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# Kisses Between The Lines: An Echo Ridge Anthology (Echo Ridge Romance Book 2)



## Synopsis

Welcome to Echo Ridge, New York where romance finds its way into the hearts and lives of the people who walk the streets of the close-knit community. In these five novellas, readers will experience the power a book has to change a life, make dreams come true, and bring two hearts together as the characters work to fill the classic section of the library. Filled with charm, wit, secrets, and hope, each story is a sweet romance with a promise to keep you turning pages into the night. We hope you enjoy this book and the kisses between the lines.

**The Kiss Thief** by Rachelle J. Christensen  
As the head librarian of the Echo Ridge Library, Britta Klein thrives on order and categorization. Unfortunately, the old church-turned-library is in desperate need of a renovation. The Harvest Hurrah fundraiser seems to be the answer, but plans keep going awry. With help from Milo Geissler, accomplished musician, piano tuner, and kiss thief, each catastrophe is narrowly avoided. When Milo goes to great lengths to help Britta find a key classic book, she begins to wonder if there is more to life than books and order. Can she allow this man who speaks the language of music to tune her heart to a new song?

**The Lion, The Witch, & The Library** by Lucy McConnell  
Jennifer Solomon's birthday wish is for the one thing she's been too shy to go after: Kirke Staples, Echo Ridge's resident playwright, an avid mountain biker, and her best friend. Friend, as in don't kiss, don't covet, and don't under any circumstances fall in love with the man. But it's too late—she's already fallen in love. Hoping for a birthday kiss that will change everything, she arranges an "accidental" meeting with the handsomest man on the library board. Her carefully laid plans are thrown off track when the beautiful Bay Barington sweeps into town and casts a spell over Kirke. In her efforts to win Kirke's heart, Jennifer is forced to take a look at her inner self and decide what type of woman she wants to be, a lion or witch.

**The Last of the Gentlemen** by Cami Checketts  
Despite the hardships she's faced, Emma Turner, is determined to make a good life for her three children. Working nights and struggling through life doesn't leave much time for romance, which is just fine as far as Emma is concerned. But when her son's good-looking lacrosse coach takes an interest in her children, Emma has to fight off the smolder in her stomach and banish her daydreams. This school-girl crush needs to end before she embarrasses her son and herself. If only she could tell that to her heart.

**Much Ado About a Kiss** by Heather Tullis  
Fay's life is just fine, thank you. Running the café she's practically been raised in: Check. Her artwork in a gallery: Check. Volunteering on the library board: Check. The one thing she doesn't need right now is a guy in her life—especially her brother's irritating best friend from high school, so when the two men announce that they are moving home to start a ski and mountain bike shop in town, she isn't pleased. If only she could completely forget that one kiss she and Austin

shared in high school. Why does he have to upset her just-fine world? Not this time. Not if she can help it. But can she? *Pride & Persuasion* by Connie E. Sokol Lindy Marchant has left heartbreak and downtown L.A. to help her cousin kickstart an antique shop in sleepy Echo Ridge. That is, until she's roped into the library fundraiser to become an assistant for Armand D. Beaumont, the French bestselling detective writer. The two have met before, and Lindy hasn't forgotten the disastrous outcome. Now Armand's celebrity quirks threaten to upset her life yet again. Or, is there a deeper reason for his unpredictable choices? While Armand inadvertently assists Lindy with the shop, she uncovers his painful truth and an inconvenient growing attraction. Can Armand let go of his pride and face his fears? And can Lindy be persuaded to take the untried road, even together?

