

A Lot Like Christmas Stories English Edition

Library of America and Connie Willis present 150 years of diverse, ingenious, and uniquely American Christmas stories Christmas took on its modern cast in America, and over the last 150 years the most magical time of the year has inspired scores of astonishingly diverse and ingenious stories. Library of America joins with acclaimed author Connie Willis to present an unparalleled collection of American stories about Christmas, literary gems that showcase how the holiday became one of the signature aspects of our culture. Spanning from the origins of the American tradition of holiday storytelling in the wake of the Civil War to today, this is the biggest and best anthology of American Christmas stories ever assembled. From ghost stories to the genres of crime, science fiction, fantasy, westerns, humor, and horror, stories of Christmas morning, gifts, wise men, nativities, family, commercialism, and dinners from New York to Texas to outer space, this anthology reveals the evolution of Christmas in America--as well as the surprising ways in which it has remained the same.

'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

This second book of Christmas stories by Glenn W. Martin is not intended to be a sequel to his first book, "Christmas Stories My Grandpa Wrote For Me," which was written for children, and had religious themes. This book shows another side of the Christmas holiday, as seen through the eyes of characters like Santa and the elves at the North Pole, of children who love the excitement that Christmas brings, and of animals and others who watch humans celebrate, and want to celebrate, too. You will see what happens when Santa decides to wear a green suit, when Mrs. Claus delivers the presents one Christmas Eve, and when the elves decide to throw Santa a big party. You will find out if Peter Pine Tree gets his Christmas wish, see what happens when the animals in the forest decide to go caroling, and hear how the squirrels solve the Christmas crisis. And you will experience Amber's Christmas Parade, hear about Marty Mouse's obsession with cheese, and learn about a very special Christmas gift, especially for Browser. This book of Christmas stories was written to be enjoyed by people of all ages.

Features inspirational stories offering words of wisdom, hope, and empowerment

Inspirational True Stories of Holiday Magic

In a Holiday

A Christmas Legacy (Christmas novella 19)

A Snowy Little Christmas

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Christmas Is in the Air

Mistletoe, Maine, is buzzing and not just because Christmas is around the corner! Dante West, local cutie-turned-Hollywood hunk, is returning home to make his next movie. Everyone in town is excited . . . except librarian Lucy Marshall. When Dante took off for LA without warning—or even a goodbye—he broke Lucy's heart. She swore not to spend one more minute thinking about her ex, but Dante makes an offer Lucy's struggling library can't refuse: a major donation to film on-site. Dante is thrilled to help

boost his hometown's economy and finally begin making amends to the people he hurt years ago when he left, starting with Lucy. But seeing his former best friend on set every day feels a lot less like closure and more like a fresh start. It's one thing for Dante to fall for Lucy all over again, quite another for a famous movie star and a small-town librarian to find lasting romance. Can the magic of the holiday season give Lucy and Dante's first love a second chance?

The International Bestseller—A feel-good, holiday rom com about identical twins who swap lives twelve days before Christmas—perfect for fans of Christina Lauren's *In a Holiday* and Josie Silver's *One Day in December* All they want for Christmas is a different life. When chef Charlie Goodwin gets hit on the head on the L.A. set of her reality baking show, she loses a lot more than consciousness; she also loses her ability to taste and smell—both critical to her success as show judge. Meanwhile, Charlie's identical twin, Cass, is frantically trying to hold her own life together back in their quaint mountain hometown while running the family's bustling bakery and dealing with her ex, who won't get the memo that they're over. With only days until Christmas, a desperate Charlie asks Cass to do something they haven't done since they were kids: switch places. Looking for her own escape from reality, Cass agrees. But temporarily trading lives proves more complicated than they imagined, especially when rugged firefighter Jake Greenman and gorgeous physician assistant Miguel Rodriguez are thrown into the mix. Will the twins' identity swap be a recipe for disaster, or does it have all the right ingredients for getting their lives back on track?

