

My Favourite Day Christmas Story British Council

Contents include biographical notes about the author and the illustrator.

This book, newly updated, contains now several HTML tables of contents that will make reading a real pleasure! This book contains the complete novels of Charles Dickens in the chronological order of their original publication. - A Christmas Carol - The Chimes - The Cricket on the Hearth - The Battle of Life - The Haunted Man and the Ghost's Bargain The Christmas Stories: - A Christmas Tree - What Christmas is as we Grow Older - The Poor Relation's Story - The Child's Story - The Schoolboy's Story - Nobody's Story - The Seven Poor Travellers - The Holly-Tree - Wreck of the Golden Mary - The Perils of Certain English Prisoners - Going into Society - A Message From the Sea - Tom Tiddler's Ground - Somebody's Luggage - Mrs. Lirriper's Lodgings - Mrs. Lirriper's Legacy - Doctor Marigold - Mugby Junction - No Thoroughfare

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?

A heartwarming picture book following a group of boys from different backgrounds throughout the school year as they become the best of friends. Musa's feeling nervous about his first day of school. He's not used to being away from home and he doesn't know any of the other kids in his class. And when he meets classmates Moisés, Mo, and Kevin, Musa isn't sure they'll have much in common. But over the course of the year, the four boys learn more about each other, the holidays they celebrate, their favorite foods, and what they like about school. The more they share with each other, the closer they become, until Musa can't imagine any better friends. In this charming story of friendship and celebrating differences, young readers can discover how entering a new friendship with an open mind and sharing parts of yourself brings people together. And the calendar of holidays at the end of the book will delight children as they identify special events they can celebrate with friends throughout the year.

With over 500,000 copies sold, The Legend of the Candy Cane is an endearing and timeless Christmas story that doesn't lose sight of the true meaning of the holidays. This edition of the holiday classic by Lori Walberg features vibrant illustrations by New York Times bestselling illustration Richard Cowdrey. One dark November night, a stranger rides into a small prairie town. Who is he? Why has he come? The townspeople wish he were a doctor, a dressmaker, or a trader. Then a young girl named Lucy befriends the newcomer. When he reveals his identity and shares with her the legend of the candy cane, she discovers fulfillment of her wishes and the answer to her town's dream. Now will she share what she has learned? The Legend of the Candy Cane is a beautiful picture book for ages 4-8, and focuses on the: Importance of Jesus as it explains the Christian symbolism behind candy canes Miracle of Christmas and why the occasion is celebrated With vibrant illustrations and a timeless story, The Legend of the Candy Cane is the perfect read for the Advent and Christmas season.

Benjamin Bear is so impatient for Christmas to come. To help the time pass more quickly, his mother tells him that every day when he opens a door on his Advent calendar she'll tell him a story--"twenty-four stories all about another little bear and his long, arduous journey to Bethlehem. The little bear, led by a glittering star, meets many others on his travels across hot deserts, snowy mountains, and through dark, lonely nights. His adventures, filled with acts of heroism and kindness and many small miracles, show him the path to the Christ Child. And by journey's end Benjamin Bear--"and all youngsters who share the stories and their simple morals along with him--"will understand and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas.

A funny and heart-warming tribute to Canada's most famous small town, and its most celebrated humourist, Stephen Leacock. Many Canadians grew up in small towns, or at least in neighbourhoods that acted like small towns. But what if you grew up in Canada's most famous small town—Stephen Leacock's Mariposa? This was the world that journalist Jamie Lamb was raised in, the actual place that inspired Leacock's Canadian classic, *Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town*, over a century ago. The Mariposa of Lamb's time was slightly different, yet it still embodied the heart and soul, the eccentricities and the bizarre local customs of Leacock's sketches. Christmas in Mariposa is a celebration of that town and its people. It tells of secret gardens, special rinks, oddball hotels, remarkable foods, fast boats and sunken aircraft, Christmas Eve fireworks, and the best Christmas office party in the country. It describes a place where Christmas could be celebrated in summer with a Baby Jesus look-alike contest, Canada's only officially sanctioned reindeer races, and the Three Wise Men arriving with gifts by parachute. It transports readers to a world where where Gordie Howe once dropped by for a skate, and Glenn Gould regularly came to eat a well-done steak and six Parker House rolls slathered in butter at a Chinese restaurant. Jamie Lamb's Mariposa is timeless and quintessentially Canadian.

