

Dear Father Christmas

The Gift of the Magi is a treasured short story written by O. Henry. A young and very much in love couple can barely afford their one-room apartment, let alone the extra expense of getting Christmas presents for one another. But each is determined to show their love for the other in this traditional time of giving; each sells a thing they hold most dear in order to afford a present, with poignant and touching results that capture their love for one another.

"A Jewish girl decides that she wants to celebrate Christmas, so she writes a letter to Santa."--

A letter to Santa starts off a merry chain of gift-wrapping, but nothing is quite right and each time Santa thinks better of his choice. Lift the flaps to unwrap each present and find out what Santa chooses as the perfect present in the end!

He's a symbol of hope and happiness, of generosity and benevolence. Santa Clause is simply one of the most beloved legends ever embraced. The Story of Santa explores the history of Father Christmas. Who is he, really? Where did he come from? (His origins may surprise you!) Why does he fulfill our wishes? And what can we learn from him? He's become a ubiquitous figure during the Christmas season with his white beard, red suit, and prominent belly, but just how much do those celebrating the happy holiday really know about Santa Claus? Here is the whole story from the beginning—including the pre-Santas like Sinterklaas, Father Christmas, and of course, St. Nicholas. This beautifully illustrated book celebrates all things Santa ranging from the much-loved poem "The Night Before Christmas" to the songs, movies, images, and stories that are loved by both young and old. Along the way, it explores the favorite stories that have sprung up around him, including Santa's elves, his workshop, Santa's beloved reindeer and the legend of Mrs. Claus and the North Pole abode where she and her husband make their home. You'll even learn the secret to how Santa has time to visit every house around the world in just one night (a mathematician explains how it's physically possible).

Newbery Medal Winner * Teachers' Top 100 Books for Children * ALA Notable Children's Book Beverly Cleary's timeless Newbery Medal-winning book explores difficult topics like divorce, insecurity, and bullying through the thoughts and emotions of a sixth-grade boy as he writes to his favorite author, Boyd Henshaw. After his parents separate, Leigh Botts moves to a new town with his mother. Struggling to make friends and deal with his anger toward his absent father, Leigh loses himself in a class assignment in which he must write to his favorite author. When Mr. Henshaw responds, the two form an unexpected friendship that will change Leigh's life forever. From the beloved author of the Henry Huggins, Ramona Quimby, and Ralph S. Mouse series comes an epistolary novel about how to navigate and heal from life's growing pains.

Every December an envelope bearing a stamp from the North Pole would arrive for J.R.R. Tolkien's children. Inside would be a letter in a strange, spidery handwriting and a beautiful colored drawing or painting. The letters were from Father Christmas. They told wonderful tales of life at the North Pole: how the reindeer got loose and scattered presents all over the place; how the accident-prone North Polar Bear climbed the North Pole and fell through the roof of Father Christmas's house into the dining room; how he broke the Moon into four pieces and made the Man in it fall into the back garden; how there were wars with the troublesome horde of goblins who lived in the caves beneath the house, and many more. No reader, young or old, can fail to be charmed by Tolkien's inventiveness in this classic holiday treat.

Papa Journal 8.5 x 11 size 120 Lined Pages Best Papa Ever Notebook Gifts on Birthday, Father's Day or Christmas.

Benny liked burgers. Benny LOVED burgers. Burgers were the only food that Benny would eat. "You'll turn into a burger one day," his mum warned. And one day, Benny did. And that is just the start of a madcap chase in which the hapless Benny is pursued across the countryside by a mob of hungry dogs, boys and angry cows. An hilarious cautionary tale with a twist from a winning author and artist team.

