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Salem, Massachusetts B&B owner Charlene Morris is looking into a holiday hit-and-run, with a little help from her ghostly housemate . . . Charlene's parents are in town for Christmas, and her mother is driving her up a tree. Her bed-and-breakfast's resident ghost, Jack, isn't fond of her either—and he's showing it with some haunting high jinks. But when Charlene takes her mom and dad out for dinner, the less-than-seasonal spirits take a deadly turn. David Baldwin has just won a fortune in the lottery—and it adds a lot of drama to the charity auction he's hosting at his restaurant. When he caps off the evening by playing Santa and handing out checks to some of the attendees, the mood shifts . . . and Charlene observes mysterious tensions between David and his flashy, bleached-blonde wife, his neglected teenage son from a previous marriage, and his hostile business partner, among others. And they're only a few on the long list of potential suspects when David runs into the road and is mowed down by a fleeing motorist. Now it looks like it's going to be homicide for the holidays . . .

Gathered together for the first time, the complete Christmas writings of internationally-acclaimed author, Mark Blasdale. Spanning the period, 2014 - 2016, GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST opens in true festive spirit with Blasdale's debut offering, KEEPING CHRISTMAS (2014), followed by SPENCER BRIDGE (2015), TWELVE TALES OF CHRISTMAS (2015), and culminates with THE RECKONING

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OF THADDEUS PIKE - A Retail Christmas Carol, 2016's wonderfully reimagined version of the Charles Dickens classic. Considered by many to be the finest author of Christmas stories this century, Mark Blasdale's gift for insightful storytelling is ably demonstrated in these fifteen tales of Christmas Past, Present, and Future.

Elizabeth's scheme to raise money for the children's wing of a local hospital--a plan involving the appearance of actor Beau Dillon--is complicated by her sister's impersonation of Elizabeth and by Christmas ghosts.

This Graphic Novel Series features classic tales retold with attractive color illustrations. Educators 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?

'I have the best ghosts, everyone says so' President Ebenezer Trump is a rich old fool, whose heart is as small as his hands and whose words are as false as his hair. On Christmas Eve, he is visited by three spirits, all intent on changing his evil ways: Bill Clinton, the jovial Ghost of Christmas Past; Barack Obama, the big-eared Ghost of Christmas Present; and the terrifying Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, who shows him how abolishing Obamacare will finish off Tiny Tim... 'This Scrooge is gonna be yoooooge...'

Charlene Morris knew Salem, Massachusetts had a spooky reputation. But when she decided to open her B&B there, she expected guests—not ghosts... A grieving young widow, Charlene needed a new start—so she bought a historic mansion, sight unseen, and drove from Chicago to New England to start turning it into a bed-and-breakfast. On her first night in the house, she awakens to find a handsome man

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with startling blue eyes in her bedroom. Terror turns to utter disbelief when he politely introduces himself as Jack Strathmore—and explains that he used to live here—when he was alive. He firmly believes that someone pushed him down the stairs three years ago, and he won't be able to leave until someone figures out who. If Charlene wants to get her business up and running in time for the Halloween tourist rush, and get this haunting houseguest out of the way, she'll have to investigate. Though truth be told, this ghost is starting to grow on her . . .

Christmas - a season of goodwill given to all mankind, and of snowbound winter wonderlands; a time for the gathering of families and friends to share in a bounteous harvest of good cheer, of sparkling decorations and roaring fires lighting up the parlour; and of glittering presents strewn beneath the glorious fir tree, and of excited children full of boundless joy in their hearts. And the time when the ghosts of those long gone, of the restless, the unhappy and the bitter are closest to the living, walking abroad in the frozen landscape outside the cosy living-room window. Here are thirteen seasonal tales of those lonely, wandering spirits, guaranteed to bring delicious thrills to all aficionados of the ghostly and the supernatural. Inside these pages you will find, amongst others, stories of eerie urban myths, age-old rituals, lost invaders from history, haunted weather phenomena, strange spirits, and creatures of myth and legend, told by some of the finest and most exciting writers working in the field

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Eighteen stories of Christmas horror from bestselling, acclaimed authors including Scott Smith, Seanan McGuire, Josh Malerman, Michael Koryta, Sarah Pinborough, and many more. That there is darkness at the heart of the Yuletide season should not surprise. Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is filled with scenes that are unsettling. Marley untying the bandage that holds his jaws together. The hideous children--Want and Ignorance--beneath the robe of the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come. The heavy ledgers Marley drags by his chains. In the finest versions of this story, the best parts are the terrifying parts. Bestselling author and editor Christopher Golden shares his love for Christmas horror stories with this anthology of all-new short fiction from some of the most talented and original writers of horror today.

