

Christmas Stories For The Heart

The perfect gift this Christmas season: a generous selection of some of the greatest festive stories of all time. This is a collection of the most magical, moving, chilling and surprising Christmas stories from around the world, taking us from frozen Nordic woods to glittering Paris, a New York speakeasy to an English country house, bustling Lagos to midnight mass in Rio, and even outer space. Here are classic tales from writers including Truman Capote, Shirley Jackson, Dylan Thomas, Saki and Chekhov, as well as little-known treasures such as Italo Calvino's wry sideways look at Christmas consumerism, Wolfdietrich Schnurre's story of festive ingenuity in Berlin, Selma Lagerlof's enchanted forest in Sweden, and Irène Nemerovsky's dark family portrait. Featuring santas, ghosts, trolls, unexpected guests, curmudgeons and miracles, here is Christmas as imagined by some of the greatest short story writers of all time. A collection of Christmas stories by beloved Christian writers shares a faith-based perspective on the season, in a three-part anthology that includes the sections "Christmas Treasures," "Once Upon a Christmas," and "Christmas Reflections."

Presents stories about the special traditions friends and families share during the Christmas season, including picking out the tree, watching the annual Christmas pageant, donating gifts, and sharing meals.

Six writers offer a fresh perspective on the birth of Jesus and its implications for all Christians. Nineteenth-century London—Verity's father has passed away, so in order to pay for the surgery her sister needs, she becomes a theater dancer under a false name. Dancers are considered no better than harlots in the eyes of gentlemen, so Viscount Fillion Guzby decides he can buy some time with her—in fact, he asks her to spend Christmas with him in exchange for five hundred pounds!

Original title: 24 histoires de Noel pour attendre Jesus.

A Christmas novella for fans of the hit drama series *LONGMIRE* now on Netflix and the New York Times—bestselling series. Craig Johnson's new novel, *The Western Star*, will be available from Viking in Fall 2017. Sheriff Walt Longmire is in his office reading *A Christmas Carol* when he is interrupted by a ghost of Christmas past: a young woman with a hairline scar and more than a few questions about his predecessor, Lucian Connally. With his daughter Cady and undersheriff Moretti otherwise engaged, Walt's on his own this Christmas Eve, so he agrees to help her. At the Durant Home for Assisted Living, Lucian is several tumblers into his Pappy Van Winkle's and swears he's never clapped eyes on the woman before. Disappointed, she whispers "Steamboat" and begins a story that takes them all back to Christmas Eve 1988—a story that will thrill and delight the bestselling series' devoted fans.

This touching selection of stories is divided into topics of friendship, encouragement, love, family and faith.

Forever cherish your favorite Christmas traditions and celebrations with this heirloom-quality memory album! With an elegant linen cover, archival-quality paper, and hand-drawn illustrations, *Our Christmas Story: A Modern Christmas Memory Book* will be a family treasure for years and generations to come.

Cherish your Favorite Memories:

- Write down meaningful traditions
- Remember holiday celebrations you hosted or attended
- Record special gifts given or received
- Save photos with Santa or annual family Christmas cards
- Preserve treasured family recipes
- And so much more!

Heirloom Quality:

- Chic, timeless design
- Elegant linen cover
- Acid-free and archival paper
- Generous 9.75" x 9.75" trim size offers ample space for photos and cards
- Lay-flat design allows you to easily write in the book
- A pocket to safely store letters to Santa

and other Christmas keepsakes • Lovingly designed artwork and thoughtful prompts encourage you to reflect and celebrate PS: It's the perfect holiday gift! Hard to believe, but Christmas in My Heart is now the longest-running Christmas story series in America. For 13 years now a new collection of heart-tugging Christmas stories has faithfully appeared every fall. Somewhere along the way we suddenly realized that collectively this Currier & Ives series (each book sports a Currier & Ives cover) houses the most significant collection of the world's most beloved Christmas stories that exists today. It is for this reason that at virtually every book signing we experience a run on the complete collection. And no one wants to be without the newest one! Book jacket.

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Karen Kingsbury comes a life-changing holiday tale of love and hope after heartbreak. Two years after the car accident that took Erin Baxter's life, her father, John Baxter, still lives in constant grief. John's heartbreak prompts him to invite Kendra Bryant, the transplant recipient who now has Erin's heart, to Christmas Eve dinner despite protests from his remaining children. Ashley and Luke want to protect their ten-year-old niece who is the only surviving child of Erin's, but John remains determined and believes that meeting this woman is something his deceased daughter would want. Meanwhile, Kendra Bryant is struggling to come to terms with the tragedy that gave her a second chance. It is only when she witnesses the Baxter's unwavering faith in God that she begins to heal and allow peace and happiness back into her life. At the same time, Maddie West, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Brooke Baxter West, continues to pray for meaning this Christmas. When she discovers a newfound friendship with a boy she never expected to see again, she begins to believe in miracles, especially around Christmastime. A Baxter Family Christmas is a heartwarming story that brings together two families in the midst of tragedy and loss, all with the help one very special child.