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.

After the success of *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens' name became so synonymous with Christmas that on hearing of his death in 1870 a young girl in London asked, "Mr. Dickens dead? Then will Father Christmas die too?" But *A Christmas Carol* is just the most famous of his Christmas stories, and those contained here in this unforgettable collection - *The Cricket on the Hearth*, *The Battle of Life* and *The Haunted Man and the Ghost's Bargain* - show Dickens at his heartwarming best.

The forest animals are alarmed when it appears that Santa might be too tired to make his Christmas rounds, until he recounts for them the Nativity story which gives the holiday its true significance.

Santa, sleigh bells, mistletoe, reindeer, and presents: these are the tell-tale signs of Christmas. But for Christians, December 25 is also the time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and what better way to introduce your kids to the story of the Savior's birth than through LEGO! Every year, children of all ages revisit the scene in Bethlehem with Joseph, Mary, the three wise men, the angels and shepherds, and the baby Jesus, swaddled and lying in a manger. Kids will love seeing the story of Christmas played out using their favorite toys. Brendan Powell Smith, author of The Brick Bible for Kids series—beginning with Noah's Ark—creates a magical "brick" world around the simplified text of the Immaculate Conception, the census, the guiding star high above Bethlehem, and the promise one little baby brings to the Christians of the world. This important Christmas story is sure to be the perfect holiday gift and a book for families to cherish for years to come.

Froggy has never celebrated Christmas; usually he's taking his long winter's nap. But not this year! Froggy's best friend, Max the beaver, wakes him up to join the fun. Soon, Froggy's gotten into the swing of things: finding a tree, wrapping presents, singing carols, and enjoying a holiday feast. Join Froggy as he celebrates his very first, and very best, Christmas! "The humor and spirited artwork will put Froggy fans in the holiday mood!" (The Horn Book) "Children who have delighted in the earlier books about Froggy will cheer him along as he experiences his very first Christmas." (School Library Journal)

"I am in the middle of Sydney Harbour, stuck on this place the masters call Cockatoo Island... I am here because I am an orphan, but I cannot help feeling like I have been sent here for doing something wrong. It is 1879 and life in the Biloela Industrial School is tough for eleven-year-old Olivia Markham. Her windswept days are filled with sewing, washing and avoiding the girls from the Reformatory School. Sydney is rapidly growing and modernising, but Olivia can only imagine what life is like beyond the shores of Cockatoo Island. She dreams of freedom, friendship and, above all, family. Can she ever escape?"

New York Times bestselling author T. D. Jakes presents the perfect gift for the holidays: a heartwarming collection of stories and reminiscences that will bring readers a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas. At Christmas, families gather and presents are exchanged. But the true meaning of the holiday does not come wrapped in brightly colored paper, nor are scrumptious meals the reason for the season. The real gift of Christmas is the birth of Jesus—and the celebration is to honor the miracle with those we love. In *Follow the Star*, T. D. Jakes illuminates the meaning of the holiday through family stories about finding the Christmas spirit during the worst times of poverty and hardship—and of the need during the best of times to slow down and appreciate fellowship, love, and God. With warmth and wisdom, Bishop Jakes makes Christmas past and present come alive—and leads us to embrace fully the magnificent miracle of the birth of Christ.