A Christmas Carol in Prose, Being a Ghost Story of Christmas, usually known just as *A Christmas Carol* is a fairy-tale novel by a British classic Charles Dickens, that was published in 1843. It consists of five chapters, or staves as the author named them. Among all the stories from *Christmas Books* by Dickens this one became the most popular story about Christmas in Great Britain and outside the country. The main character is an old gloomy miser Ebenezer Scrooge, who doesn't love anyone or anything except his money. He doesn't understand

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why everybody is so happy about Christmas and with disgust, refuses the invitation from his kind nephew to celebrate this holiday together with his family. On Christmas Eve, the ghost of his former business partner Jacob Marley appeared in front of Scrooge, and it changed him drastically...

Twenty-seven original stories, written by such noted science fiction writers as Mercedes Lackey, Judith Tarr, David Gerrold, and Kristine Kathryn Rusch, celebrate the yuletide season. Original.

****Beverly Hills Book Award Finalist**** A Holiday Journey Into Life...And Afterlife Based on Charles Dickens' character of the same name, the radiant spirit is given another chance to shine when it embarks on a spiritual adventure of its own to find meaning for its being.

Christmas Ghost Stories is a chilling collection of ghost stories with a Christmas theme.

Festive cheer turns to maddening fear in this new collection of seasonal hauntings, presenting the best Christmas ghost stories from the 1850s to the 1960s. The traditional trappings of the holiday are turned upside down as restless spirits disrupt the merry games of the living, Christmas trees teem with spiteful pagan presences, and the Devil himself treads the boards at the village pantomime. As the cold night of winter closes in and the glow of the hearth begins to flicker and fade, the uninvited visitors gather in the dark in this distinctive

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assortment of haunting tales.

A present contains a monstrous secret. An uninvited guest haunts a Christmas party. A shadow slips across the floor by firelight. A festive entertainment ends in darkness and screams. Who knows what haunts the night at the dark point of the year? This collection of seasonal chillers looks beneath Christmas cheer to a world of ghosts and horrors, mixing terrifying modern fiction with classic stories by masters of the macabre. From Neil Gaiman and M. R. James to Muriel Spark and E. Nesbit, there are stories here to make the hardest soul quail - so find a comfy chair, lock the door, ignore the cold breath on your neck and get ready to welcome in the real spirits of Christmas.

A Christmas Carol, one of the holiday's greatest traditions told . . . in texts?! Imagine: What if Scrooge, Marley, the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future, and the whole Cratchit family had smartphones? A classic is reborn in this clever adaptation of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol! One grouchy old man who can't stop asking "How did you get this number?!" Three ghosts who communicate in the most modern ways, including one who ONLY uses emojis! And a status update with the most "likes" ever: God bless us, everyone! This retelling will cure even the worst bout of Bah hummingbird! #darnyouautocorrect A glossary and cast of characters are included for those who need it.

There's no room at the Inn... Sprightly Victorian spinster, Vanessa Latimer, is stranded for the holidays in the Scottish Highlands by a relentless winter blizzard. She takes refuge at a centuries-old inn where the only available room is haunted by the ghost of a warrior who fell at Culloden Moor. One who refuses to give up his side of the bed. Johnathan de Lohr awakens to find a siren bathing in the chamber of sorrows that keeps his restless spirit imprisoned. Though he's the

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ghost, John knows that the captivating woman will be the one to haunt him. Unless they can figure out a way to set his tormented soul free. Please note: This novella is also connected to The Victorian Rebels Series

Before I Fall meets “bah, humbug” in this contemporary YA reimagining of A Christmas Carol from New York Times bestselling author Cynthia Hand. On Christmas Eve five years ago, seventeen-year-old Holly Chase was visited by three Ghosts who showed her how selfish and spoiled she’d become. They tried to convince her to mend her ways. She didn’t. And then she died. Now she’s stuck working for the top-secret company Project Scrooge—as their latest Ghost of Christmas Past. So far, Holly’s afterlife has been miserable. But this year’s Scrooge is different. This year’s Scrooge might change everything... The Afterlife of Holly Chase is a witty, poignant, and insightful novel about life, love, and seizing second (or third) chances, perfect for readers who loved Before I Fall or Dash & Lily’s Book of Dares.

Romantic suspense and holiday romance, all wrapped up with a sexy ghost story. Brrr. Warm up this Christmas with Ghosts of Christmas Past. Jen MacNamara flees the Christmas wedding of her best friend and cheating fiancé and runs to the country to spend the holiday alone. It’s the perfect plan, until her unexpectedly sexy neighbor and landlord, Nate Pierce, insists on bringing the holiday to her—complete with a Christmas tree, hot chocolate, and an unexpected kiss. And that’s not Jen’s only problem. The cozy country farmhouse is already occupied by something evil. Now Jen’s nights are spent wrapped in sensual dreams of a past life, and her days growing closer to Nate as they solve the mystery of the malevolent ghost that haunts not only the house, but also wants Jen dead. Explore Jessica Aspen’s new world of contemporary, new adult, Gothic romance with her new short paranormal romance series: Haunted Holidays."