Four holiday tales capture the magic and romance of the Christmas season.

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Harl Christmas 1990 by Nora Roberts\Patricia Potter\Ruth Langan released on Sep 24, 1990 is available now for purchase.

"This collection of classic Christmas stories, part of the longest-running Christmas story series in America, contains the author's favorite entries from books one through thirteen"--

The heart of Christmas: "When a chance meeting brings together a gentle seamstress and a widowed banker, each lonely soul finds a first hint of hope. As their lives become entwined, it will take Christmas spirit to guide a broken family to love and healing."--

Repackaged with a new cover, this collection, previously titled "More Stories for the Heart", offers up over 100 stories that hug readers' hearts and encourage their souls. This treasury of timeless tales is written by some of today's best-known communicators. It's never too late to go home It's Christmastime at the Brenneman Bed and Breakfast, and everyone is excited about closing down for the holidays. But when two unexpected

visitors appear seeking shelter, the family's commitment to hospitality is tested. First Levi arrives, sullen and angry . . . but insisting on staying for five days. Next Melody shows up. She's almost nine months pregnant, but won't say a word about why she traveled all the way from Kentucky by herself. As the two strangers settle in, the Brennemans try to make the best of an uncomfortable situation, except for Katie, who and knows a thing or two about keeping secrets. She is determined to learn the truth about these two strangers . . . all while keeping her own secret safely hidden away. All is revealed when a snowstorm traps them at the inn.

A young girl who's beloved brother is killed in an accident, searches for his heart which was donated for a heart transplant.

USA TODAY bestselling author Sheila Roberts takes readers to the charming, snowbound town of Pine River in this irresistible holiday romance. Sometimes you need to look beyond the big picture to see what really matters Olivia Berg's charity, Christmas from the Heart, has helped generations of families in need in Pine River, Washington, but this year might be the end of the road. Hightower Enterprises, one of their biggest donors since way back when Olivia's grandmother ran the charity, has been taken over by Ebenezer Scrooge the Second, aka CFO Guy Hightower, and he's declared there will be no more money coming to Christmas from the Heart. Guy is simply being practical. Hightower Enterprises needs to tighten its belt, and when you don't have money to spare, you don't have money to share. You'd think even the pushy Olivia Berg could understand that. With charitable donations dwindling, Olivia's Christmas budget depends on Hightower's contribution. She's focused her whole life on helping this small town, even putting her love life on hold to support her mission. When Guy's Maserati breaks down at the edge of the Cascade foothills, he's relieved to be rescued by a pretty young woman who drives him to the nearby town of Pine River. Until he realizes his rescuer is none other than Olivia Berg. What's a Scrooge to do? Plug his nose and eat fruitcake and hope she doesn't learn his true identity before he can get out of town. What could go wrong?

Is your December cluttered? Does Christmas leave you fretting instead of singing "Joy to the World"? In *A Scrapbook of Christmas Firsts*, discover how to bring harmony to this busy month. Tips for family traditions, connecting generations, children, gift giving, how to grow myrrh and much more. Try the scrumptious "Cookie Canister" recipes. Read about families who experienced Christmas firsts. This is a book to help you un-complicate Christmas, rediscover the real source of joy and usher in the celebration of faith, family and a Savior. This book is written by six well-known authors: Cathy Messecar, Trish Berg, Terra Hangen, Brenda Nixon, Karen Robbins and Leslie Wilson. Trish Berg is a national speaker and author of *Rattled* and *The Great American Supper Swap*. She has been a featured speaker for MOPS International and Hearts at Home and interviewed on ABC, Focus on the Family and Midday Connection. Trish lives in Ohio with her husband, Mike and their four children. www.TrishBerg.com. Terra Hangen's articles appear in dozens of magazines on subjects including Bible gardening, penguins, flowers and herbs, bicycle soldiers and prayer. A contributing author to *Rainy Day Book* and the garden columnist for www.positivelyfeminine.org, she and her husband live in coastal California, where she enjoys gardening while her cats nap in the sun. <http://terragarden.blogspot.com> Cathy Messecar is a newspaper columnist, author of *The Stained Glass Pickup* and speaker. She lives on Leaning Tree