Get into the holiday spirit with these magical stories of family and friends... giving and sharing... joy and blessings! Prepare to be inspired by these tales of giving, gratitude, and kindness. You'll also pick up some creative ways to make your own holidays even more special, with new plans for family fun, gift ideas, and recipes. These 101 real-life personal stories are filled with the cheer of the season. They'll leave you smiling and eager to share the holidays, from Thanksgiving to Hanukkah to Christmas and New Year's. We didn't forget the kids either. The stories in this collection are "Santa safe," meaning that they keep the magic alive even for precocious readers. And your purchase will support Toys for Tots as well, creating miracles for children all over the U.S.

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Miracle on 5th Avenue

Stories Behind the Greatest Hits of Christmas Stories

American Christmas Stories

The Christmas Swap

This Christmas season, love comes where you least expect it. For Jessica Connolly, there is no better place than her coastal hometown of Blue Moon Bay. She has a wonderful family, supportive best friends, and a successful bakery on Main Street. Unfortunately, every time she designs one of her ex-boyfriends' wedding cakes, she's reminded just how unlucky she is with love...and that she's a good luck charm for men to find their happily ever after. With someone else. The minute they break up. So she's decided to be done with love. Dr. Mitch Jameson is more comfortable traveling the world with Doctors Without Borders than staying in one place. He just needs to survive the holidays in his small hometown before he can leave again. The beautiful, intriguing bakery owner with an aversion to dating might be just who he needs to occupy his restless heart. From sipping hot chocolates at the local festival of lights to early morning dessert deliveries, Jessica and Mitch rediscover the spirit of the holidays. But when the 25 days of Christmas are over, will their romance be over, too? Each book in the Blue Moon Bay series is **STANDALONE**: * A Lot Like Love * A Lot Like Christmas

When three very different siblings, Fern, Rowan and Willow, go home for a Christmas reunion at their family home in Edinburgh, it's not long before some **VERY BIG SECRETS** threaten their cosy holiday ... The McAllister house on Arboretum Road has seen 120 Christmases since its completion. This year, **FERN** is bringing her gorgeous boyfriend home and she wants everything to be perfect. But her twin brother **ROWAN** would rather go on the pull than pull crackers with the family. And their younger sister **WILLOW** is terrified of Christmas Day. With **FOUR** sleeps till Christmas, **THREE** secretive siblings, **TWO** hot houseguests, And **ONE** juicy secret ... This Christmas, there will be some **BIG** surprises under the tree. Sometimes at Christmas, you don't get what you want, you get what you need... Sweet and sour, funny and moving, and very, very Christmassy - the perfect book to curl up with this holiday, from the best-selling author of Clean.

In Alaska, it ' s always a white Christmas—but the sparks flying between two reunited friends could turn it red-hot... If there ' s one gift Erika Sheraton does not want for Christmas, it ' s a vacation. Ordered to take time off, the workaholic surgeon reluctantly trades in her scrubs for a ski suit and heads to Wild River, Alaska. Her friend Cassie owns a tour company that offers adventures to fit every visitor. But nothing compares to the adrenaline rush Erika feels on being reunited with Cassie ' s brother, Reed Reynolds. Gone is the buttoned-up girl Reed remembers. His sister ' s best friend has blossomed into a strong, skilled, confident woman. She ' s exactly what his search-and-rescue team needs—and everything he didn ' t know he craved. The gulf between his life in Wild River and her big-city career is wide. But it ' s no match for a desire powerful enough to melt two stubborn hearts... Don't miss Alaska Dreams, the next book in Jennifer Snows Wild River series! A Wild River Novel Book 1: An Alaskan Christmas Book 2: Under an Alaskan Sky Book 3: A Sweet Alaskan Fall Book 4: Stars Over Alaska Book 5: Alaska Reunion

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 boldly re-imagine 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 wise men 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 . . .