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Ebenezer Scrooge: Ghost Hunter expands the original text of Charles Dicken's classic with all-new scenes of malicious ghosts, soul devouring wraiths, deadly doppelgangers and other terrors from the netherworld. Our story opens seven years after Marley's violent death. Ebenezer Scrooge has given up ghost hunting and embraced an inevitable slow death by alcohol poisoning. When the spectre of his deceased partner appears to him on Christmas Eve, Scrooge learns that he must face three Ghosts - one who will try to help him, one who will try to harm him and one that cannot be killed. In a story that spans a lifetime of torment, Scrooge must face the demons of his past and his failures in the present in order to prevent the horror that is his future. The stakes for Scrooge's soul have never been higher than in this wicked retelling of the classic, A Christmas Carol.

These literary masterpieces are made easy and interesting. This series features classic tales retold with color illustrations to introduce literature to struggling readers. Each 64-page book retains key phrases and quotations from the original classics. Containing 11 reproducible exercises to maximize vocabulary development and comprehension skills, these guides include pre- and post- reading activities, story synopses, key vocabulary, and answer keys. The guides are digital, you simply print the activities you need for each lesson.

This book is not a traditional Christmas book but the feeling and meaning of Christmas still shone through. The characters in this book are fun and easy to get to know. This is fun reading for people who enjoy anything Christmas-related. This book will tell you the story of a Christmas elf named Evan. He longs to be a ghost hunter and get his opportunity. In his first case, he is pitted against the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and

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Future.

A beautifully illustrated collection of new Doctor Who stories, each featuring one of the twelve Doctors on a festive adventure in the TARDIS. Written by six authors and with a full-page colour illustration for each story, these tales are full of magic, mystery, wonder, excitement - and everything else that fans love about a Doctor Who Christmas special.

From NY Times Bestselling Author, Angie Fox, a hauntingly fun holiday addition to the USA TODAY bestselling Southern Ghost Hunter series Southern girl Verity Long needs a Christmas miracle... Verity is ready to deck the halls, jingle some bells, and maybe, just maybe have a merry Christmas with her boyfriend's stuffy family. Truly, if she doesn't extend the proverbial olive branch to the overbearing Wydells, she's afraid she'll hit them over the head with it. But when her boyfriend's mother pulls a shocking stunt, Verity finds herself with a big decision to make. And if that's not enough, there's an unexpected guest at her door. It's the ghost of the woman who helped rescue Verity's pet skunk three years ago that very night. And now she's there to change Verity's life as well. *A "between the books" stand-alone holiday story you don't want to miss!

This gothic classic, "The Turn of the Screw" is one of the most famous ghost stories of all time. On Christmas Eve, Douglas reads a manuscript written by a former acquaintance, the governess, whom Douglas claims to have known and who is now dead. The manuscript tells the story of how the young governess is hired by a man who has become responsible for his young nephew and

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niece after the tragic deaths of their parents. He is uninterested in raising the children. The governess's new employer gives her full responsibility for the young siblings and explicitly states that he is not to be bothered with communications of any sort. Set in a remote estate this critically acclaimed novella tells the tale of a governess who, looking after two children, becomes convinced that the grounds are haunted. This story has been adapted many times for film and television, most recently in *The Turning* (2020). Famed for its ability to create an intimate sense of confusion and suspense, this novella is a must-read for all horror and ghost story fans. Sixteen-year-old Nickolas is the only son of the man known to the world as Santa Claus. Constantly surrounded by the glitter and glitz of a Christmas season that never ends, and by enthusiastic, over-achiever elves who only appear to share his age, Nick wants nothing more than to escape the North Pole. To go where he can see the ocean instead of endless ice. He longs to attend a normal school with normal kids. He wants a real life. Though Christmas is a time of hope, of wonder and magic, it is also a time of strangeness. Of lurking shadows and unexplained occurrences. This year, when a ghost of Christmas Past is awakened, old secrets are unearthed. The bright candy shell skin of Nick's world is peeled away, revealing a much darker layer. He is not who--or what--he has been led to believe. And neither are those closest to him.