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## **Customer Reviews**

Note: I was given a complimentary copy for an honest review. This is a delightful collection of novellas around the central theme of life in the town of Echo Ridge, New York. The library, which is managed by Britta Klein, is fundraising for some much needed improvements. So, each novella

features a different character who is involved in the fundraiser and their individual romance. Also, integrated into each novella is a particular classic book that becomes part of the plot, not to mention the name of the novella. *The Kiss Thief* by Rachelle Christensen introduces the overarching theme of the fundraiser and all of the various characters that we get to know in the other stories. It then focuses on Britta Klein and her romance with Milo Geissler. The themes covered in the story are about one's heritage and overcoming past hurts and insults. *The Lion, The Witch, and the Library* by Lucy McConnell focuses on Jennifer Solomon and Kirke Staples. Jennifer loves to read and spends as much time as possible in the library while she tries to complete her library sciences degree. In the meantime, her best friend, Kirke, who is a playwright, finds himself in a love triangle with reality TV star, Bay Barrington. *The Last of the Gentlemen* by Cami Checketts focuses on another library board member, Chayton Liechty who is the high school lacrosse coach and Emma Turner who is a single mother of 3 and whose son is the lacrosse team captain. The themes covered in this story are about overcoming a traumatic past relationships. *Much Ado About a Kiss* by Heather Tullis focuses on Fay Griffith and Austin Sparks. This is a second chance story and covers themes such as forgiveness and confessing past mistakes.

This is a great collection of novellas based in a fictional town named Echo Ridge. All the stories have something to do with the library fundraiser that the town is doing. The first one *The Kiss Thief* is about Brittany Klein who is the head librarian. She was teased and ridiculed as a child for her German heritage so she tries to hide it. Milo Geissler is the local piano tuner and a gifted musician and very German. He has been interested in Britta from the beginning and Britta feels an attraction towards him too but she fights it because of his obvious German heritage. Milo comes to Britta's rescue a few times and Britta's heart starts to soften towards him. Can Britta see past childhood experiences to find a love of a lifetime? The next story *The Lion, The Library* is about Jennifer and Kirk. Jennifer wants to be more than just Kirk's best friend. Bay Barrington a movie star that Kirk has been obsessed with comes to town and the two start to date. Jennifer must decide whether to fight for Kirk or let him go and move on. Will Kirk open his eyes and see that his best friend can be so much more? *The Last of the Gentlemen* is about Emma Turner a single mom who is struggling to make ends meet and her son's lacrosse coach Chayton. Emma lost her first husband to death and went through a bad divorce with her second abusive husband. She has given up on happily ever after and is just trying to take care of her 3 children. Chayton admires Emma's beauty and her strength. He can't help but love her children too. Will Emma let Chayton help her see that she has a chance at love and a complete family? *Much Ado about a kiss* is about Fay who owns the town's

main restaurant and her brother's best friend Austin. Fay and Austin shared a kiss in high school which Fay thinks was a prank.

The Kiss Thief by Rachelle J. Christensen This was such a cute story! I was about two insecure people trying to overcome their own shortcomings to be able to learn love each other. When love comes before they expected they both become skiddish and run from each other. We all do that in life don't we? This was a great reminder of many life lessons. Great job Rachelle! The Lion, The Witch, and the Library by Lucy McConnell I loved this one! Jennifer and Kirke were made for each other. Best friends long before a serious relationship bloomed which is how it should be! The best relationships come from being best friends in my opinion. This was an awesome addition to the set! The Last of the Gentlemen by: Cami Checketts I loved this one so much! Being a single Mom is hard. Trying to keep all your kids happy as well as your self, while still doing everything, is exhausting. I know from experience because my hubs is gone A LOT and I play this role nearly everyday. Emma needed a guy like Chayton in her life to help keep things balanced and to love her AND all her baggage. All the lacrosse stuff was great too. I know that is a big part of the Author's life which makes the story that much better. I love a great happily ever after! Another great one Cami! Much Ado About A Kiss by: Heather Tullis Fay reminds me so much of me. I am not a forgiving person at all. Once you are on my bad side it's near impossible to change my mind about you. I needed to hear this story this week. I think it was meant just for me... I loved Fay and Austin's story it was awesome. They come from a long history with a lot of misunderstanding. It was so fun to watch them try to build a new and better relationship. This story brought on a lot of thinking material for me...

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