Christmas Miracles

An Alaskan Christmas

No Ordinary Christmas

101 Stories about the Joy of the Season

The Night I Met Father Christmas

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*THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER One Christmas wish, two brothers, and a lifetime of hope are on the line for hapless Maelyn Jones in *In a Holiday*, the quintessential holiday romantic novel by Christina Lauren, the New York Times bestselling author of *The Unhoneymooners*. It's the most wonderful time of the year...but not for Maelyn Jones. She's living with her parents, hates her going-nowhere job, and has just made a romantic error of epic proportions. But perhaps worst of all, this is the last Christmas Mae will be at her favorite place in the world—the snowy Utah cabin where she and her family have spent every holiday since she was born, along with two other beloved families. Mentally melting down as she drives away from the cabin for the final time, Mae throws out what she thinks is a simple plea to the universe: Please. Show me what will make me happy. The next thing she knows, tires screech and metal collides, everything goes black. But when Mae gasps awake...she's on an airplane bound for Utah, where she begins the same holiday all over again. With one hilarious disaster after another sending her back to the plane, Mae must figure out how to break free of the strange time loop—and finally get her true love under the mistletoe. Jam-packed with yuletide cheer, an unforgettable cast of characters, and Christina Lauren's trademark "downright hilarious" (Helen Hoang, author of *The Bride Test*) hijinks, this swoon-worthy romantic read will make you believe in the power of wishes and the magic of the holidays.*

The best Christmas gifts—family, friendship and second chances—are all waiting to be unwrapped in this sparkling new novel from USA TODAY bestselling author Sheila Roberts. Single mom Lexie Bell hopes to make this first Christmas in their new home special for her six-year-old son, Brock. Festive lights and homemade fudge, check. Friendly neighbors? Uh, no. The reclusive widower next door is more grinchy than nice. But maybe he just needs a reminder of what matters most. At least sharing some holiday cheer with him will distract her from her own lack of romance... Stanley Mann lost his Christmas spirit when he lost his wife and he sees no point in looking for it. Until she shows up in his dreams and informs him it's time to ditch his scroogey attitude. Stanley digs in his heels, but she's determined to haunt him until he wakes up and rediscovers the joys of the season. He can start by being a little more neighborly to the single mom next door. In spite of his protests, he's soon making snowmen and

decorating Christmas trees. How will it all end? Merrily, of course. A certain Christmas ghost is going to make sure of that!

A classic bestseller presented in paperback with fresh, bright illustrations. Here is the story of Christmas told through simple text and vibrant illustrations. From the Annunciation by the angel through Jesus' birth, the appearance of the shepherds, and the journey of the wise men, the Christmas story is presented in its most traditional form. The book bridges the connection between the biblical story of the holiday and today's Christmas celebration. This book is unsurpassed as an introduction to the significance of the Christmas holiday. Ages 4-6.

Chicken Soup for the Soul

Terra Incognita

A Christmas Carol and Other Christmas Writings

Story of Christmas

More Stories Behind the Best-Loved Songs of Christmas

The definitive guide to everything fans want to know about A Christmas Story shares the inside story behind the film's production, release, and unlikely ascent to the top of popular culture. From Jean Shepherd's original radio broadcasts to Bob Clark's 1983 sleeper hit film and beyond, A Christmas Story has become a beloved Yuletide tradition over the last three decades. In conjunction with the 30th anniversary of its theatrical release, this is the untold story of the making of the film, and what happened afterwards. Ralphie Parker's quest for a Red Ryder air rifle didn't end with the movie's release; the tale inspired massive VHS sales, a Broadway production, and a mountain of merchandise. Complete with rare and previously unreleased photographs, now fans of the movie and film buffs alike can lean all they didn't know about the timeless classic. "Readers will be delighted." —Publishers Weekly starred review on One More for Christmas From the USA TODAY bestselling author of The Christmas Sisters and A Wedding in December comes this sparkling tale of Christmas redemption... For sisters Samantha and Ella Mitchell, Christmas is their most precious time of the year. But this year, they'll be buying presents for the most unexpected guest of all—their mother. It's been five years since they last saw each other. But when their mom calls out of the blue, Samantha and Ella cautiously agree to spend Christmas all together in the beautiful Scottish Highlands... Gayle Mitchell is at the top of her career, but her success has come at a price—her relationship with her daughters. Her tough-love approach to parenting was designed to make them stronger, but instead managed to push them away...until a brush with her own mortality forces Gayle to make amends. As

the snowflakes fall on their first family celebration in years, the Mitchell women must learn that sometimes facing up to the past is all you need to heal your heart... Don't miss Sarah Morgan's next book, The Summer Seekers!