Sequel to the hugely popular Dear Tooth Fairy, this is a Christmas gift book full of magical treats! It is December and Holly sees a man who looks like Father Christmas. So she writes to Father Christmas to find out if it is really him. They become festive pen pals and Holly learns about the magic of elves, reindeer and life in Lapland, as well as getting a very special Christmas surprise.;Featuring a series of exciting detachable letters, a calendar, a tree decoration, a joke book and a shimmery lenticular surprise!;Dear Tooth Fairy sold out its entire first print-run in twelve weeks and was shortlisted for the Red House Children's Book Award.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A special holiday wish list brings about hope, love, and second chances in this nostalgic novel from the queen of Christmas stories, Debbie Macomber. Lindy Carmichael isn't feeling particularly joyful when she returns home to Wenatchee, Washington, for Christmas. The man she thought was "the one" has cheated on her with her best friend, and she feels completely devoid of creativity in her graphic-design job. Not even carolers or Christmas cookies can cheer her up—but Lindy's mother, Ellen, remembers an old tradition that might lift her daughter's spirits. Reading through a box of childhood letters to Santa and reminiscing about what she'd wished for as a young girl may be just the inspiration Lindy needs. With Ellen's encouragement, she decides to write a new letter to Santa, one that will encourage her to have faith and believe just as she'd done all those years ago. Little does Lindy know that this exercise in gratitude will cause her wishes to unfold before her in miraculous ways. And, thanks to some fateful twists of Christmas magic—especially an unexpected connection with a handsome former classmate—Lindy ultimately realizes that there is truly no place like home for the holidays. In Dear Santa, Debbie Macomber celebrates the joys of Christmas blessings, old and new.

Join Holly as she learns about a magical undersea world in this picture book containing a real gift.

Dear Son shares heartfelt letters written by First Nations men about life, masculinity, love, culture and racism. Along with his own vivid and poignant prose and poetry, author and editor Thomas Mayor invites 12 contributors to write a letter to their son, father or nephew, bringing together a range of perspectives that offers the greatest celebration of First Nations manhood. This beautifully designed anthology comes at a time when First Nations peoples are starting to break free of derogatory stereotypes and find solace in their communities and cultures. Yet, each contributor also has one thing in common: they all

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have a relative who has been terribly wronged – enslaved, raped and dispossessed – because of their Aboriginality. Featuring letters from Stan Grant, Troy Cassar-Daley, John Liddle, Charlie King, Joe Williams, Yessie Mosby, Joel Bayliss, Daniel James, Jack Latimore, Daniel Morrison, Tim Sculthorpe and Blak Douglas. A gentle and loving book for families from anywhere in the world. Artwork by proud Kurna/Ngarrindjeri/Narrunga/Italian Australian artist Tony Wilson, with illustrations and design by Gamilaraay designer Tristan Schultz of Relative Creative.

Father Christmas has been feeling poorly and Harvey the Christmas Elf is worried that he won't be well enough for the important sleigh ride on Christmas Eve. Luckily, a little girl called Holly is on hand to write lots of cheering letters and to help deliver the presents on the big night.

"BLOOMING CHRISTMAS, HERE AGAIN!" Raymond Briggs's hilarious comic strip picture book has amused generations of children, telling the story of grumpy Father Christmas making his rounds on the busiest night of the year. Now reissued in a small gift edition, perfect for slipping into a Christmas stocking . . .

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When Fred Roll, Windy B's favourite baker, opened his shop door early one December morning, a gust of wind blew in an invitation to take part in the annual Christmas lights competition. Just like his dear dad many years before, it was something that Fred could just not resist. For Fred, his wife, Heidi, and everybody living in the amazing Bumble Bay, this particular Christmas would be the one that they would never ever forget!

A #1 New York Times bestseller that's a Christmas must-read From the creators of the New York Times bestsellers How to Babysit a Grandpa and How to Babysit a Grandma comes an equally charming and hilarious holiday offering After waiting for days and days and days, it's finally Christmas Eve. And that's when you can try to catch Santa. . . . From Jean Reagan and Lee Wildish, creators of the bestselling HOW TO... series, comes a delightful new offering, written again in a hilarious instructional style. Two sibling narrators give clever tips for "catching" Santa (be crafty be clever be gentle) on Christmas Eve. Filled with humor and holiday warmth, this is a jolly read-aloud for the whole family to enjoy And don't miss Jean Reagan and Lee Wildish's How to Raise a Mom and How to Surprise a Dad "A new hit this year is How to Catch Santa. . . . The picture book offers lighthearted tips on how kids can steal a glimpse of Mr. Elusive, aka Santa. . . ." --USA Today

Holly doesn't want to give up her tooth, but she doesn't expect a letter from the tooth fairy when she fails to put it under her pillow. So begins a week of correspondence between Holly and the Tooth Fairy.

