

Screenwriter Nick Coen, famous for his Oscar-nominated debut screenplay, comes home from a business meeting the week before Christmas to find his fiancée in the process of moving out. While their whirlwind romance was at first marked by lavish parties and high-society events, she tells him that she's become bored with their life together, especially after Nick's most recent film was a commercial and critical failure.

Not wanting to spend the holiday alone and having few true friends on the West Coast, Nick decides to fly home to his cozy New England hometown, Garland, to stay with his parents and sister for Christmas for the first time in several years.

When he arrives in town, Nick is instantly met with open arms by the locals who consider him their resident celebrity due to his film career. Chief amongst his fans is Megan, his childhood next door neighbor and best friend whom he'd always secretly loved but hasn't spoken to in years.

As his mom funnels her energy into preparing her "world famous" cookies for the annual Christmas on the Common celebration and bake sale, Nick spends time with his sister and reconnects with a number of other familiar faces from his past, including high school friend Luke, now a local handyman, Big Dan, the town's cheerful Christmas tree salesman, and Chad, Megan's ex-boyfriend whom has always been a rival. While at first the small-town traditions and local quirks turn off the "big city" screenwriter, he comes to embrace the quaint and genuine charms that had been absent from his life.

In the days leading up to Christmas, Nick and Megan spend more and more time together, rekindling many of the feelings they shared growing up. One night, after singing a duet together at the town's annual Christmas Eve-Eve karaoke party, the two share a kiss and finally admit their feelings.

But with Christmas around the corner and Nick's time in Garland nearing its end, he finds himself forced to choose between taking a chance on small-town happiness or returning to the flashy Hollywood lifestyle that he's become used to.