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BELIEVE IN MAGIC? It is Christmas Eve and all is not well. Amelia Wishart is trapped in Mr Creeper's workhouse and Christmas is in jeopardy. Magic is fading. If Christmas is to happen, Father Christmas knows he must find her. With the help of some elves, eight reindeer, the Queen and a man called Charles Dickens, the search for Amelia - and the secret of Christmas - begins . . .

THREE CLASSIC SCI-FI NOVELLAS IN ONE VOLUME—from a Hugo and Nebula award-winning author In Terra Incognita, Connie Willis explores themes of love and mortality while brilliantly illuminating the human condition through biting satire. Uncharted Territory Findriddy and Carson are explorers, dispatched to a distant planet to survey its canyons, ridges, and scrub-covered hills. Teamed with a profit-hungry indigenous guide of indeterminate gender and an enthusiastic newcomer whose specialty is mating customs, the group battles hostile terrain as they set out for unexplored regions. Along the way, they face dangers, discover treasures, and soon find themselves in an alien territory of another kind: exploring the paths and precipices of sex—and love. Remake In the Hollywood of the future, live-action movies are a thing of the past. Old films are computerized and ruthlessly dissected, actors digitally ripped from one film and thrust into another. Humphrey Bogart and Marilyn Monroe in A Star Is Born? No problem. Hate the ending? Change it with the stroke of a key. Technology makes anything possible. But a starry-eyed young woman wants only one thing: to dance on the big screen. With a little magic and a lot of luck, she just may get her happy ending. D.A. Theodora Baumgarten is baffled and furious: Why was she selected to be part of a highly competitive interstellar cadet program? After all, she never even applied. But that hasn't stopped the powers that be from whisking her onto a spaceship bound for the prestigious Academy. With her protests ignored, Theodora takes matters into her own hands, aided by her hacker best friend, to escape the Academy and return to Earth—only to uncover a conspiracy that runs deeper than she could have imagined. Praise for Terra Incognita “Willis's lively, funny forays into futuristic territory shine as brightly today as when originally released. . . . In all three stories, the protagonists

find their narrow concepts of life challenged and expanded by possibilities created through technology. As a collection, these smart, accessible shorts make for an entertaining initiation or reintroduction into the world of one of sci-fi's greatest treasures.”—Shelf Awareness “A master of fantasy playfully combines science fiction with other genres in three antic novellas. . . . Clever, funny, thought-provoking, and sweet, these stories are classic Willis.”—Kirkus Reviews

Now a major film

Take a Look at the Five and Ten

Miracle and Other Christmas Stories

A Boy Called Christmas

12 Stories and 12 Feasts for 12 Days

Anyone who loves this joyous time of year will love these heartwarming and entertaining stories of family bonding, holiday hijinks, community spirit, and family and religious traditions. A fantastic holiday gift and a great way to start the season! Christmas is a merry and joyful time of year, full of family, friends, and traditions. You'll delight in reading these 101 holiday tales of inspiration, love, and wonder. Many will make you laugh out loud; others will make you tear up a little. And all the stories are "Santa safe" so they can keep the magic alive for the whole family!

