

CHRISTMAS FICTION

A Cat On Jingle Bell Rock by Lydia Adamson [M/ADA]

Substance House, an organization that feeds and shelters the city's poor and homeless, always celebrates Christmas with a lavish goose dinner with all the trimmings. When its most generous and anonymous donor inexplicably vanishes, the city's best-loved charity is in danger of closing its doors forever.

The Special Guest: A Christmas Story by Lee & Donna Allen [F/ALL]

In an inspirational tale, a family struggles with tragedy as their little girl lies in a coma following a terrible accident and they learn about the power of love and forgiveness through the charity of a kind stranger.

Aunt Dimity's Christmas by Nancy Atherton [M/ATH]

Lori Shepherd can hardly wait for Christmas this year. The only thing she wishes for that she couldn't plan in advance is snow. So when she looks out the window to discover that fat flakes have started to drift down and cover the flagstone path, Lori feels her holiday wishes are all about to come true. The next day, beneath the lilac bushes covered by freshly fallen snow, Lori makes a disturbing discovery: the body of a mysterious stranger – a tramp – barely alive.

The Christmas Train by David Baldacci [F/BAL]

Disillusioned journalist Tom Langdon must get from Washington to L.A. in time for Christmas. Forced to take the train across the country because of a slight "misunderstanding" at the airport security, he begins a journey of self-discovery and rude awakenings, mysterious goings-on and thrilling adventures, screwball escapades and holiday magic.

The Gifts of Christmas by Mary Balogh, Merline Lovelace & Suzanne Barclay [F/BAL]

Three talented authors contribute to a collection of historical holiday romances, in which the heir to an earldom finds love with an innocent, a child bride sets out to seduce her long-time husband and a pledge of protection by a confirmed bachelor brings two lovers together.

Bed & Breakfast by Lois Battle

[F/BET]

The four Taternal sisters—Josie, Cam Lila and Evie—come together to celebrate the holidays and heal ten years of family secrets, misunderstandings and recriminations that have kept them apart.

A Highland Christmas by M.C. Beaton

[M/BEA]

In the dark, wintry highlands of Lochdubh, Scotland, the spirit of Old St. Nick is about as welcome as a flat tire on a deserted road. Crime is not taking a holiday as Hamish soon finds himself looking for a missing cat belonging to a lonely spinster. Confrontational and curt, the unfriendly woman insists her pet was stolen. Looking into her eyes behind her heavily bolted door, Hamish can see her true problem, she lives in great fear, but what is she afraid of?

Christmas Every Morning by Lisa Tawn Bergren

[F/BER]

Krista Mueller admitted her mother to the care facility run by Dane McConnell—Krista's friend and former love, knowing that Dane could take better care of Charlotte than Krista ever could. Dane informs Krista that he has found something of her mother's that she simply must see.

Christmas Angel by Jo Beverley

[F/BEV]

Weary of war and diplomatic wandering, Leander Knollis, Earl of Charrington, wants a home, a wife and a good old-fashioned English Christmas. As he seems unable to fall in love, however, he will only consider a marriage of convenience to a sensible woman. Judith Rossiter is in no position to turn down the astonishing proposal, but it worries her. Why would an earl and a most attractive one at that, offer marriage to an impoverished widow with two young children?

This Year It Will Be Different: and Other Stories by Maeve Binchy [F/BIN]

This book presents an anthology of Christmas stories reflecting on the various ways in which the holidays serve as a catalyst to promote change, growth and new beginnings.

The Angel Doll by Jerry Beldsoe

[F/BLE]

Set in North Carolina manufacturing town during the 1950s, this is a poignant story of two ten-year-old boys and their search for an angel doll, a search that turned into a lesson of love.

A Hamptons Christmas by James Brady

[F/BRA]

Beecher Stowe is delighted to be spending that delicious season between Thanksgiving and Christmas in the Hamptons. But Beecher and Her Ladyship's plans for an "out of season" frolic are complicated by the puzzling arrival of a small girl who may be named Susannah, skinny, precocious and armed with a platinum card.

Tidings of Great Joy by Sandra Brown

[F/BRO]

A marriage of convenience between architect Ria Lavender and mayoral candidate Taylor Mackensie, the result of an unanticipated pregnancy, breaks out into a passionate fire at Christmas.

One Shenandoah Winter by T. Davis Bunn

[F/BUN]

In the late fall of 1961, Dr. Nathan Reynolds arrived in the isolated town of Hillsboro in the rural Shenandoah Valley. An angry man, he immediately clashed with assistant mayor Connie Wilks and eventually with just about everyone else. Connie has troubles of her own.

