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Christmas Shopaholic

(BOOK TITLE)

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

- Her real name is Madeleine Wickham - published her first novels under that name
- Sold over 45 million copies
- Published in over 60 countries
- Translated into over 40 languages
- Shopaholic series has 9 total books:
 - Confessions of a Shopaholic
 - Shopaholic Ties The Knot
 - Shopaholic & Baby
 - Shopaholic To The Stars
 - Christmas Shopaholic
 - Shopaholic Abroad
 - Shopaholic & Sister
 - Mini Shopaholic
 - Shopaholic To The Rescue

ABOUT THE BOOK

- Becky Brandon (née Bloomwood) is embracing it, returning from the States to live in the charming village of Letherby and working with her best friend, Suze, in the gift shop of Suze's stately home.

Life is good, especially now that Becky takes time every day for mindfulness—even if that only means listening to a meditation tape while hunting down online bargains.

Things are looking cheerier than ever until Becky's parents announce they're moving to ultra-trendy Shoreditch—unable to resist the draw of craft beer and smashed avocados—and ask Becky if she'll host this year.

What could possibly go wrong? Becky's sister demands a vegan turkey, her husband insists that he just wants aftershave (again), and little Minnie needs a very specific

picnic hamper.

Surely Becky can manage all this, as well as the surprise appearance of an old boyfriend-turned-rock star and his pushy new girlfriend, whose motives are far from clear. But as the countdown to Christmas begins and her bighearted plans take an unexpected turn toward disaster, Becky wonders if chaos will ensue, or if she'll manage to bring comfort and joy to Christmas after all.

SETTING:

- Oxshott
- Leatherby Hall
- Parents move to Shoreditch

THEMES

- Family
- Friendship
- Holiday Drama/Shenanigans
- Christmas

MAIN CHARACTERS

- Becky Brandon (née Bloomwood)
- Suz - Friend
- Luke - Husband

SUPPORTING CHARACTERS

- Mum & Dad - Becky's parents
- Martin & Janice - Tom's parents
- Jess - Half-sister - vegan, worried about the world
- Tom - Jess's husband
- Minnie - Daughter
- Wolfie - Suz son
- Nadine - Craig's girlfriend
- Craig - Old boyfriend, Poldark vibe
- Edwin - Club sponsor
- Flow - Janice's new friend that is terrible
- Simon - The blue scarf
- Stephanie - the friend from preschool, going through a divorce

THINGS I LOVED ABOUT THIS BOOK

- I think Becky is delightful. She has issues but she loves the people in her life and she genuinely wants everyone to be happy.
- She gets herself into some sticky spots but always seems to land on her feet.
- If you have never read the original book (or seen the movie) I highly recommend it
- I was sold from the opening scene when she is mindfully shopping. And she needs 18\$ more to get free shipping but her cart is about to expire.
- And the fact that she has a sister who is vegan, eco friendly and minimalist

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Favorite part of the book
- Shop online or in-person?
- What is your go to item to bump up to free shipping?
- What's the farthest you have ever gone to track down a certain gift?
- One christmas tradition you have as a family

MEMORABLE SCENES

- Salmon on the lawn with a Paddington bear duvet.
- The luggage & billiards scenes
- The argument with the Christmas show vendor over the Llama bobble
- When Becky thinks Craig invites them over for multiplayer sex
- Becky and Stephanie's ex in the grocery store.
- When she gave Stephanie the costume
- Bag for life closet
- Hamster scene - stuck in the skylight
- Everyone giving a word
- The Gucci scene sums up Becky. She cares about people. She is eccentric and likes to shop but she is generous. Everything comes full circle when she opens the denny and george scarves to create Minnie's new costume and gives her the Gucci box