*Luther and Nora Krank are fed up with the chaos of Christmas. The endless shopping lists, the frenzied dashes through the mall, the hassle of decorating the tree... where has all the joy gone? This year, celebrating seems like too much effort. With their only child off in Peru, they decide that just this once, they'll skip the holidays. They spend their Christmas budget on a Caribbean cruise set to sail on December 25, and happily settle in for a restful holiday season free of rooftop snowmen and festive parties. But the Kranks soon learn that their vacation from Christmas isn't much of a vacation at all, and that skipping the holidays has consequences they didn't bargain for... A modern Christmas classic, *Skipping Christmas* is a charming and hilarious look at the mayhem and madness that have become ingrained in our holiday tradition. **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from John Grisham's *The Litigators*.*

*"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.**

'A gorgeous tale brimming with the magic of Christmas. A sheer delight for all kids both big AND small.' Ruth Jones, award-winning writer and comedian *'Enchanting, funny and*

intriguing in equal measure' Philip Ardagh, bestselling author 'You can always tell when a children's book has been written by a brilliant father because there's a particular intimacy, warmth and mischievous humour that bubbles through it ... irresistible' Alexander Armstrong, presenter, comedian and writer Jackson knows all about the flying reindeer, he knows about the elves and the secret North Pole workshop, he knows about the magic that allows Father Christmas to deliver presents around the world in just one night, but there's one thing he doesn't know ... how did Father Christmas become Father Christmas? That all changes when, one Christmas Eve, Jackson meets Father Christmas and hears his incredible story. So begins an enchanting fairy-tale into a magical snowy landscape, where Torvil, a mean-spirited and miserly elf, is about to discover the true meaning of Christmas. This might not have been the story Jackson was expecting but, as Father Christmas tells him, no good story ever is... Get ready for a Christmas classic in the making from actor and comedian Ben Miller with beautiful illustrations throughout from emerging talent Daniela Jaglenka Terrazzini, that will remind everyone of the true spirit of Christmas and prove once and for all that Father Christmas really does exist!

Three Novellas

Skipping Christmas

101 Tales of Holiday Love and Wonder

A Feel Good Christmas Romance to Warm Your Heart

101 Stories to Open the Heart & Rekindle the Spirit

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Ace Collins has dug deep to uncover the true stories behind your favorite Christmas songs. Explore how these songs came into being, and discover a deeper appreciation for these melodic messages of peace, hope, and joy that celebrate the birth of Jesus.

New York Times bestselling author Anne Perry's nineteenth heart-warming Christmas novella. Gracie Tellman is preparing for Christmas with her husband and

three young children when Millie Foster calls upon her. As a maid at Harcourt House, Millie is terrified that sinister goings-on, including the disappearance of food from the kitchens, will lead to her unfair dismissal, and she begs Gracie to investigate the situation. With the promise that she will be back in time for Christmas, Gracie takes Millie's place in the Harcourt household, never imagining the discovery she then makes. For the servants have been keeping a secret and their efforts are about to be rewarded in the most extraordinary way... A Christmas Legacy is a heart-warming festive mystery set in Victorian London from the pen of the New York Times bestselling author Anne Perry.

The Christmas Party is a delicious, page-turning story full of twists and turns. At an elegant country house party, shocking secrets and unexpected romances hide just beneath the surface . . . A must-read for the festive season by Karen Swan, the Sunday Times bestselling author of The Christmas Secret and Christmas at Tiffany's. When Declan Lorne, the last remaining knight in Ireland, dies suddenly, an ancient title passes with him. But his estate on Ireland's rugged south-west coast is left to his three daughters. The two eldest, Oattie and Pip, inherit in line with expectations, but to everyone's surprise - and dismay - it is the errant baby of the family, Willow, who gets the castle. Why her? Something unknown - something terrible - made her turn her back on her family three years earlier, escaping to Dublin and vowing never to return. So when Willow quickly announces she is selling up, her revenge seems sweet and the once-close sisters are pushed to breaking point: in desperation, Pip risks everything to secure her own future, and Oattie makes a decision that will ruin lives. It's each woman for herself. Before moving in, Connor Shaye, the prospective new owner, negotiates throwing a lavish party at the castle just days before Christmas - his hello, their goodbye. But as their secrets begin to catch up with them, Oattie, Willow and Pip are forced to ask themselves which is harder: stepping into the future, or letting go of the past? 'A real treat to get absolutely lost in. Go on - spoil yourself!' - Veronica Henry, bestselling author of Christmas at the Beach Hut What Karen's readers say . . . 'This is a perfect winter's day read, that will have you utterly absorbed...' 'Full of intrigue, secrets, heartbreak, love' 'If you're after a book with a truly Christmas feel, full of drama, mystery, heart and hope then The Christmas Lights is a book for you' 'Crammed with love, heartbreak and powerful secrets this Christmas story with substance is not to be missed!' 'The Christmas Lights is the perfect Christmas read . . . The festive season can now commence!'