Breakfast at Tiffany's and three Stories by Truman Capote

[F/CAP]

In this seductive, wistful masterpiece, Truman Capote created a woman whose name entered the American idiom and whose style is a part of the literary landscape. Holly Golightly knows that nothing bad can ever happen to you at Tiffany's; her poignancy, wit and naivete continue to charm. This book also includes "House of Flowers," "A Diamond Guitar," and "A Christmas Memory."

Christmas Through the Years by Gladys Hasty Carroll

[F/CAP]

This book offers an immensely readable variety of stories and reminiscences of Christmas: fifteen of them in all, some long and some short with many different settings and moods, ranging in time from 1898 to the present.

A Christmas Joy by Peggy Darty, Sharon Gillenwater and Amanda MacLean [F/CHR]

Snow falls; hearts change and love prevail in the stories of three women touched by the Christmas Season.

A Christmas Sampler [F/CHR]
Classic stories of the season from Twain to Cheever.

Christmas Out West by Bill Pronzini and Martin H. Greenberg [W/CHR]

This is a delightful collection of entertaining and touching tales of cowpokes, bull punchers, homesteaders, outlaws and lawmen bound together by the golden thread of humanity and goodwill that is the spirit of Christmas

Christmas Stalkings by Charlotte Macleod [LP/M/CHR]

The enforced gaiety of the Yuletide season only strengthens the belief that if only the wife, husband, mother-in-law, doddering aunt could be suddenly electrocuted by the Christmas tree, how much more jolly things could be!

Christmas In My Heart by Joe L. Wheeler [F/CHR]

This book brings us home to the most special of seasons, the season when we remember the birth of the Christ child. For anyone who has ever experienced or longed for the joys of celebrating a love-filled Christmas, this heart-tugging collection is sure to inspire laughter, tears and tender memories.

Christmas In My Soul by Joe Wheeler [F/CHR]

This is a collection of old-time stories, filled with the power of family and community; depict the magic, warmth and joy of Christmas.

Christmas Out West edited by Bill Pronzini & Martin H. Greenberg {W/CHR}

This anthology is an unparalleled combination of time and place: Christmastime in the great American West. All the familiar tales of saloon brawls, hungry homesteaders and pistol Eros on the lam and lonely cowboys are infused with the radiant energy of Christmas.

The Merchant of Menace by Jill Churchill

[M/CHU]

'Tis the season to be jolly and Jane Jeffry is racing to finish her cookie baking, fruit-compoting, house-cleaning and shopping madness before the arrival of her teenage kids and no less than two moms, her late husband's and the disapproving mater of her significant other, Det. Mel VanDyne. What Jane is definitely not ready for is the arrival of Santa Claus, who turns out to be a muckraking TV "action reporter" in a red suit, complete with camera crew.

Deck the Halls by Carol Higgins Clark

[LP/F/CLA][F/CLA]

Three days before Christmas, Regan Reilly, the dynamic young sleuth meets Alvira Mehhan, the famous lottery winner and amateur detective. Alvira is to accompany her husband home after a particularly grueling session, while Regan is there in hopes of connecting with her bush father, who is scheduled for a routine visit.

All Through the Night by Mary Higgins Clark

[LP/F/CLA][F/CLA]

The author once again celebrates the Christmas season with a tale of suspense that will keep readers turning the pages all through the night.

He Sees You When You're Sleeping by Mary Higgins Clark

[F/CLA]

Sterling Brooks was not an exemplary life. He was too self-absorbed to ever really think about anyone else or make a commitment to the woman he loved. It is a few days before Christmas and for forty-six-years Sterling has lingered in the celestial waiting room outside the heavenly gates, awaiting summons by the Heavenly Council. Will he be deemed fit for entrance into heaven?

Silent Night by Mary Higgins Clark

[LP/F/CLA][F/CLA]

When her husband is diagnosed with leukemia, Catherine Dorman and their two young sons accompany him to New York, during the Christmas season, for a life-saving operation. Hoping to divert them from worry about their father, Catherine takes the boys to see some of the city's Christmas Eve sights. When they stop to listen to a street musician, Brian, the young boy sees a woman find his mother's wallet, which also holds a precious family memento he believes will save his father's life. Unable to get his mother's attention, Brian follows the woman into the city's subways, beginning a journey that will threaten his life and change that of his mother and of the woman as well.