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<http://stainedglasspickup.blogspot.com> Brenda Nixon, M.A. as the former parenting expert for Kansas City's Fox4 Noon News, she speaks to issues affecting today's families, helping parents and professionals understand child development and parenting issues. She is the author of *The Birth to Five Book: Confident Childrearing Right from the Start* Revell Spring '09, a speaker, media personality and educator and offers free discipline tips at www.BrendaNixon.com. Karen Robbins, freelance writer and speaker, is also a world traveler, SCUBA diver, Mother of five and the grandmother of six. She writes regularly for PositivelyFeminine.org and *Lake Erie Living Magazine* and has contributed to several compilation books. Karen lives with her husband, Bob, in Independence, Ohio. www.KarenRobbins.com Leslie Wilson pens a weekly humor column, *Reality Motherhood* and makes thousands laugh each year through *Hearts at Home*, *MOPS* and *Early Childhood PTAs*. She's a contributing author to the *Groovy Chicks Road Trip* series, *Chicken Soup for the Mother of Preschoolers Soul* and dozens of parenting magazines. Visit www.RealityMotherhood.com.

Keeping Christmas is a compelling collection of short Yuletide stories by a host of outstanding, well known and loved writers. These warm, wonderful, and rewarding stories tug at the heartstrings, tickle the funny bone, or inspire - or all three. Because these true stories open the heart and capture all that is good and kind in the human spirit - loving, sharing, caring, laughter, joy, etc. - they rekindle the true meaning and spirit of Christmas. The stories are written or told by people such as Lewis Grizzard, Paul Harvey, Dr. Robert Schuller, Victor Parachin and many more.

This book gathers beloved Christmas stories that celebrate the joy of being with those you love, no matter where that may be. The collection includes works by O'Henry, Louisa May Alcott, Pearl S. Buck, Grace Richmond, and others. Free CD included. A moving tribute to the true meaning of Christmas, this charming holiday collection features over fifty true stories that will make you laugh, cry and remind you that the greatest gifts in life can't be wrapped. There's something truly magical about Christmas. Combining two charming story collections—*A Miracle Under the Christmas Tree* and *A Kiss Under the Mistletoe*—into one beautiful package, these heartwarming stories of the kindness of strangers, reunions with loved ones and the blessings of answered prayers capture the spirit of the season. From a snowy impromptu game of Frisbee in the center of a holiday light display to a woman's trepidation as she arrives home on Christmas Eve with crates of rescued shelter dogs, these stories will brighten the spirit of you and your family this season and for many future seasons to come. Some stories are funny, some are sweet and some are heartbreaking, but all of them show that if our hearts are open to giving and receiving love during this special season, incredible things can happen.

A collection of Christmas stories gathered and shared generation after generation. Collection of short stories about Christmas. For any age group that can read from 10 to 100

A heartwarming legacy of holiday stories that all ages and all families can share. Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas through this memorable collection from master storyteller Joe Wheeler. Gather the family and pass on the tradition of sharing stories of faith, hope, and love. Write your own memories in the journaling pages to make this book a timeless keepsake.

A Sunday Telegraph Book of the Year Winterson's winter tales unfailingly succeed in their endeavor to leave you aglow? - Guardian For years Jeanette Winterson has written a new story at Christmas time and here she brings together twelve of her brilliantly imaginative, funny, and bold tales, along with twelve delicious recipes for the twelve days of Christmas.

Children experience Christmas through magic, anticipation, and learning about the baby Jesus. As we mature, we experience Christmas through the gifts we give, the love we share, and the magic we create for others. A Chicken Soup for the Soul Christmas brings back the memories of childhood through the eyes of children on Christmas day and inspires good deeds by reminding us how the smallest gesture can truly change a life.

When a retired schoolteacher finds a lost child who can't remember her name, the schoolteacher and her elderly neighbor embark on a quest to discover the child's identity and return her to her family. They encounter a mystery, foster a romance, rescue a community choir, assist a family in crisis, and witness a miracle. Along the way, they remind their small town of the things which really matter in life: friendship, service, forgiveness, and the strength of family.

Open up this precious treasury of classic stories and you rediscover what makes Christmas so special. Fond memories come flooding back as these heartwarming tales transport you to happy times surrounded by family and friends. What makes these stories such a special gift is that they come from the heart. They share the spark of Christmas in all of us--the caring, the sharing, and the self-giving love. Joe Wheeler's great discovery is that the best of Christmas is in our hearts, and we embrace life in new ways when we read heartwarming stories about this joyous season. He was so convinced of this that he began to collect all sorts of Christmas stories, old and new, from far and wide. With the trained eye of a seasoned English professor, and the sensitive heart of one who grew up listening to wonderful stories year after year, he knows a good story when he hears it. In Christmas in My Heart, the author brings together the best old familiar favorites and fresh new yarns from his literary treasure trove. The riches of master storytellers such as Pearl S. Buck, Madeleine L'Engle, Taylor Caldwell, and O. Henry are combined with stirring tales from the golden age of Christmas stories to form a priceless treasury of holiday classics. Read them once, to loved ones or in peaceful solitude, and they will forever become a part of your family's Christmas traditions. Because these stories sparkle and shine with the true spirit of Christmas, they will make you smile, bring tears to your eyes, and give you goose bumps all over. You may give this delightful collection as a gift from the heart to someone you love, or buy it for yourself. No matter what, you won't be able to put it down, or to let one Christmas pass by without opening this timeless treasury of heartwarming stories.

