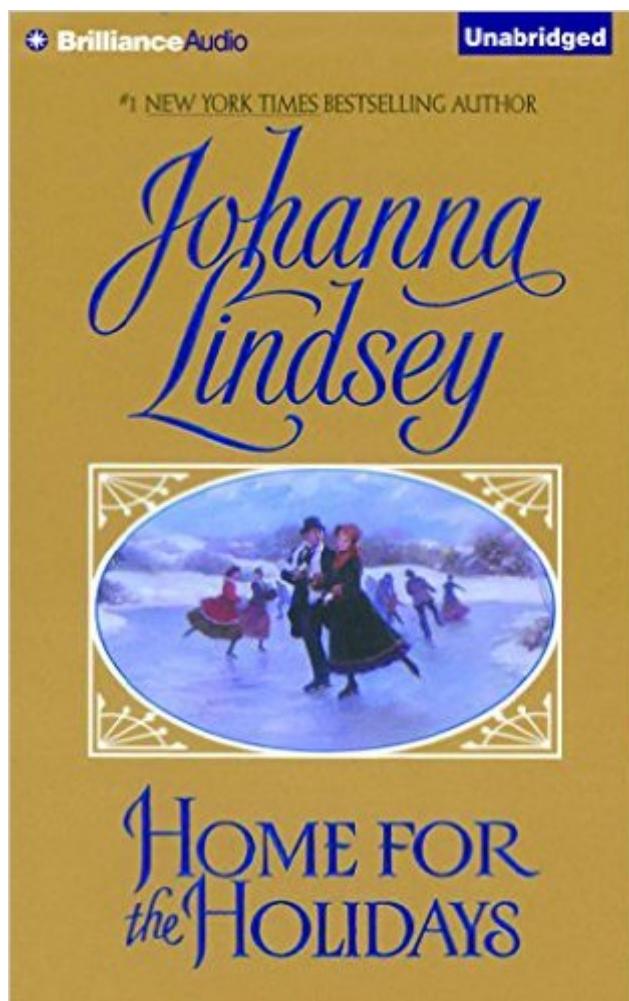


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# Home For The Holidays



## 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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## Customer Reviews

I'm paying more for Lindsey's books now they're in hardcover but I feel I'm getting less of a story.

Larissa and her Viscount have little to draw them together. There is no tension, no build up. They are drawn together much to early in the book and are left with a weak excuse to keep them apart. I have bought and read every Lindsey book as they were released, buying them sight unseen without reading the covers, because I knew they'd be great no matter what. Yet lately I feel let down. There was little in way of description and I was pushed through the book at break neck speed. It was like Ms. Lindsey couldn't wait to be done with this one. My only hope and wish is that it's because she's anxious to work on another Mallory novel. What say you Ms. Lindsey, next time will we get our money's worth?

Vincent wants revenge. Larissa wants a home. While her father is overseas on business, Larissa is hounded by creditors who think her father is leaving England for good. Even her new landlord Vincent Everett has kicked her and her younger brother out of their home. But upon meeting Larissa, Vincent has second thoughts. His vengeance is for her father for destroying his brother. Vincent graciously allows Larissa and her brother stay with him until her father has returned. Then he decides to complete his revenge by seducing her. Larissa, vulnerable and terrified that her father's ship is lost, falls under Vincent's spells, but something doesn't go right. Vincent is not supposed to fall in love her and fights his emotions from coming to the surface when she lays in his arms. Now he is the one seduced. This story is not as steamy as some of Lindsey's other books, but it is a charming tale nonetheless. The warmth and caring of Christmas creep into this tale as Vincent begins to fall in love with Larissa. A story to curl up to a fire with.

I have been reading Johanna Lindsey's books forever. They are wonderful and I cannot wait for a new one to come out. After reading this new novel, I know that Johanna could not have changed her writing style so much as to not see anything familiar. This is not a book by Johanna Lindsey. Whoever wrote this book, is a beginner writer with no history. Johanna, it is impossible for this book to come from your brain. It just does not match up.

my review is short and sweet-don't waste your money on this book. The "hero"-if you want to call him that-is a callous, unfeeling cad who begins the story by having the heroine and her young sick brother evicted at Christmas time. He then proceeds to seduce this naive girl, for kicks and revenge. I want to read romances with heros that rescue heroines from jerks like this. The hero's secretary resigns in disgust within 20 pages into the book-I suggest you do the same. Tripe, poorly written to the point of headache inducing, DEFINATELY not up to Lindsey's usual fare, and definately not

Christmas worthy. Have a Merry Christmas-skip this book:(1 star for a pretty cover.

I've been reading Johanna Lindsey for years now, and this is not her style. The story has potential, but it does not ever come together. This is the worst book I've ever read - not just the worst Lindsey book I've ever read. It was a waste of my money, time, and energy to turn the pages. For those of you wanting to read a decent Johanna Lindsey novel, stay away from this one. I would suggest any of the Malory series, preferably an earlier one.

I own all of Johanna's books and this is the first one I couldn't finish. It had no spunk for the man or woman. It was just another novel. If Johanna is trying to go in a different direction, this is not the route. A waste of my money on this one.

This is definitely not one of Lindsey's best works. I kept reading it and hoped that as I got closer to the end, it would get better. I just didn't come to care for the characters like in many of her other books. The man was given no reason to love the woman other than her stunning good looks for the vast majority of the story. The details didn't fit together well and at times I felt I was being force fed information to move the plot. The premise to the story was a good idea, but it felt like this book was written under a short deadline. I own all of Johanna Lindsey's books and love her writing style. This one just missed the mark.

I have read most of Johanna Lindsey's books. Found this one most disappointing. It lacks characters personality. They are not strong characters as she always written before. I found the book lacking, boring, did not have usual punch in this book. I never written a review before. But in this case I had to. I just hope she goes back to her writing as she did before. Can't help but being very disappointed in this book. Hopefully her next book will be better. I am still a fan and will always be.

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