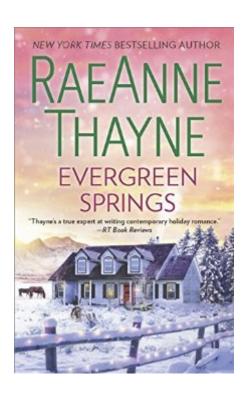
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# **Evergreen Springs (Haven Point)**





### Synopsis

Celebrate the magic of Christmas in Haven Point with New York Times bestselling author RaeAnne Thayne, where hope, home and happily-ever-after are as close as your holiday stocking… Christmas is the last thing on Cole Barrett's mind this year. He's barely hanging on trying to care for his two grieving children since his ex-wife died in a tragic accident. For the reclusive Cole, this is no time for gift-giving and celebration—and certainly not for a sunny-natured optimist to blow into his screwed-up life. Physician Devin Shaw has long researched the curative powers of Lake Haven's mineral waters. Unfortunately, the hot springs are on Barrett property, forcing Devin to strike a bargain with the ranch's attractively gruff owner: she'll give Cole's children a magical Christmas, and Cole will allow her patients access to the springs. But can she work her holiday magic to heal the Barrett family's battered hearts—and her own?

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#### Customer Reviews

What a joyful way to dream of Christmas, with white snow falling over the mountains and Lake Haven, located in Haven Point, Idaho. Evergreen Springs is no exception, with the fir trees, barns, horses, farm house, and one that also has hot mineral springs. Cole has two children, ages 8 and 6, to care for full time, as his ex-wife is now deceased, and he hardly ever had the chance to see them

in their young life. With his busy farm life, he is stressed, has been a loner for many years, and has been very hard on himself due to his past, not so innocent life. His sister, Tricia, pregnant with twins, has left her husband back in California and is staying with them to help Cole with both his daughter, Jazmyn, and his son, Ty. A fall sends her to the hospital, and due to the late stages of her pregnancy, she has to stay until her son and daughter are born. Devin, a general practice physician, works at the hospital and there, Cole and Devin meet. There are so many incidences that have taken place in both Cole's and Devin's life. Both are broken in their own way. Read this beautiful novel. There are many fun, loving, caring people that live in the area. I fell in love with the characters, and it is written with love.

THIS IS THE BOOK TO READ THIS CHRISTMAS!!!I absolutely LOVE the magical feeling that comes with a RaeAnne Thayne Christmas novel!!! Evergreen Springs is a novel that should not be missed!!! Everyone should read this book and become under RaeAnne Thayne's spell. Her beautiful writing draws you into the story right away and keeps you there in a winter wonderland till the very last page. You totally fall in love with these characters. They are so likable and fun!! Dr. Devin Shaw is such a humble, giving and sweet person who deserves to fall in love so much. You want her to have her happily ever after so bad! She feels an instant attraction towards Cole, who is an ex-con rodeo star and also a single dad struggling to connect with his grieving kids. Cole is hot! There is nothing Devin wants more then to give this family a happy and memorable Christmas. Reading about how Devin and Cole and the kids all come together to be one big happy family has all the great feels. This is such a wonderful Christmas story filled with love, hope, and forgiveness. RaeAnne's Christmas novels are like warm blankets on the soul!!! Everygreen Springs is the PERFECT winter/holiday read, but its such a great story that it should be enjoyed anytime throughout the year!!! I can't wait to read what's next in Haven Point. This is a series and Everygreen Springs is #3, it works GREAT as a standalone. But honestly I LOVE this whole series and it's so much fun to know who's who. Happy Reading!!!

Evergreen Springs is the third book in the Haven Point series. This is the story of Devin Shaw and Cole Barrett. Devin is a doctor, who lives in her childhood home with her two cats. She is a strong and compassionate woman with many friends. She is also a cancer survivor, which still greatly impacts her life. Cole Barrett is, in his own mind, a "struggling, out-of-his-depth single father". He avoids going into town because he believes that people whisper behind his back that he's an ex-con, washed up disaster. He is all of those things, but he's also a loving father to his children,

Jazmyn and Ty, and a wonderfully overprotective brother to Tricia. They meet when Cole brings his sister to the emergency room. Tricia and Devin were in school together, so they have an instant rapport. Devin learns that Cole is in a bind with his kids and has no one to take care of them while he works. Devin shows up at his home with enough food, cooked by friendly townspeople, to feed him and his kids for a month. She proceeds to build snowmen, decorate his house for Christmas, entertain Jazmyn and Ty and burrow her way into Cole's heart. Devin and Cole have issues to work through, but they have enough love in their hearts to give to everyone around them and each other. Evergreen Springs is a wonderful holiday book that will be added to my list to read again in December. In fact, I enjoyed this book so much that I one-clicked books one and two in the series almost immediately.

This is a beautiful poignant story of a badass, loner cowboy with two children, and a smart, savvy small town doctor. Both have some pretty toxic baggage, but manage to find their way home to each other. The characters are complex and real; the story very believable. I got so wrapped up in the storyline I was in tears and let out a big breath I didn't realize I was holding as I finished reading. I'm fairly easy to please, but this book is a standout! Must read!

I pre-ordered this book hoping I would enjoy it as well. I loved Cole and his kids, esp. Jazmyn who was clearly struggling. The female character, Devin, was too perfect and in turn, more annoying than interesting. Everyone loved her, she knew exactly what to say and when to say it and who to say it to and her character fell flat. And while Devin thought Jazmyn was a little "know it all" I felt Devin was the know it all. She kept offering Cole advice regarding his relationship with his dad, even though it was unwarranted and none of her business, she knew everything about how to raise kids, even though she had none of her own, and in the end, the character grated on my nerves more than anything. She hinted now and then about 'her secret' but at that point, I didn't care because I hadn't grown to care about the character as the story went on. I put the book aside a few times and only went back to it to see how things resolved for the children. If you want to read a really good RaeAnne Thayne Christmas book, check out Christmas in Snowflake Canyon.

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