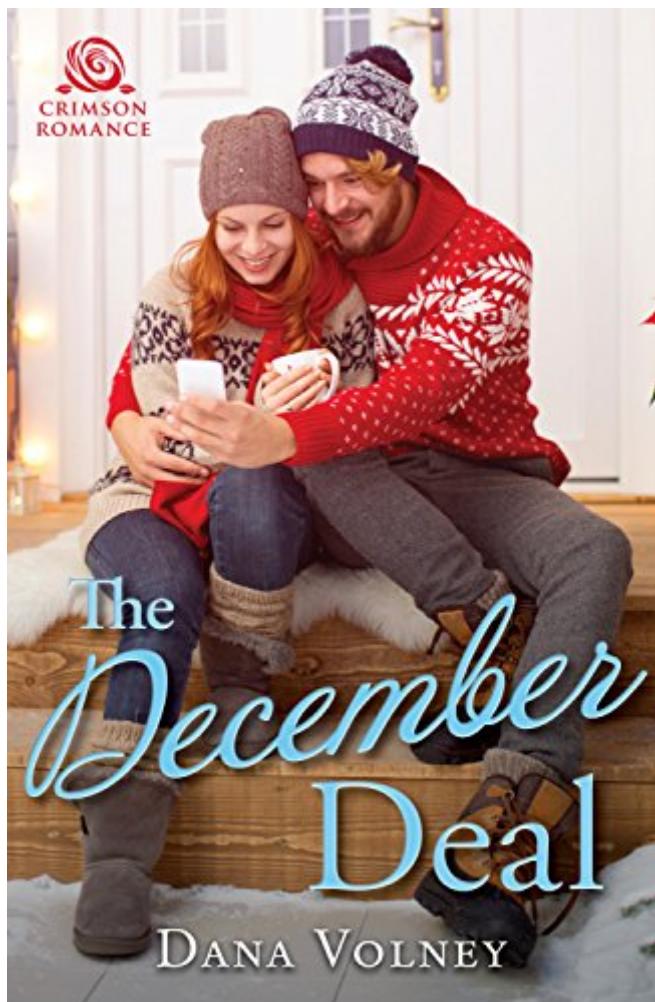


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## The December Deal



## Synopsis

After her dad is diagnosed with an aggressive cancer, Lilia Carrigan returns home to Wyoming. The insurance company won't cover the costs for an experimental trial that offers his best chance at surviving, and she needs a way to raise funds fast. Vincent Morgenstern has had a year to fulfill the clause in his dad's will that says if he doesn't marry, he'll lose out on inheriting the family business he loves so much. The deadline is New Year's Eve, and he's determined to get down the aisle, even if he has to pay the bride to be on his arm. When Lilia overhears his predicament at a coffee shop, the crazy solution to both their problems seems obvious. What's one year of faking it? But as the holiday season works its magic, their platonic partnership threatens to get very personal. Will Lilia and Vincent's December deal stay professional, or will real feelings ruin everything? Sensuality Level: Behind Closed Doors

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## Customer Reviews

This is a fun, sweet romance. Because of his father's will, the hero must find a bride to keep controlling interest in the company he has helped to build. The heroine is in dire need of funds. Her father is battling cancer and in order to get an experimental drug, he needs money fast. Two people with a need. Each can help out the other so they enter into a deal to marry for one year, she gets the money and he gets the wife and control of his company. Seems simple enough until feelings

start to enter the picture. This is a very entertaining read. There is no sex involved so any age could read it. I think even the Christian readers would enjoy it. I definitely recommend it. The couple get their HEA after a bit of turmoil and ice cream!!!! I was not paid for this review. I am not an author nor do I know one. I am a reader and this is just my opinion, nothing more, nothing less.

This novella was everything I love and hate about short stories. I love that I could read it all in one sitting and get to the happy ending. I love that Volney was able to pack so much into such a short space that I felt I knew the characters, that Lilia was an old friend. I found myself rooting for both Lilia and Vincent. And I hated that it was over so soon. I wanted to hear more, see more, of these characters! I hope that Volney will write more books set in Casper and allow us to see more of Lilia and Vincent, as well as get to know some of their siblings that we saw peripherally in this story.

Volney did a great job of building solid stories for both Lilia and Vincent that made it believable they would enter into their deal and also made them both likeable people. I especially liked that Vincent showed his immediate attraction to Lilia, admitted that he should have been more cautious in entering the deal, and struggled with thinking Lilia was shallow because of the money in spite of what he saw and liked about her first hand. I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys a good romance story! I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This author took a risk with a tricky backstory and for that I applaud her. Volney does a wonderful job interweaving two lives, both marred by the potential for loss, during the happiest time of year to unite them for a common goal. In the end though love reigns supreme and makes the season truly shine the brightest.

This book would make for a very nice beach read. I love that this author was able to pack so much into such a short space, so much so, that I felt as though I knew the characters. The plot of the story holds your attention, and I found the characters very interesting and engaging. My only complaint was, even though we got our HEA, that the ending seemed a bit rushed. I know that this was a Novella, but....I still wanted more. I would love to see a full size novel involving the other Carrigan siblings, and maybe we'd even get another glimpse or two of Vincent & Lilia and how things worked out for them.. I'd also love to know how things worked out for her father.

I admit it - back when I lived in the south and began missing the snow, few things brought back that winter feeling like a cozy holiday romance, where you can practically taste the hot chocolate and

feel the snow flakes. This year, I got lucky and receive an ARC of The December Deal, which hit all those warm fuzzy notes and gave me a serious hankering for ice cream. World wanderer Lilia returns to her home town when her father takes ill. No matter how much she crunches the numbers, she can't afford his treatment. Businessman Luke has plenty of money, but needs a bride to keep ownership of his family business. With a chance meeting in a bar, the strangers decide to help each other out. I love how the characters played their motives close to the vest - even after a quickie marriage. It's a credit to the author that the marriage of convenience comes off as believable in a contemporary setting. As for the rest, no spoilers, but Volney does a great job tugging those heartstrings without drifting into cliché. This is a quick read, but perfect for a cozy afternoon on the couch to reaffirm the good in this world.

Lilia and Vincent had a crazy whimsical meeting and marriage. They both were fools for not wanting to acknowledge their feelings. The ending was expected but too short and uninspiring. I definitely will not read it again like I do with books I really like. I can't recommend it for that reason.

One of the best Christmas stories I read in 2015. A Wife and mother's sorrow brings her to the Outer Banks to hide away for the Christmas season. She is drawn in the Christmas activities by a man with his own loss. If you want a feel good Christmas story this is it.

The story line holds your attention and the characters are engaging. I liked that both Vincent and Lila both fell so quickly. No it's not insta-love but close to it. They each have difficulty admitting their feelings but they're obvious. Vincent proves he's a kind, caring man and Lila will do anything for her family. The ending is wonderful. All read

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