Twenty-five celebrated Latino writers delight and move us with their recollections of Christmas in this splendid holiday extravaganza. From Julia Alvarez's tale of how Santicló delivered a beloved uncle from political oppression to Junot Díaz's story of his own uneasy assimilation on his first Christmas in America, to Sandra Cisneros's poignant memories of her late father's holiday dinners, *Las Christmas* gives us true stories from writers of many traditions--memories of Christmas and Hanukkah that vividly capture the pride and pain, joy and heartbreak, that so often accompany the

holidays in the Americas. Richly illustrated and embellished with songs and poems, along with recipes for an unforgettable Christmas dinner--from traditional sweet tamales to Puerto Rican asopao (stew) and coquito (coconut eggnog)--this is an enduring treasury of Latino writing to read again and again. A heartwarming holiday gift.

A holiday treat for fans of the Dear Canada series, and all lovers of historical fiction! Celebrate the holidays with someone new. After growing up at bustling Fort Edmonton on the Prairies, Jenna found it hard to follow the stricter rules at the more "civilized" Fort Victoria. Even with new friends and different family ties, she still treasures her exciting make-believe world of Villains and Heroes. Adventure is never far from Jenna's mind . . . and sometimes it erupts right into her life. This short story was originally published in Dear Canada: A Christmas to Remember, a collection featuring many of Canada's top writers for children, including Jean Little, Sarah Ellis, Carol Matas, and more. New readers will adore this stand-alone holiday tale, while fans of the series will recognize the voice of Jenna, whom they first met in the award-winning Dear Canada book Where the River Takes Me. Collect all 12 Dear Canada Christmas stories this season and enjoy a very happy holiday!

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

As for his stories, they had never failed to hold the attention of his audience; this was partly due to the fact that he usually had to break them off at the point where the interest had reached its climax. Moreover, the deep voice of the narrator was much gentler than one would have expected, after looking at the broad-shouldered, heavy figure, and there lay in his suppressed, and often whispered tones a secret charm, which the children were not the only ones to feel; besides which his eyes produced their share of the profound impression, for every emotion that disturbed his easily-excited soul found a reflection therein. That the colonel openly preferred our six-year-old Hermy to his brothers and sisters was due to the circumstance that the child had once burst into tears at a look from the officer, which the latter employed to call the children to order, if they were inattentive, or exhibited signs of unbelief when he had not expected it. After this Hermy was

so evidently his darling that there was no further chance for Hermy's younger sister, who had at first promised to be the favourite, and I shall never forget the soft, almost motherly, caressing tones that came from that grey-bearded man with the large round head and strong face, when he sought to comfort the child. It was remarkable to see how easily this man, who was accustomed to obedience, and famous for his bravery and keen energy, could become a child among children. He had lost a beloved wife, a little son, about Hermy's age, and a young daughter, and no doubt our numerous family reminded him of these departed ones. As for his tales, he separated them into distinct categories. Some of them he began with the words: "Here I am," and then he held himself strictly to the truth. Others began: "Once upon a time." While the former were drawn mostly from his own full and eventful life, the latter were fairy stories, pure and simple, sometimes already well known, sometimes made up, wherein fairies, ghosts, elves, gnomes, goblins and dragons, will-o'-the-wisps, nixies, kelpies and dwarfs disported themselves. Christmas was approaching, and the next day, Christmas-eve, the tree was to be lighted. On the twenty-third of December, a little while before the hour for story-telling, Hermy came home, and exhibited to his brothers the trifling presents, which he had chosen: an eraser for his father, a lead-pencil for his mother, a bag of nuts for his grandmother, and similar trifles which, though insignificant in themselves, had nevertheless exhausted his little store of savings. His elder brothers, to whom he had exhibited with great pride these purchases, expressed none of the admiration which he had expected, but began to tease him by calling the things "trash," as indeed they were, and poking fun at the "wonderful presents" of their small brother; they would have been less cruel, perhaps, had he been one of their sisters.