Christmas Vows: \$5.00 Extra by Lori Copeland

[F/COP]

Following his wife's death, Ben O'Keefe is released from prison on parole to care for their three small children. On their way to his mother's house for Christmas, they get stranded at Henrietta Humblesmith's marrying parlor.

Hard Christmas by Barbara D'Amato

[M/DAM]

Freelance reporter Cat Marsala has done lots of tough investigative pieces lately. Now she would like something a little softer – and a feature story on Christmas tree farming sounds ideal. Henry DeGraaf, president of the West Michigan Evergreen Growers Association invites her to spend Thanksgiving at his family farm north of Holland, Michigan, where she can observe the Christmas tree industry up close. A dark mystery lies over the death of the family patriarch, Henry DeGraff, Sr. who died in the spring. He suffered a fatal asthma attack when the crop-dusting plane flew over.

Moonlight and Mistletoe by Maggie Daniels

[F/DAN]

Buck Grissom, handsome young sheriff of Nancyville, Georgia, takes in nineteen-year-old Scarlett O'Hara Scraggs and her young sister for the holidays when they appear on his doorstep seeking shelter from the December snow.

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

[VID/CHR][CAS/F/DIC][F/DIC]

A reprinting of the 1843 first edition, complete with the original illustrations. It is supplemented by over eighty related sketches, annotations and analyses of the text with historical notes on the writing of "The Christmas Carol."

Cat in a golden Garland by Carole Nelson Douglas [LP/M/DOU][M/DOU]
This Christmas season, there's more than merriment on Midnight Louie's list, there's a murder to be solved and Louie's on the move. When the Madison Avenue ad agency's head honcho forgoes his traditional Santa suit for a company party and hires an actor instead, someone puts the substitute in permanent deep freeze.

Mistletoe and Murder by Carola Dunn [M/DUN]
Traveling with her family to an old Cornish estate at Christmastime, writer Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher learns of the estate's love, ghost stories and resentments before discovering that a murderer is among her party.

Visions of Sugar Plums by Janet Evanovich [M/EVA]
It is four days before Christmas and Stephanie Plum hasn't got a tree or bought any presents. There's not a twinkle light anywhere to be seen in her apartment, but there's a strange man in her kitchen.

The Christmas Box by Richard Paul Evans [VID/F/CHR][F/EVA]
Richard, a busy and preoccupied father, discovers a Christmas box full of love letters from an old woman to her dead daughter and, with the help of an angel, begins to learn the true meaning of Christmas.

Awful Advent by Karl Fieldhouse M/FIE]
Pastor Abby Shaw finds a body in her Frederick County, Maryland church four Sundays before Christmas. The dead woman, altar guild president Nancy Huff, has enough enemies to fill the pews at St. Luke's Church. When the state police arrest Nancy's husband, a longtime supporter of the pastor, Abby begins her own investigation to clear him.

A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg [CAS/F/FLA][F/FLA]
In a tiny and remote Alabama town, an unexpected, unusual and life transforming event that occurs on one Christmas morning changes a family and a town forever.

The Christmas Mystery by Jostein Gaarder [F/GAA]
Joachim discovers a magic Advent calendar which contains the story of a little girl who traveled through time to be present at the birth of Jesus.

A Season of Miracles by Heather Graham [F/GRA]
In a time long ago, in a land under siege, the fury of revolt pushed a knight and a lady of the manor into a secret, forbidden love, until treachery destroyed it all in a fiery cataclysm that shattered what could have been.

Spirit of the Season by Heather Graham [LP/F/GRA][F/GRA]
The author gives readers a delightful holiday classic with this poignant story of the power of family, the wonder of love and the magic of the season.

Wreck the Halls by Sarah Graves [M/GRA]
Jacobia Tiptree's plans to spend the Christmas holidays renovating her home when Faye Anne Carmody is accused of taking an axe to her no-good husband but when another local citizen turns up dead, Jake begins to suspect a more fiendish murder plot.

A Christmas Wedding by Andrew M. Greeley [F/GRE]
This is wonderfully warm and often hilarious story of Chuckie and the O'Malleys. Often called "the crazy O'Malleys" by their friends, they are known for their unorthodox views, their outrageous behavior and their irrepressible good humor.

Star Bright by Andrew M. Greeley [F/GRE]
Father Andrew M. Greeley, the priest who is also best selling novelist, here tells a Christmas story as warm as a loving heart – a book to cherish.

