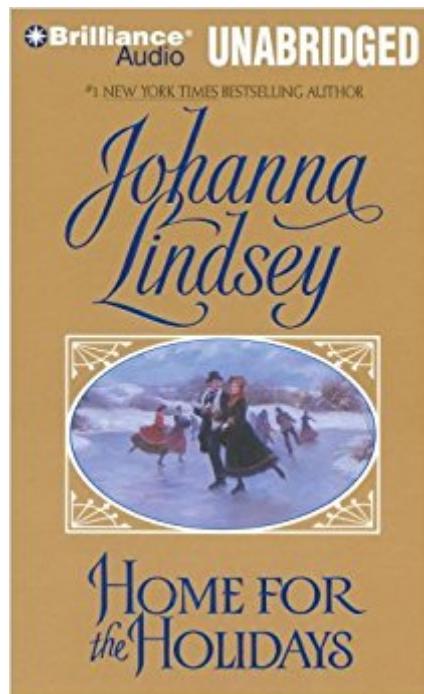


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# Home For The Holidays



## Synopsis

For the first time in her sheltered life, Larissa Ascot's wishes for a merry Christmas seem to be in peril. Her father is off to the Colonies on business, but is far overdue to be home. Thus Larissa is left to handle the rumors of her family's bankruptcy, panicked creditors pounding on her door, and eviction. On top of all that, she must now contend with her enigmatic would-be "benefactor," Vincent Everett, the Baron of Windsmoor. The charming and handsome rogue has offered to shelter Larissa, her little brother, and their few remaining servants in his home, and Larissa has no choice but to accept his proposalâ "unless she and her younger brother Thomas wish to wake up chin-deep in snow on Christmas morning. The baron would be the first to admit that it is more than the Yuletide spirit of good will that has inspired his generosity. From the moment he first set eyes on the enchanting Miss Ascot, he was bewitched. And now that she has taken up residence in his home as well as in his heart, he aches with wanting herâ "a most unfortunate state of affairs, since the proud beauty obviously despises him.â | And since Vincent had previously sworn to seek a righteous vengeance on Larissa's family. But Christmas is a time for miracles, after all, when love, at the seasonal peak of its power, can triumph over adversity. The more the lovely lady resists Vincent's considerable attractions, the hotter her desire for him grows. And in these magical days, something truly wondrous could occurâ "as the spirit of forgiveness reaches down to touch two rivalsâ |and shower Vincent and Larissa with precious gifts of tenderness and ecstasy unbound.

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Bent on revenge, Vincent Everett will stop at nothing to destroy the man he believes destroyed his

brother. In fact, he will go so far as to evict his enemy's ill son and daughter just before the holidays. Appalled by his employer's heartlessness, Everett's secretary quits after serving the eviction notice, forcing Everett to reevaluate his cruel act. Then, upon seeing Larissa Ascot, his beautiful and innocent victim, Everett decides to take her virtue as another way to punish her father but finds that he is drawn to her in a way no other woman has ever captivated him. Everett moves both young Ascots into his own home where he finds friendship and family warmth for the first time. He eventually evokes such passion in Larissa that she surrenders her virginity, assuming he means to marry her and not knowing that she has unwittingly fallen in with his plans to ruin her missing father. But, as is fitting in a holiday story and a romance, all is well that ends well. Lindsey's latest is not as powerful or passionate as many of her previous romances, but her fans will devour it happily just the same. Diana Tixier HeraldCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

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I always enjoy a Lindsey. I have read many of her books and have never been disappointed. Her characters are enchanting.

I usually love johanna's books but this one didn't donut for me. I had a hard time believing the true intentions of the hero and I would have expected more jealousy and possessiveness. The first kiss would have been more expressive but it fell through.

I love all of Johanna Lindsey books. They all have wonderful characters and pull you in to the story that you can't put the book down. I love when you can visit old characters from one book to the next. Adds so much more depth to the books.

While I almost always enjoy Lindsey's books it seems that she did little more than add a little meat--very little-- to the bones of her usual skeletal "lust at first sight...love to come after" frame in this story. Shallow character development reminiscent of every other character she's developed...bring back the quality of the "Mallory" books!

It was an OK read...but not as good as some of her other books. Maybe it was of her earlier work?

Nothing to write home about.

I just love Christmas stories and Johanna Lindsey did not disappoint me. I highly recommend this book.

always enjoy Lindsey's books

I am a Johanna Lindsey fan, so I am predisposed to like her books. I also love to read Christmas stories. All kinds of stories. So this was a double enjoyment for me.

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