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Just Like Christmas Morning

by Michele Brouder

Anna Beckett has a soulless job as an accountant for Gallagher Industries. It's a job that pays well but one that sucks the life out of her. At work, she runs a tight ship and is known for her no nonsense, dour attitude. Quite by accident, she becomes a volunteer cuddler at the hospital across the street. As she spends her lunch hour holding the sickest babies in the neonatal unit, she begins to realize there's more to life than work.

Jack Gallagher is the second son of the Gallagher family. His older brother runs the company while Jack's position is less defined, which makes him feel like he's drifting. When he's thrust into the position of dressing as Santa Claus to visit the children's hospital, he realizes how useless he really is in the family business. But then he recognizes the accountant from work, the one woman who doesn't succumb to his charms, the only one who puts him in his place, and he begins to see her in a different light.

Can they overcome their differences and wronged perceptions of each other to form a lasting bond?