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New York Times bestselling author Kristin Hannah is beloved by readers around the world for her unique blend of powerful emotion and exquisite storytelling. In *Comfort & Joy*, she offers a modern-day fairy tale—the story of a woman who gets a miraculous chance at happiness. Joy Candellaro once loved Christmas more than any other time of the year. Now, as the holiday approaches, she is at a crossroads in her life; recently divorced and alone, she can't summon the old enthusiasm for celebrating. So without telling anyone, she buys a ticket and boards a plane bound for the beautiful Pacific Northwest. When an unexpected detour takes her deep into the woods of the Olympic rainforest, Joy makes a bold decision to leave her ordinary life behind—to just walk away—and thus begins an adventure unlike any she could have imagined. In the small town of Rain Valley, six-year-old Bobby O'Shea is facing his first Christmas without a mother. Unable to handle the loss, Bobby has closed himself off from the world, talking only to his invisible best friend. His father Daniel is beside himself, desperate to help his son cope. Yet when the little boy meets Joy, these two unlikely souls form a deep and powerful bond. In helping Bobby and Daniel heal, Joy finds herself again. But not everything is as it seems in quiet Rain Valley, and in an instant, Joy's world is ripped apart, and her heart is broken. On a magical Christmas Eve, a night of impossible dreams and unexpected chances, Joy must find the courage to believe in a love—and a family—that can't possibly exist, and go in search of what she wants . . . and the new life only she can find.



Reviews of the **Comfort & Joy: A Novel (Random House Large Print)** by Kristin Hannah

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4.5 stars for the last book I read in 2017. Finished it December 31st at 10:30 p.m. with a smile on my face. The book takes place around Christmastime when two extremely difficult topics (infidelity of the worst kind and monumental grief) are explored. I caught on almost immediately to the unique plot twist, but enjoyed watching how Ms. Hannah handled the unusual situation, making it believable for the reader. Joy worked through her dark place while physically healing from a severe injury post traumatic accident. Bobby, the little boy she encounters, has to let go of his mother after her death, but quickly finds a replacement. Together, they heal each other, but not without a wrench in the works. Joy becomes fixated on finding out the truth, worrying her estranged sister that she may have gone off the deep end. Beginning to think she has gone crazy, Joy makes one last journey. I loved the upbeat ending. Recommended.

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I was carried away by this magical, beautifully human story. The wonderfully-named Joy Faith Candellaro seeks to escape from her life in Bakersfield, CA, raw from her recent divorce. Having had her husband cheat on her with her only sister, Joy seeks to leave town immediately when her pregnant and contrite sister attempts amends by inviting her to her wedding to the ex. Joy bolts, buys a last minute ticket on a small charter plane that crashes. Her story of survival after the crash is fantastical, unexpected and delightful. Meeting a single Dad and his young son, who are also trying to heal from a serious loss, I was spellbound by the vivid post-crash world. Joy's physical and emotional healing made for a fabulous read. Romantic, beautifully wrought. Made the magic of life seem very real.

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Comfort and Joy is a novel of heartbreak, changed relationships, dreams, and love made tangible through love, imagination, and magic. Love and life can be interrupted by plane crashes, betrayal, and imagination. But, even the most unexpected and unusual dreams can come true.

Read Comfort and Joy. Get to know Joy, young Bobby, and Daniel.

Read such heart-tripping lines as these---'She knows about fading; maybe a woman of a certain age does, especially in quiet towns like this one where the sun can be so hot.', or 'I'm too old to believe in magic and fate and destiny.', or 'A phantom feeling of less than wholeness', or 'Her touch steadied me. I look up. Tears burn my eyes, turn her face into a Money painting.'. These are the astounding words of Kristin Hannah. Words so vivid and heartfelt they must be highlighted and set to memory.

Anaginn

I'm first of all, a real fan of all I've read so far from Kristin Hannah. This story fell short of even being believable. I am NOT a fan of "predictable romance novels" - and I found myself muttering "ugh" several times - almost quit reading before a third was read. I did finish it, because I'm an avid reader, and I loved her other books. This one was either a rush job to meet a deadline date, or seems to have been written by another author completely. I end this with saying I would HIGHLY recommend The Nightingale and the Winter Garden...absolutely wonderful works.

Winotterin

I have loved every one of Kristin Hannah's books; and this goes down as one of my favorites! When I want to read a book I KNOW I will enjoy, I choose this author! Her description of anything is so fresh and vivid; the words are not the ones that authors use time and again, they leave me wondering how in the world she comes up with them!! This book was so endearing, and as always; I could not put it down. You are in for a treat, and each book you read will keep you coming back for more!

Dianazius

I usually love a good Kristin Hannah book, but this one wasn't up to the usual quality I've come to expect. If you are searching for a typical holiday romance, then this one will do. Joy is the main character, a divorced high school librarian, who leads a lonely life after finding her husband in bed with her only sister, estranging her from both. During Christmas Break Joy receives news that sends her running away to airport to buy a ticket on the first flight she can get aboard. This is when Hannah lost me. While I'm expecting the twists and turns of a Kirstin Hannah novel, I got a halfhearted telling of romantic fantasy. I didn't care for this novel, but I would still read her books. I hope that "Comfort and Joy" is a fluke and not the new norm .

Grari

This is a story of a woman named who has been lonely too long. Stacey is Joy's sister and she is marrying Joy's ex husband and having his baby. She decides to run away during her holiday vacation to find what her life is missing.

When the plane she is on crashes she thinks she walks away from it and finds comfort at a fishing lodge. It is a heartwrenching tale of being in another world from the home she knows. I t a story worth reading any time of year.

I love Kristin's books and don't how I missed this one until now.

I love books by Kristin Hannah. The Nightingale is on my list of top five books I've ever read. So, picked up this book not knowing what it was,about, but sure I would love it. Well, I have finished it and I still don't know what it is about. Being required to suspend belief and accept that Joy was in a coma in Bakersfield but living parallel life in Washington requires more magical thinking than I possess. Will not spoil ending, but just suggestbreaders put on their ruby slippers and click their heels. So disappointed but will always read Hannah's books. This was a rare miss.

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