



A New Theme Every Month
A New Story Every Sunday by Noon



Although Christmas is a religious holiday for Christians celebrating the birth of Jesus, there is the other Christmas as well with Santa, sleighs, reindeer, trees, and presents. This American tradition of popular Christmas as we know it today started around the 1850's and has continued to evolve. We've added Christmas trees, ornaments, wrapped presents, and a fat red-suited Santa (whose current look was settled on around 1900). What started as a simple time—where gifts actually did fit **on** the tree—has evolved into something more complicated with many presents that barely fit **under** the tree. But through it all there is still the “feeling” of Christmas—generosity of heart and spirit. While this list does have some titles that address the religious side of Christmas, many more reflect the other side of tradition and generosity of spirit. (*We know that many people do not celebrate Christmas, but as we have read stories over the years about other holidays from other faiths we also wanted to represent Christmas*).

Christmas

1. *Christmas Day in the Morning** by Pearl S. Buck
 2. *Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree** by Robert Barry
 3. *Great Wolf and the Good Woodsman**
by Helen Hoover
 4. *My Penguin Osbert** by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel
 5. *Christmas Farm** by Mary Lyn Ray
 6. *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement C. Moore
 7. *The Black Snowman* by Phil Mendez
 8. *Carl's Christmas* by Alexandra Day
 9. *The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey*
by Susan Wojciechowski
 10. *Nutcracker* by E.T.A. Hoffmann
 11. *Night Tree^* by Eve Bunting
 12. *Welcome Comfort* by Patricia Polacco
 13. *Christmas in the Country* by Cynthia Rylant
 14. *Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer* by Robert L. May
 15. *The Little Drummer Boy* by Ezra Jack Keats
 16. *The Nativity* illustrated by Julie Vivas
 17. *The Twelve Days of Christmas* illustrated by Jan Brett
 18. *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* by Dr. Seuss
 19. *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg
 20. *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens (chptr book)
 21. *Silver Packages: An Appalachian Christmas Story*
by Cynthia Rylant
 22. *Christmas Tapestry* by Patricia Polacco
 23. *Willy and May: A Christmas Story* by Judy Schachner
 24. *A Family Christmas* selected by Caroline Kennedy
(collection of Christmas stories, songs, etc.)
 25. *Bear Stays Up for Christmas* by Karma Wilson
 26. *Drummer Boy* by Loren Long
 27. *Harriet and George's Christmas Treat*
by Nancy Carlson
 28. *Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry
 29. *The Worst Best Christmas Pageant Ever*
by Barbara Robinson (chapter book)
 30. *Snow Speaks* by Eve Bunting
 31. *Humphrey's First Christmas* by Carol Heyer
 32. *Pussy Cat's Christmas* by Margaret Wise Brown
 33. *Madeline's Christmas* by Ludwig Bemelmans
 34. *Melrose and Crock: A Christmas to Remember*
by Emma Clark
 35. *Hurry! Hurry! Have You Heard?*
by Laura Kraus Melmed
 36. *A Pirate's Night Before Christmas* by Philip Yates
 37. *When Cows Come Home for Christmas*
by Dori Chaconas
 38. *A Small Christmas* by Wong Herbert Yee
 39. *Christmas in the Trenches^* by John McCutcheon
 40. *Lump of Coal* by Lemony Snicket
- * also listed on the monthly flyer
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