"Every Who down in Who-ville liked Christmas a lot . . . but the Grinch, who lived just north of Who-ville, did NOT!" Not since "Twas the night before Christmas" has the beginning of a Christmas tale been so instantly recognizable. No holiday season is complete without the Grinch, Max, Cindy-Lou, and all the residents of Who-ville, in this heartwarming story about the effects of the Christmas spirit on even the smallest and coldest of hearts. Like mistletoe, candy canes, and caroling, the Grinch is a mainstay of the holidays, and his story is the perfect gift for young and old. This Read & Listen

edition contains audio narration.

A heartwarming collection of holiday tales brings readers together around a warm hearth to celebrate the Christmas season.

A reminiscence of a Christmas shared by a seven-year-old boy and a sixtyish childlike woman, with enormous love and friendship between them.

"Brad and Sherry Hansen Steiger are two of my favorite people. Their wonderful book *Christmas Miracles* is a treasury of uplifting stories that demonstrates the wonders that can and do accompany our lives." —Shirley MacLaine, Academy Award-winning actress and author
The promise that miracles can happen is never more certain than during the holiday season, when it really does seem that your dreams and wishes can come true. From a guardian angel who finds a desperately needed job for a man whose wife is about to give birth right before Christmas to pair of grieving parents who receive a warm Christmas message from their recently departed son, these incredible-but-true, larger-than-life miracles celebrate the wondrous joys of this special time of year. Because the first Christmas—and every one since—is a miracle.

Hiring him could be her best idea. Or her worst mistake. Quinn has inherited the farm and workshop that once housed the famous Hardwick Ornament Company. She invests everything in reopening her family's business and hires glass artist Nolan Vesser, whose family used to design ornaments for hers, to work his creative magic. After an accident burned Nolan's studio to the ground, he thought he'd lost everything. But when he looked in his safety deposit box for his renter's insurance, he came across an overlooked piece of paper that changed everything. As Nolan spends time with Quinn, she sparks his artistic inspiration. But when she learns about his secret, can their new romance survive? This heartwarming holiday romance includes a free Hallmark original recipe for Cranberry Walnut Bread With Orange Glaze. This Graphic Novel Series features classic tales retold with attractive color illustrations. Educations using the Dale-Chall vocabulary system adapted each title. Each 70 page, softcover book retains key phrases and quotations from the original classics. Introduce literature to reluctant readers and motivate struggling readers. Students build confidence through reading practice. Motivation makes all the difference. What's more motivation then the expectation of success?

From the ancient biblical story to those modern holiday favorites we watch on television every year, for those who seek meaning in the chaos of Christmas, *Yuletide Blessings* gathers truths, myths, and legends that point readers back to "the reason for the season." A perfect companion for quiet nights by the colorfully lit tree, this cozy book of brief essays is topically arranged by author Nan Corbitt Allen. The biblical roots of Christmas are explored in separate entries about angels, shepherds, Mary and Joseph, the wise men, and the little town of Bethlehem. Next, we learn stories behind characters and traditions that followed: the little drummer boy, decorations, St. Nicholas, and more. The unique origins of select Christmas carols are also revealed, inspiring accounts of Christmas during wartime testify to the wonder of peace, and we get the inside scoop on how *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and *It's a Wonderful Life* came to be such staples of the season. After enjoying these recollections, you are invited to stay mindful of personal yuletide blessings by writing your own favorite Christmas memories at the end of the book.

Beloved author-illustrator Patricia Polacco's holiday story is a wonderful ode to the magic of family, Christmas, and giving the right kind of gifts—gifts filled with love. Richie and Trisha want to buy Christmas gifts for their family, but they don't have enough money. Enter Kay Lamity, a new housekeeper . . . but is that all she is? She comes into their lives like a whirlwind, brimming with positive energy and a can-do attitude. Kay not only straightens them out when it comes to whether or not Santa Claus is real, she teaches them something about gifts: the just-good-enough kind that come from the pocketbook and the unforgettable kind that come from

the heart. Because of Kay, Trisha and Richie—and the family—have a Christmas morning they will never forget. Celebrating the joy of homemade gifts, Patricia Polacco introduces readers to a new character who is truly a force of nature in this story reminiscent of Christmas Tapestry and An Orange for Frankie. This is a magical Christmas story the author swears is true, right down to the sleigh tracks on the farmhouse roof!

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