Santa's Favorite Story Aladdin

The winner of multiple Hugo and Nebula Awards, Connie Willis capture the timeless essence of generosity and goodwill in this magical collection of Christmas stories. These eight tales—two of which have never before been published—boldly reimagine the stories of Christmas while celebrating the power of love and compassion. This enchanting treasury includes: "Miracle," in which a young woman's carefully devised plans to find romance go awry when her guardian angel shows her the true meaning of love "In Coppelius's Toyshop," where a jaded narcissist finds himself trapped in a crowded toy store at Christmastime "Epiphany," in which three modern-day wisemen embark on a quest unlike any they've ever experienced "Inn," where a choir singer gives shelter to a homeless man and his pregnant wife—only to learn later that there's much more to the couple than meets the eye And more

The Littlest Christmas Tree wants to find a home for Christmas in this companion to the bestselling favorite The Littlest Pumpkin. There are only five days until Christmas, and the Littlest Christmas Tree is still waiting for a home. All it wants is for a family to take it home, decorate it, and sing its favorite song, "Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree, how lovely

are thy branches..." But as Christmas nears, and one by one the other trees find homes, the Littlest Christmas Tree begins to think that no one will ever take it home. And then, on Christmas Eve, its wish comes true when the man who runs the Christmas tree stand takes it home to his family.

All those things that matter-friendship, love, trust, happiness, and sacrifice-seem to matter all the more at Christmas time. In this wonderful illustrated anthology for older children such themes are considered through thirty stories, both old and new, to present a wide-ranging view of Christmas and its celebrations.

Some people are just made for each other... When seven-year-old Fran first met Will they knew instantly that they were made for each other. For eleven years they were inseparable, but then, at the age of eighteen, Will just upped and disappeared. Twenty-five years later Will is back. Is fate trying to give them a second chance? Still nursing the heart break from all those years ago, Fran is reluctant to give Will the time of day. The price Will must pay is to tell the truth – the truth about why he left, the truth about why he's back... And Fran has her own secrets to hide. The time has come to decide what Fran and Will really want from life – before it's too late. Unashamedly romantic, *Before We Grow Old* is a book full of love, laughter and tears, and you'll be rooting for Fran and Will from the moment you meet them. Let Clare Swatman whisk you away for the love story of the year. Perfect for fans of Sophie Cousens and Isabelle Broom Praise for Clare Swatman: 'A beautifully written tale of enduring love' - Rowan Coleman 'Irresistible . . . A delightfully bittersweet story that will appeal to fans of *One Day*' - Sunday Mirror 'Wonderful' - Sun 'A bittersweet debut about love, loss and second chances' - Good Housekeeping 'A lovely debut' - Prima 'An utterly gorgeous love story' - Katy Regan

A Christmas Story: Christmas Eve so still I know, but something's in the wind. There's a sense of magic about; it's now we need our friends. PLUS THREE BONUS STORIES. 1. I Fell Down a Waterfall. 2. Cracks in the Pavement. 3. Ten In One Scopes.

A hilarious and moving account of one family's frantic countdown to Christmas Eve. Follow in the author's footsteps as he wrestles with giant Christmas trees, scrambles to get to his children's concerts, is swallowed up by the mobs in the mall, sings his choir's first tentative attempt at Handel's *Messiah* and enters into a desperate nationwide search for goats for his church's Christmas pageant. Christmas is a time of joy and memories, memories that are both sweet and tinged with sadness. In this book we share both the happiness and the grief that can accompany this season. *Our Twelve Days of Christmas* is a book that will resonate with every family, as it shares a story that is both unique and universal, a story of family and the genuine meaning of this holiday.

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

English File's unique, lively and enjoyable lessons are renowned for getting students talking. In fact, 90% of English File teachers we surveyed in our impact study found that the course improves students' speaking skills. communication and language practice than ever before, helping students develop relevant communication skills they can use immediately in the workplace.