Finding her father's wealth a dubious blessing, Eleanor Transome nonetheless agrees to become engaged to Lord Randolph Falloden, an arrogant earl who is unable to resist the lure of cold cash.

When Ms. Holly asks the class to write their letters to Santa, Parker gets nervous. He has done some things this year that might put him on the naughty list. Like feeding Brussels sprouts to his dog and staying up past his bedtime! Should he gloss over his mistakes like his classmates, or take responsibility for his actions? Deciding that honesty is the best policy, and hoping that Santa understands, Parker hands in his letter and hopes for the best. Christmas morning arrives and Parker finds a big surprise under the tree—PLUS a letter from Santa! Includes special stationery to write your own letter to Santa. PLUS, get a FREE PERSONALIZED letter from Santa! BONUS: Kids can write a letter to Santa using the festive holiday-themed stationery included in every book. Parents can also visit putmeinthehistory.com/dearsanta for a FREE downloadable personalized letter from the desk of Santa Claus, or get a letter and official 'Nice List' certificate sent in a magical envelope all the way from the North Pole! It's never been easier to make your child's Christmas wishes come true with these activities for kids.

Join in the heart-warming story of a little boy who, after writing him a letter, gets to meet Santa on Christmas Eve. Includes your very own special letter to write!

"If somewhere in the afterlife Roald Dahl met Charles Dickens and they cooked up a new Christmas tale, it couldn't have much on this fleet, verbally rambunctious, heart-stealing follow-up to A Boy Called Christmas."—The New York Times Amelia Wishart was the first child ever to receive a Christmas present. It was her Christmas spirit that gave Santa the extra boost of magic he needed to make his first trip around the world. But now Amelia is in trouble. When her mother falls ill, she is sent to the workhouse to toil under cruel Mr. Creeper. For a whole year, Amelia scrubs the floors and eats watery gruel, without a whiff of kindness to keep her going. It's not long before her hope begins to drain away. Meanwhile, up at the North Pole, magic levels dip dangerously low as Christmas approaches, and Santa knows that something is gravely wrong. With the help of his trusty reindeer, a curious cat, and Charles Dickens, he sets out to find Amelia, the only girl who might be able to save Christmas. But first Amelia must learn to believe again. . . . "Matt Haig has an empathy for the human condition, the light and the dark of it, and he uses the full palette to build his excellent stories." —Neil Gaiman, Newbery-winning author of The Graveyard Book "With a little bit of naughty and a lot of nice, this Christmastime yarn is a veritable sugarplum." —Kirkus Reviews

Who doesn't love Santa Claus? From award-winning photographer Ron Cooper comes a beautifully curated collection of fifty professional Santas from across the country. We Are Santa is a fascinating glimpse into the lives of those who slip into the red suit to spread Christmas cheer. Before and after portraits, behind-the-scenes stories of custom made costumes and specialized training, and surprising anecdotes of on-the-job encounters bring these Santas to life. Just as Humans of New York captures the lives of everyday people, We Are Santa celebrates the humanity of everyday Santas. From a third-generation Kris Kringle to an Orthodox Jew who has been playing Santa for fifty years, Cooper's portraits are a testament to the holiday spirit. When Santa Mike, a Navy veteran and aircraft mechanic, meets a six-year-old girl with a prosthetic hand just like his own, he says, "Her eyes got big, and she threw her arms around my neck. It was the highlight of my season. That's why I'm Santa."

The talk show host describes his relationship with his father, a hard man from whom he was estranged for ten years, and details how they finally came to understand each other.

"Nick is pretty sure Santa is his grandpa! Follow along to see if you agree ..."