The Girl Who Saved Christmas

A Lot Like Christmas

A Novel

101 Stories about the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Christmas Days

Much like *The Stories Behind The Best-Loved Songs Of Christmas*, *The Stories Behind The Great Traditions of Christmas* and *More Stories Behind The Best Loved Songs of Christmas* this new Collins Christmas book will fill a void in the book world. With a look at these secular classics, people who love the music of the season will finally have a source that gives the stories behind the creation of these wonderful songs, the way they found their way into the hands of those who made them famous and the reason they

climb the charts. *The Stories Behind the Greatest Hits of Christmas* is really a guide or a map that connects Christmas past with Christmas present. It will be a time machine that connect the past to the present and makes the experience of hearing Christmas classics even more special. Completed with thoughts of those who penned these classics, along with the artists, such as Brenda Lee, who made them famous, this will be a book that is sure to generate fan interest.

The first magical book in Matt Haig's festive series – now a major new film! **BELIEVE IN THE IMPOSSIBLE** You are about to read the **TRUE STORY** of Father Christmas. If you believe that some things are impossible, you should put this book down right away. (Because this book is **FULL** of impossible things.) Are you still reading? Good. Then let us begin . . .

Let It Snow meets *Dash and Lily's Book of Dares* in this new small-town Christmas romance. When Finley Brown returned to her hometown of Christmas, Oklahoma, from boarding school, she expected to find it just as she left it. Christmas hasn't changed much in her sixteen years. But instead she returns to find that her best friend is dating her ex-boyfriend, her parents have separated, and her archnemesis got a job working at her grandmother's inn. And she certainly didn't expect to find the boy she may or may not have tricked into believing that Christmas was an idyllic holiday paradise on her grandmother's doorstep. It's up to Finley to make sure he gets the Christmas he was promised. This is *Finley's Christmas*. It's about home and family and friends and finding her place, and along the way she also finds the best Christmas present of all: love.

"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.

The Holiday Swap

Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Wonder of Christmas

The Christmas Party

Behind the Scenes of a Holiday Classic

THE Christmas classic from bestselling author Ben Miller

"Morgan's magical series finale hooks readers from page one."—RT Book Reviews on Miracle on 5th Avenue (Top Pick)
Hopeless romantic Eva Jordan loves everything about Christmas. She might be spending the holidays alone this year, but when she's given an opportunity to house-sit a spectacular penthouse on Fifth Avenue, she leaps at the chance. What better place to celebrate than in snow-kissed Manhattan? What she didn't expect was to find the penthouse still occupied by its gorgeous—and mysterious—owner.
Bestselling crime writer Lucas Blade is having the nightmare

before Christmas. With a deadline and the anniversary of his wife's death looming, he's isolated himself in his penthouse with only his grief for company. He wants no interruptions, no decorations and he certainly doesn't appreciate being distracted by his beautiful, bubbly new housekeeper. But when the blizzard of the century leaves Eva snowbound in his apartment, Lucas starts to open up to the magic she brings...This Christmas, is Lucas finally ready to trust that happily-ever-afters do exist? Don't miss Sarah Morgan's next book, *The Summer Seekers!*