For anyone considering or going through Fostering for Adoption, this book gives you a detailed, personal account of the process which takes you through all the stages and prepares you to cope with the highs and lows. Fostering for Adoption is a relatively recent initiative (Children and Families Act, 2014) in the adoption legal landscape, seeking early permanence for babies and young children where adoption is most likely to be the plan for the child. This is often cited as a route to be in the best interests of the child, enabling secure attachments and stability. However, for adopters it is inherently risky, it is the adopters who take on the risk in this situation, accept the placement on a fostering basis and hope that the final outcome will be adoption. There is currently a knowledge gap on experiences of Fostering for Adoption which this book tackles. Written from an adopters' perspective of the risks and challenges, as well as the benefits that it brings, it is perfect for those who are considering the process as well as their friends and family. A book on Fostering for Adoption can't just focus on one story and one outcome so we've included case studies which cover the key experiences adopters may face when agreeing to accept a baby on a Foster to Adopt placement such as: Caring for a baby a few days after birth The paperwork, rules and fostering process The uncertainty and risk Meeting with birth parents Contact Looking after a withdrawing baby A termination of placement Written in an engaging and friendly style, this book is perfect reading for anyone looking to adopt a child and for adoption professionals seeking to understand the experience of the adopter more profoundly. Praise for Fostering for Adoption "As someone who has been through a similar journey this book resonated with me. It is honest about the ups and downs and is a great, informative book for anybody thinking of taking this route or who have family or friends that are. I can say that this book will help anyone at the beginning of their journey, to help them through the process and – start the lifetime of learning about how we can support our children." Lisa Faulkner, Author, Meant to be "Alice's book will be a great companion to anyone considering or starting on the foster to adopt process. It is well-researched and written and doesn't shy away from the many complexities and the considerations that adults must make in the best interests of children." Sally Donovan, Author of No Matter What, and Editor of Adoption Today "I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book, I found myself laughing and getting emotional throughout. As someone who has themselves been adopted, but who is also a social worker who has now adopted a child, this book is brilliant from every angle. A must read for anyone considering Fostering for Adoption." Jo, Social Worker, Midlands "This book gives a balanced and honest view of the whole Fostering for Adoption journey. It gets to the emotions and seriousness of decisions being made about children's lives. This is an important read for any potential adopter and will be on our book lists for sure" Angi, Social Worker, Adoption Tees Valley

There's no better way to get into the holiday spirit anytime of year than with this giant anthology of 50 classic Christmas stories. This collection are some the world's most beloved stories, novels, essays, and poems about Christmas. Included in the collection is: Beasley's Christmas Party Bird's Christmas Carol The Baron's Yule Feast: A Christmas Rhyme Bunny Brown and His Sister Sue at Christmas ? The Burglar and the Blizzard: A Christmas Story By the Christmas Fire A Captured Santa Claus Christmas The Christmas Angel Comes but Once A Year The Christmas Dinner Christmas Eve Christmas Light The Christmas Miracle A Christmas Mystery: The Story of Three Wise Men A Christmas Posy A Christmas Sermon A Christmas Story A Defective Santa Claus Evenings

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When the Yule Log Burns

Share the magic of Christmas with this enchanting collection of picture book stories. This beautifully illustrated book features five stories that are perfect for reading with little ones at this special time of year. Includes A Long Way From Home, The Best Christmas Ever!, The Christmas Angels, The Magical Snowman, and The First Snow.

Six stories about Christmas and winter from award-winning writer, Jordi Llavina. Llavina's stories conjure up ghosts from the past, old loves and distant memories in six hauntingly written tales that focus on our relationships with our loved ones and ourselves over the Christmas period.

The six mean Herdman kids lie, steal, smoke cigars (even the girls) and then become involved in the community Christmas pageant.

The setting is an English village that stands on the site of a historic battle. Some characters refer to the battle as a metaphor for the struggles of life. Battle is the only one of the five Christmas Books that has no supernatural or explicitly religious elements. Christmas Stories about Santa Claus.

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