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ONE-MINUTE REVIEWS: Romance novels

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One Candlelit [Christmas](#)

By Julia Justiss, Annie Burrows and Terri Brisbin

Harlequin, 288 pages, \$5.99 (paper)

The warmth and love of the holiday season are splendidly captured in this trio of expertly crafted, Regency-set novellas. In Justiss' richly emotional "Christmas Wedding Wish," Meredyth Wellingford had given up on romance until a party of holiday houseguests brings Allen Mansfell to her family's home. In Burrow's perfectly poignant "The Rake's Secret Son," Nell Tillotson thought her husband Carleton had died as a traitor years ago until he turns up on her door one cold December day. In Brisbin's captivating and charmingly written "Blame It on the Mistletoe," Julia Fairchild wants to blame the seemingly multiplying mistletoe for the fact that she is falling in love with Iain MacLerie, but maybe it's just the infuriating man himself.