When Holly writes a letter to Santa rather than sending him a wish list, Santa answers all her questions about his work and, ultimately, gives her a very special gift, in a story that includes pull-out letters, an advent calendar, and other items.

The naughty step is the place Sam has to sit when he has done something he knows he REALLY shouldn't have. And Sam isn't alone. Captain Buckleboots is sitting on the

naughty step too and so is Father Christmas - uh-oh, oh no! What's going to happen on Christmas Eve now?!

Do you have a real relationship with God, or do you just have a religion? Do you know God, or do you just know about God? In *How Big Is Your God?* Paul Coutinho, SJ, challenges us to grow stronger and deeper in our faith and in our relationship with God—a God whose love knows no bounds. To help us on our way, Coutinho introduces us to people in various world religions—from Hindu friends to Buddhist teachers to St. Ignatius of Loyola—who have shaped his spiritual life and made possible his deep, personal relationship with God.

Emily Brown and her side-kick rabbit, Stanley, are back! And who's that outside the window ... it's Father Christmas! With an important message about cherishing traditions that children will understand, this is storytelling at its best, from an exciting creative team in children's books. 'Will both delight fans, and give them something to reflect on. Layton's illustrations are a joy, matching the text perfectly.' - Bookseller Written by Cressida Cowell, the bestselling author of the *How to Train Your Dragon* series.

<http://www.cressidacowell.co.uk/> Illustrated by award winning Neal Layton, creator of Stanley's Stick and illustrator of *Danny McGee Drinks The Sea*, shortlisted for the 2017 Laugh Out Loud Picture Book Award. <http://www.neallayton.co.uk/>

A poem about the visit that Santa Claus pays to the children of the world during the night before every Christmas.

Have you ever wondered where Father Christmas came from? And how he ended up with a factory at the North Pole full of elves to help him make toys? A beautifully illustrated and timeless story about how a toymaker and his wife became Mother and Father Christmas for children all over the world.

Spot finds out about Christmas trees, carol-singers and presents from Father Christmas in this fabulously festive board-book edition of a classic lift-the-flap tale by Eric Hill, complete with shiny foil cover.

If you could ask Santa for absolutely anything, what would you ask for? Samuel Johnson OAM, Australia's favourite skylarker, brother and determined cancer vanquisher, has asked his friends and supporters (who just happen to be some of Australia's best writers, comics, actors, artists, musicians and personalities) to share their letters to Santa. Some letters are naughty. Some letters are nice. Some echo a favourite childhood memory. Some beg forgiveness. Some are angry. Some just want something sweet. Some want to change their own world, others want to change the whole world. Contributors include Helen Garner, Adam Hills, Deborah Mailman, Rove McManus, Leigh Sales, Grant Denyer, John Williamson, Myf Warhurst, John Paul Young, Mia Freedman, Shaun Micallef, Missy Higgins, and many more. This little book of letters is wicked, witty and warm-hearted. It will make you laugh, think and feel and is the perfect Christmas gift for those who speak human. Illustrations by Shaun Tan Every copy sold will contribute to cancer research

Christmas Picture book for Children Read this adorable Santa book with full length color illustrations about a toddler and his pet Reindeer. Full length Christmas picture book for Children Ages 2-6. This is a beautifully illustrated Christmas book. This is a lovely and cheerful Christmas picture book for Toddlers! A sweet little child dressed as Santa and his pet Reindeer experience their very first Christmas. The book begins on the night before Christmas. See the family build up Christmas cheer, and celebrate the joyous occasion. It is a great book to introduce children to the concept of Christmas, tree decoration, white Christmas, treats, gifts and sharing. Bright, humorous and full-length pictures in each page will have your child asking for more! Ask your child to spot Santa(s) hidden in each page. There are other objects related to Christmas to find too! All the illustrations are based on the Christmas theme. Early beginner readers can read the simple, yet, interesting sentences in the book. Play these games with your toddler: Ask you child to point to all the partially hidden Santas Find the snow globe on almost every page Enjoy the various antics of the Reindeer This adorable Christmas picture book hopes to capture the spirit of Christmas and the joy of sharing. Merry Christmas! If this sounds like something you would like to read with your child, scroll up to download your copy. Sujatha Lalgudi is a Best selling children's book author and illustrator. Some of her best sellers in Books are: *My Daddy is the best Gifts for you*, *Mama Jojo's Stinky day* *Jojo's Easter Surprise* *Jojo's Christmas day* *Jojo's Playful day* *Where is my turkey?* *A Lovely Day - A Valentine Picture Book for Children* *Ben and Gwen play the game of Opposites* *Finger counting fun* *Shall we play with shapes* *Alphabet's day out* *What are you feeling, Dragon?* *Where is the Turkey?*

