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~BETHANY TURNER, award-winning author of *The Secret Life of Sarah Hollenbeck*

Holly Noel Brigham is making a list and checking it twice—counting all the reasons she is fed up with her not-so-jolly reality:

- Single
- Broke
- Sleeping in her childhood bedroom at the age of thirty

After her dreams of opening a community art space in the city are shattered, Holly returns to her hometown of Bavarian Falls—the Christmas capital of the Midwest. She finds seasonal employment personalizing ornaments at Neumann’s, the mile-long Christmas store, instead of decking gallery walls with her art.

As December draws near, a melancholy mood—instead of mistletoe—hangs over Holly’s head. The only guy showing any interest in her is quirky Frank, who keeps her laughing but makes her feel boxed in. Then there’s handsome Nik, who has a shady past but takes her ambitions seriously.

As Holly faces fractured relationships and embarrassing misunderstandings, will she unwrap more disappointment or say yes to love, with no strings attached?

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### **Praise for *A Very Bavarian Christmas***

"Just in time to remind us all of the hope still waiting at the end of a hard year, comes Katie Reid's *A Very Bavarian Christmas*. Let her reluctant ornament decorator, Holly, remind you why home is a beacon, healing a gift, and how love, like hot chocolate and the meaning of Christmas, can warm you from the inside." —LISA-JO BAKER, bestselling author of *Never Unfriended*

"If you're looking for a holiday-themed read that will warm your heart but also make you think, *A Very Bavarian Christmas* is the perfect pick! The storyline and characters draw you in from the get-go and you'll find yourself relating to their struggles and cheering for their victories."

—CRYSTAL PAINE, New York Times bestselling author and founder of [MoneySavingMom.com](http://MoneySavingMom.com)

"Sparkling with humor and radiating with warmth, *A Very Bavarian Christmas* is a heartwarming tale in which Christmas spirit is abundant, but not without strings attached. Fans of Hallmark's 'Countdown to Christmas' will be swept away by this powerful journey of healing, reconciliation, and the second chances we must allow ourselves to take."

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### **Interview Topics:**

- Shifting expectations when you face disappointments and detours
- Exchanging a lack list for a lavish list even when the holidays hurt
- Saying 'yes' to the season you find yourself in right now
- Facing the pain of the past so you can be more present and hold hope for the future

### **Interview Questions:**

1. As a mom of five, what are some of your favorite holiday traditions?
2. What tips do you have for navigating the holiday season when you've experienced hurt or loss?
3. This is an uplifting story, with Christmas movie vibes, yet you tackle real-life issues too. What motivated you to do so?
4. A theme of *A Very Bavarian Christmas* is laying down expectations and living with open hands. How does this play out with the characters and in your own life?
5. This novel was written after a disappointment in your career, how has this detour surprised you? What hope can you offer those who are waiting for a breakthrough?
6. There are two songs in your novel, what is the story behind them and how do they point toward healing?