'The perfect winter treat: a beautifully illustrated book of Christmas stories and recipes from the Booker prize longlisted author of *Frankissstein* 'Packed with charm and beautifully illustrated, it's a book that will solve your gift dilemmas and let you escape the less salubrious aspects of Christmas for a literary wonderland' Stylist Everybody loves a Christmas story. The tradition of the Twelve Days of Christmas is a tradition of celebration, sharing and giving. And what better way to do that than with a story? Read these stories by the fire, in the snow, travelling home for the holidays. Give them to friends, wrap them up for someone you love, read them aloud, read them alone, read them together. Enjoy the season of peace and goodwill, mystery, and a little bit of magic. There are ghosts here and jovial spirits. Chances at love and tricks with time. There is frost and icicles, mistletoe and sledges. There's a cat and a dog and a solid silver frog. There's a Christmas cracker with a surprising gift inside. There's a haunted house and a SnowMama. There are Yuletides and holly wreaths. Three Kings. And a merry little Christmas time. And for the icing on the Christmas cake, there are twelve festive recipes from Yuletides past and present. Red cabbage, gravlax, turkey biryani, sherry trifle, Mrs Winterson's mince pies and more. Sometimes love needs a little help from Mother Nature—and what better time than the holidays to let it snow . . . and snow . . . and snow . . . STARRY NIGHT * Fern Michaels As the host of a radio program for the lovelorn, Jessie Richmond is surprisingly lonely, especially with the holidays approaching. So she decides to make the trek to her uncle's bookstore in rural New York state and hold a speed dating event—only to find herself snowed in—with one very special single . . . MISTLETOE AND MIMOSAS * Tara Sheets After years of hard work, real estate agent Layla Gentry has

her dream home on Pine Cove Island. She's perfectly content to be on her own. Until her childhood nemesis, Sebastian, comes to town. When a snowstorm and a stranded kitten bring them together on Christmas Eve, Layla discovers he's all grown up—and she may have one more dream left . . . *MISSING CHRISTMAS* * Kate Clayborn It's all work and no play for two longtime friends-turned-business-partners Kristen and Jasper—until an unexpected kiss turns things personal. Will it mean the end of something, or the beginning? With a major contract in the balance, Christmas around the corner, and a lot of unspoken feelings, it may take an unpredictable blizzard in New England to seal the deal . . .

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 than the expectation of success?

Christmas Stories for Children of All Ages

A Christmas Story

One More for Christmas

Chicken Soup for the Soul: It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

All I Want for Christmas

All I Want for Christmas is a big, cozy Christmas story about the importance of family, the strength of childhood friendships, and learning to trust your heart. Fans of Carole Matthews, Susan Wiggs and Susan Mallery - and anyone who likes the glow of Christmas lights and the rustle of wrapping paper - will fall in love with this feel-good Christmas treat. Christmas comes once a year . . . But true love comes once in a lifetime. Snowflakes are falling, there's carol singing on every corner, and Leah Evans is preparing for a family Christmas at her grandmother's majestic plantation house in Virginia. It won't be the same now that her beloved Nan is gone, but when Leah discovers she has inherited the mansion, she knows she can give her daughter Sadie the childhood of her dreams. But there's a catch. Leah must split the house with a man called David Forester. Leah hasn't heard that name in a long time. Not since they were kids, when Davey was always there to catch her. Now David is all grown up. He's gorgeous, successful, and certain of one thing: Leah should sell him her half of the house. They can't agree, but as they share memories over wine by the log fire, Leah notices a fluttering in her stomach.

And by the look in his eyes, he's starting to feel it too. Will it be Leah or David who must give up their dreams? Or, with a little bit of Christmas magic, will they finally understand Nan's advice to them both about living life without regrets ... and take a chance on true love?

All Emma Daley wants this holiday season is a white Christmas. But the young teacher and struggling musician sure can't find that in sunny Arizona. Luckily, there's someone living in a perfect mountain home in the Colorado Rockies looking to make a vacation trade this year. Tyler Prescott is an in-demand songwriter and talented musician who put his own singing career on hold to write songs for celebrity acts to perform. When his mother convinces him to do a vacation trade for Christmas, he never imagined one of the houseguests would be so sweet--or so strikingly pretty. Naturally, he decides to stick around, and, to get better acquainted, he poses as the house's caretaker. But when Emma's friend Gillian discovers his true identity and sets her sights on him, things get . . . messy. Fan favorite Melody Carlson is back with another delightful Christmas tale to warm your heart on those cold winter evenings.

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