For years, children and adults have stuffed their candid dreams, wishes, and promises into envelopes addressed to Santa Claus. Whether the envelopes come with stamps or without, are addressed to "The Big Red Guy at Jingle Bells Lane" or simply "To Santa," for over 100 years, millions of these letters have poured into Santa Claus, Indiana. Arriving from all corners of the globe, the letters ask for toys, family reunions, snow, and help for the needy—sometimes the needy being the writers themselves. They are candid, heartfelt, and often blunt. Many children wonder how Santa gets into their chimneyless homes. One child reminds Santa that she has not hit her brothers over 1,350 times that year, and another respectfully requests two million dollars in "cold cash." One child hopes to make his life better with a time machine, an adult woman asks for a man, and one miscreant actually threatens Santa's reindeer! Containing more than 250 actual letters and envelopes from the naughty and nice reaching back to the 1930s, this moving book will touch readers' hearts and bring back memories of a time in our lives when the man with a white beard and a red suit held out the hope that our wishes might come true.

A 24-page book, illustrated in Raymond Briggs' soft crayon style, introduces the key skills of layout, grammar and spelling, while the themed stationery is sure to inspire children to put pen to paper.

This bestselling Christmas picture book by renowned children's author Michael Morpurgo and illustrator Jim Field, is now available in paperback for the first time. Michael Morpurgo frames his powerful message about protecting the environment in this beautiful personal story about a grandpa's wish for his granddaughter to live in a better world. This vital and timely story is paired with Jim Field's emotive illustrations in this gorgeous Christmas picture book, perfect for the whole family to share. Dearest little Mia, This Christmas, instead of a Christmas card - you'll have plenty of those - and instead of a present - you'll have plenty of those too, I am sending you a letter ... Every Christmas Mia and her family read a letter which her Grandpa wrote to her. His letter is a warm, impassioned and heartfelt wish for a better world for Mia to live in. He remembers fondly the times they spent in his garden finding frogs and worms and planting seeds. But

Grandpa worries that all the things they love so much are in danger ... His letter is a hopeful plea to Mia (and to all of us) to continue to care for and protect our precious world. Michael Morpurgo is a master storyteller who has written over one hundred books and won countless awards. In 1976 Michael and his wife Clare started the charity Farms For City Children, which aims to relieve the poverty of experience of young children from inner city and urban areas. In 1999 they were awarded the MBE for their work in creating these farms and in 2006 Michael received an OBE. His novel War Horse has been adapted into a hugely successful and critically acclaimed West End play as well as a film adaptation directed by Steven Spielberg. Michael is a tireless champion for children's books and was formerly the Children's Laureate. Jim Field is an award-winning illustrator, character designer and animation director. He is perhaps best known for drawings frogs on logs in the bestselling picture book series Oi Frog! He has illustrated children's books with Kes Grey, Michelle Robinson, Rachel Bright, Jeanne Willis, Steve Cole and comedian David Baddiel. His first picture book Cats Ahoy won the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and he has been nominated for several other awards including the Kate Greenaway Award and the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award. In 2016, The Bookseller listed Jim as the 6th top selling illustrator. Jim grew up in Farborough and now lives in Paris with his wife and daughter. Having put his reindeer to bed, after a hard Christmas Eve's present delivering, Santa discovers that there is still one present left. It is for Harvey Slumfenburger, so Santa sets out alone for Harvey's home. But will he get there in time?

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