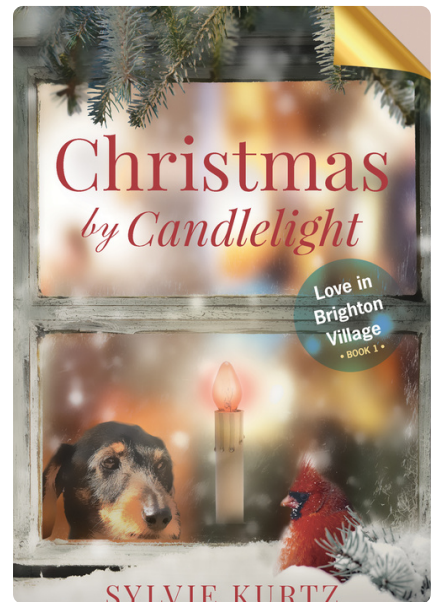


READER'S GUIDE

Christmas by Candlelight

Love in Brighton Village, Book 1



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Sudden and dramatic grief is difficult to manage. How does Claire cope with her loss? How does Emma?

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Claire's family runs an inn known for its traditions, especially at Christmas. What family traditions do you carry from year to year?

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Guilt informs many of Claire's decisions at the beginning of the story. How do you deal with guilt, especially family induced guilt?

4

Claire and Emma connect through food and tea in the kitchen. What brings you comfort and makes it easier for you to open up to someone else? What place?

5

After a trauma when she was young, Emma developed agoraphobia. Have you ever felt that fear? What fear curbs your ability to do what you want to do?

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How does Claire resolve her dilemma of family obligation vs. her desire to become a wildlife photographer, and allow herself to open up to love?

Christmas Cookie and Tea Pairings

Cookies just might be one of the best parts of the holiday season. In *Christmas by Candlelight*, Claire and Emma participate in a Cookie Tour and drink a lot of tea while getting ready. Here are some ideas for tea and cookie pairings for your next book club meeting or gathering.



BLACK TEA - The robust taste of black tea pairs well with the richness of chocolate like Chocolate Peppermint Cookies or Chocolate Crinkle Cookies.

EARL GREY - Citrus balances the bitterness of Earl Grey, so a Lemon Shortbread or a Lemon Ricotta Cookie would make a perfect partner.

GREEN TEA - The earthy flavor of green tea pairs well with Toffee and Pecan Cookies. Jasmine tea goes well with Chocolate Chips Cookies or Oatmeal Cookies.

CHAI - Want an extra kick to your Christmas Spice Cookies? Serve them with chai. Another excellent choice is Salted Caramel Thumbprints.

LEMON - Gingersnaps or Gingerbread People and lemon tisane belong together.

HIBISCUS - Is perfect for those who don't want a kick of caffeine, especially at night. Try it with a Raspberry Linzer Cookie or a Coconut Macaroon.