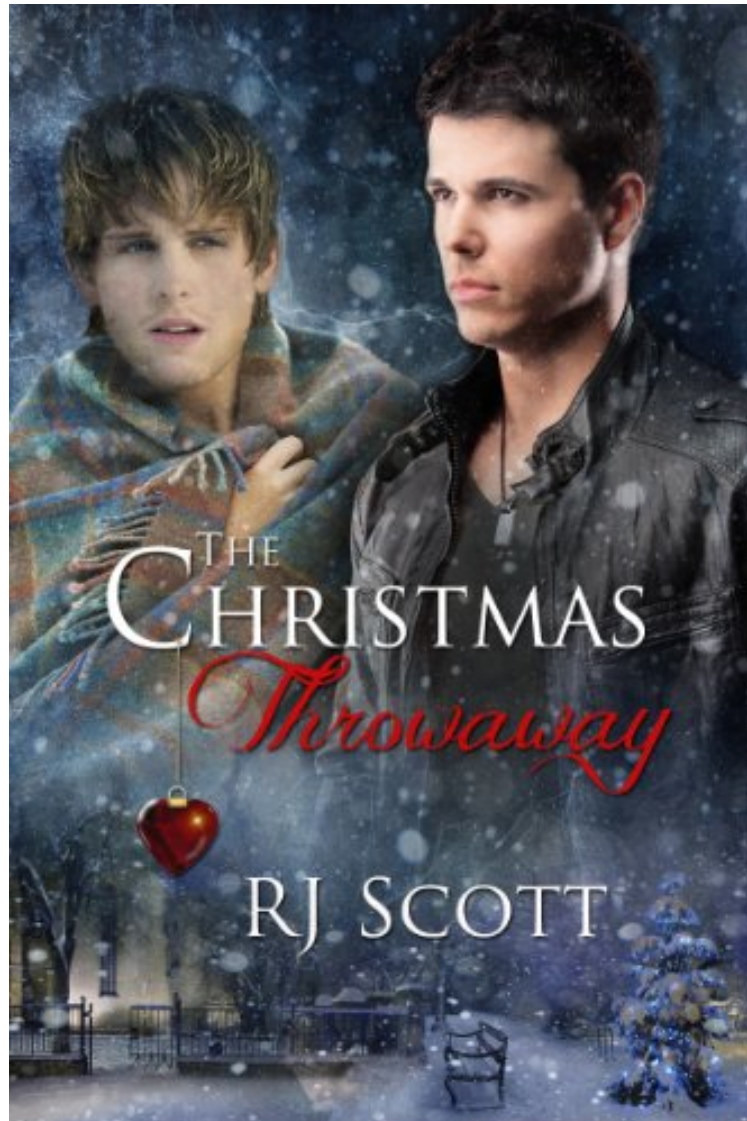


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Von RJ Scott : The Christmas Throwaway (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Christmas Throwaway (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
Heartwarming read with a massive WTF momentVon SilviaThis is a lovely, fluffy, wonderful little story. It takes a tricky subject that could very easily have been twisted into either a massive tearjerker or a sore moralizing yawner, but in the hands of a skilled storyteller its been transformed into something beautiful and hopeful. Yes, theres lots of

sugarcoating and no, there's no in-depth analysis of either character or family background, nor is there a lot of socio-critical issues being touched. A novella labelled romance simply cannot provide the same depth a proper novel could, and I didn't pick it up with high expectations for depth or enlightenment. I picked it up because I wanted a comfort read, something to snuggle up with after a horrible day at work. And that's what it really is, a comfort read. It's set at Christmas time, so expect all kinds of Christmas feels with bells, ribbons and mistletoe. A bit out of place in summer (it's July as I'm typing this) but like I said, I wanted something fluffy and cozy. There's loving and misunderstandings, there's hope and doing the right thing, there's sorrow and comfort, and there's giving and accepting. It's heartwarming to see Zach crawl out of his shell and open up, it's lovely to see him accepted and welcomed and I wish well, I wish everybody could have a Christmas like this. However, I am well aware that this is a bit of a fairytale and that the overwhelming majority of kids and young adults with a similar background will never make it, either for lack of a chance or for fear of what might happen if they accept the help they're offered, or for many more reasons I can't even think of. But like every good fairytale, this story teaches the reader something, if only to open one's eyes to one's surroundings and not take everything at face value. A little novella cannot change the world or society, but it may help prevent all of us from snapping our hearts shut too tightly. Yes, this has what it takes to get a five star review for its positive message and excellent storytelling. So why on earth am I giving only three stars? Well, because of its massive WTF injection right before the end. This might be a SPOILER, so tread carefully. Of course I was hoping for a HEA while I was reading, and having met the lovely RJ Scott and being fortunate enough to listen to her talk about her storytelling, I expected nothing less. And while I am all for hot and steamy man-on-man sex when picking up an m/m romance hell yeah!!! the sex just before the epilogue was so out of place it made me cringe. Well-written and steamy it certainly is, but it just felt so wrong in a fluff story like that one. Yes, I wanted them to kiss and yes, I wanted them to come together pun not intended but oh well but not like this. The whole passage reads like it's been taken from a whole different story and got pasted into this one by mistake. The language is very different, it's sweaty and dirty, and it's way too explicit for this Christmas love story. For once, it would have been wise to either close the bedroom door the moment Zach made his intentions clear, or drape a soft veil over the Ben and Zach to make it a nice Christmassy blend. Instead, I was yanked out of my cuddly happy mood and the whole thing ended with a frown instead of a dreamy sigh. And so I'm subtracting two stars for mood destruction and am seriously considering ripping the offending pages out (yes, you read that right: I am willing to HURT A BOOK) so there's the upstairs kissing and the epilogue. Because like this, it would have been perfect for me. 4 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.

Ergreifend und ein wenig kitschig
Von Gelegenheitsleser
Der 17-jährige Zach findet am Weihnachtsabend, schutzlos der Kälte und dem Hunger ausgeliefert - beinahe hätte ich gesagt seine letzte Ruhe - Platz auf einer Bank am Friedhof einer Kirche, nachdem ihn sein Vater fast zwei Wochen vorher mit der Pistole im Anschlag aus dem Haus geworfen hatte, weil er schwul ist und sich auch nicht umerziehen lassen will. Zum Glück findet ihn der junge schwule Polizist Ben, der ihn mit nach Hause nimmt, wo er Wärme, Liebe und Geborgenheit einer intakten Familie kennenlernt, er, der immer der hiesigen Gewalt des Vaters und Gefühlskälte der Mutter ausgesetzt war. Die Autorin stellt ergreifend dar, wie Zach große Probleme hat, anderen Menschen zu trauen und langsam durch die Güte Bens und seiner Familie Vertrauen fasst und den Glauben an sich selbst findet. (Ich gebe zu, fters mit den Tränen gekämpft zu haben, was mir aber kein bisschen peinlich ist!) Leider ist die Handlung zu gradlinig, und die handelnden Menschen sind alle gut und völlig selbstlos. Nur Bens Bruder stellt sich anfangs zickig an, borgt aber Zach später sogar seinen iPod - welcher ein Vertrauensbeweis. Die Handlung wird dadurch vorangetrieben, dass Ben sich nicht traut, Zach seine stetig größer werdende Zuneigung handfest zu zeigen, obwohl dieser anfangs, sich danach zu sehnen. Es ergeben sich aber keine hysterischen Hochs und Tiefs, sondern alle Entwicklungen sind für den Leser gut nachvollziehbar. Das Buch ist recht dünn; aber trotzdem empfehlenswert.

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