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LEE & ME & A CHRISTMAS TREE

A grieving teen navigates loss, small-town gossip, and a high-pressure holiday job where unexpected kindness, quiet magic, and a slow-burn romance help her cope with her hectic life in this YA contemporary romance by L.E. DeLano, author of BLUE and TRAVELER.

Lissy is desperate to have a car of her own, and her savings account is almost there. When her mother offers a paid internship at her company planning their big holiday gala, Lissy jumps at the chance. Unfortunately, this means she has to work with the local Christmas tree farm run by the family of someone she never wanted to see again in her life—Lee Jensen, the guy who made a fool out of her a year ago at a holiday party.

Now she has no choice but to partner up and stay professional while Lee tries to convince her he's not the guy she thought he was. Lissy is determined to make this party merry, deck those halls, and hopefully keep her heart from toppling like a newly-felled tree.

Praise for LEE & ME & A CHRISTMAS TREE:

"A heartfelt Christmas YA love story with all the feels . . . a fun holiday story with plenty of depth. Move aside, Hallmark!" – **Samantha Hastings, author of *THE LAST WORD* and *A NOVEL DISGUISE***

"A cozy and emotionally honest holiday romance with a really good mix of a coming-of-age element. The pacing moves along just like human experiences, from past baggage and grief, to holiday pressures . . . This is definitely a memorable holiday romance that should be on every reader's book list." – **Demetria Head for Reader Views**

Praise for Other Books by L.E. DeLano:

"BLUE highlights the importance of what happens when one bad decision alters the course of a life. High school readers will relate to the mental health struggles Blue goes through. This book is an easy read and ends on a light note with a positive message despite the difficult events." - **Danielle Corrao for the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association (PSLA) Lit Review**

TRAVELER is a stellar debut novel with something for everyone—action, mystery, romance, even time travel . . . Overall, this is an excellent, engaging read that will appeal to fans of many genres." - **School Library Connection**

L.E. DeLano lives and writes in Amish Country, Pennsylvania with two hilarious kids and two ridiculous cats.

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