Discover this selection of the best of Dickens' Christmas stories and writings in one beautiful gift edition. The ultimate Christmas present. It is said that Charles

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Dickens invented Christmas, and within these pages you'll certainly find all the elements of a quintessential traditional Christmas brought to vivid life: snowy rooftops, gleaming shop windows, steaming bowls of punch, plum puddings like speckled cannon balls, sage and onion stuffing, miracles, magic, charity and goodwill. This beautifully produced Vintage Classics edition gathers together not only Dickens' Christmas Books ('A Christmas Carol', 'The Chimes', 'The Battle of Life', 'The Cricket on the Hearth' and 'The Haunted Man') but also stories that Dickens wrote for the special seasonal editions of his periodicals *All the Year Round* and *Household Words*, and a festive tale from *The Pickwick Papers*. A must-have for Christmas, this edition should be as necessary to your festivities as holly, mistletoe and silver bells.

From Rhys Bowen, the author of *In Farleigh Field*, comes the next Molly Murphy mystery: *The Ghost of Christmas Past*. Semi-retired private detective Molly Murphy Sullivan is suffering from depression after a miscarriage following her adventure in San Francisco during the earthquake of 1906. She and her husband, Daniel, are invited for Christmas at a mansion on the Hudson, and they gratefully accept, expecting a peaceful and relaxing holiday season. Not long after they arrive, however, they start to feel the tension in the house's atmosphere. Then they learn that the host couple's young daughter wandered out into the snow ten years ago and was never seen again. Molly can identify with the mother's pain at never knowing what happened to her child and wants to help, but there is so little to go on.

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No ransom note. No body ever found. But Molly slowly begins to suspect that the occupants of the house know more than they are letting on. Then, on Christmas Eve, there is a knock at the door and a young girl stands there. "I'm Charlotte," she says. "I've come home."

TARGET CONSUMER: For fans of romantic suspense with a paranormal edge, and readers of J.D. Robb and Christine Feehan. A new novel in the futuristic paranormal series set on the earth colony Harmony by New York Times bestselling author Jayne Castle. Jayne Castle returns to Harmony in this installment of the bestselling series. **CONTINUING THE ADVENTURE** set in the world of Harmony"--

In plenty of time for the holidays, here is a gathering of thirty tales of ghosts, hauntings, and other paranormal happenings purported to have taken place on or around Christmas, or that are otherwise related to this holiday. By a long-time believer in the paranormal who in the introduction tells the story of her own Christmas ghost, **Haunted Christmas** includes stories such as: **HAUNTED BETHLEHEM**—Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, is famous for haunted locales such as the Hotel Bethlehem, the first house built in the town, in 1741. There, guests have come to expect visits from several spirits. Predictably, things heat up at Christmas—after all, this is Bethlehem. **THE DEATH COACH OF CHRISTMAS**—One Christmas Eve in Ireland many years ago, young Nora Mahoney was returning from the bogs when an invisible something suddenly rushed past her with the sound of grinding wheels and thundering horses' hooves. Had Nora encountered the "death coach" of Irish legend?

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A Christmas-themed collection of ghost stories may seem like an odd idea, but English writer Jerome K. Jerome pulls it off in the engaging volume *Told After Supper*. Pull it out at your next holiday gathering, or read it any time you're craving some spine-tingling short fiction.

'Every idiot who goes about with "Merry Christmas" on his lips, should be boiled with his own pudding' Dickens's story of solitary miser Ebenezer Scrooge, who is taught the true meaning of Christmas by a series of ghostly visitors, has had an enduring influence on the way we think about the season. Dickens's other Christmas writings collected here include 'The Story of the Goblins who Stole a Sexton'; 'The Haunted Man'; and shorter pieces, some drawn from the 'Christmas Stories' that Dickens wrote annually for his weekly journals. In all of them Dickens celebrates Christmas as a time of geniality, charity and remembrance. Edited with an introduction by MICHAEL SLATER

Christmas is often associated with special memories, but for some it brings shadows of things that should not have been. Things like unearthly visitors who open their eyes to new worlds and new experiences. Pantomime coats, robot dogs, and a big blue box parked beneath the Christmas tree. Some think these fleeting guests are apparitions, angels, or demons. But all know that Christmas will never be the same again. The Doctor and his companions travel to Christmas past, Christmas present, and those Christmases yet to come. They bring festive laughter and Yuletide joy, creeping dread and screaming horror, slipping in and out of time like the

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ghosts of Christmas.

Reading a ghost story on Christmas Eve was once as much a part of traditional Christmas celebrations as turkey, eggnog, and Santa Claus. When he finds an abandoned duck punt on Christmas Eve, a hunter rows out into the marsh and comes across a shipwreck. He climbs aboard to explore—and finds himself trapped when a surge snaps the mooring line and his punt floats away. Sleep eludes him, and soon he discovers that he's not the only one trapped on the derelict ship.

Jack and Annie travel back to Victorian London when Merlin asks them to use their magic to inspire Charles Dickens to write "A Christmas Carol."

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