Skipping Christmas by John Grisham [CAS/F/GRI][CD/F/GRI][F/GRI]
Luther and Nora Krank have decided to set sail on a Caribbean cruise on December 25th and skip Christmas. They are about to discover that their decision brings enormous consequences and isn't half as easy as they imagined.

Christmas in Harmony by Philip Gulley

[F/GUL]

Harmony, Indiana at Christmastime is inspiration that strikes the inimitable Dale Hinshaw. Always looking for a way to increase the church's profit margins, Hinshaw brainstorms a progressive nativity scene that will involve the whole town, complete with a map like those for the Hollywood stars.

The Good Shepherd by Gunnar Gunnarsson

[F/GUN]

At the beginning of the Christmas season, when the weather permitted, if possible on the first Sunday of Advent, he would pack food, changes of socks and several pairs of new leather shoes in a knapsack and with all of these, a small oil stove with a can of kerosene and a small flask of spirits.

The Queen's Christmas by Karen Harper

[M/HAR]

An old English Yule has never been merrier or more mysterious. A New Year's celebration has never looked more joyous but been so potentially deadly.

A Return to Christmas by Chris Heimerdinger

[F/HEI]

Until he was three years old, Artemus Holiday and his twin brother, Andrew, had shared the adventures of life together. But when young Artemus lost his brother in a terrible tragedy on Christmas day, the magic of the Christmas season seemed forever shrouded by a cloud of sadness and despair.

Mr. Ive's Christmas by Oscar Hijuelos

[F/HIJ]

This author again displays these extraordinary gifts with a story of faith and spiritual crisis, set against the dreams and realities of postwar America.

Christmas Every Day by William Dean Howells

[F/HOW]

This is an engaging tale written in 1892, a little girl begs her father for a new Christmas story and he lovingly obliges. These precious moments, shared by parents and children throughout the years, are here for all of us to treasure CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY.

Old Christmas by Washington Irving

[F/IRV]

The Facsimile Classics Series is a new collection of favorite illustrated classics that have long been unavailable in their original format. The stories have stood the test of time and are, in each case, superbly illustrated by the best contemporary artists.

Esther's Gift by Jan Karon

[F/KAR]

Esther Bolick is filled with the holiday spirit as she prepares to bake the annual batch of her famous orange marmalade cakes. Gene calculates what it costs to bake this legendary cake and Esther is stunned. Is it worth it to spend too much money on people who haven't always measured up to her expectations?

Shepherds Abiding by Jan Karon

[CAS/F/KAR][F/KAR]

Since he was a boy growing up in Mississippi, Father Tim has lived what he calls "the life of the mind." Except for cooking, gardening and washing his dog, he never learned to savor the work of his hands. Then he finds a derelict nativity scene, including a flock of sheep that has suffered the indignities of time and neglect. Can he give the small assembly new life?

An Irish Christmas by John B. Keane

[F/KEA]

This book visits the Christmases celebrated by characters like Dotie Tupper and Johnny Naile and the doughty Canon Doyle who, in one tale, routes the scoundrels intent on detaching the collection box from its place on the church wall and in another, employs modern electronics to rehabilitate a fellow parish priest.

Irish Stories for Christmas by John B. Keane

[F/KEA]

In this collection, Ireland's master storyteller and playwright, John B. Keane, portrays the rich folk culture of southwest Ireland that is now rapidly disappearing. More than just tales for reading at Christmas, these are stories about the lives of ordinary Irish country people during the holiday season that provide delightful reading any time of year.

Gideon's Gift by Karen Kingsbury

[F/KIN]

Bitter and grief-stricken after the loss of his wife and daughter, Earl Bigson has lost his faith in God and lives homeless on the street, until he encounters Gideon, a seven-year-old leukemia patient determined to reach out to him.

Seasons Revenge by Henry Kisor

[M/KIS]

When one of his small town's leading citizens, Paul Passoja, is killed in an apparent bear attack, Lakota Deputy Sheriff Steve Martinez becomes suspicious and launches an unofficial investigation.

Santa's Twin by Dean Koontz

[F/KOO]

Two sisters save Christmas from Santa's evil twin brother who delivers worms, spiders, spinach and Brussels sprouts candy.

The Promise in a Kiss by Stephanie Laurens

[F/LAU]

As Helena prepares to enter London society, determined to marry the most eligible bachelor, Sebastian, Duke of Ives, she discovers that he is the same enigmatic Englishman who changed her life with one incredible kiss on a Christmas Eve long ago.

The Girl Who Didn't Believe in Mistletoe by Mary Leask

[F/LEA]

Lucy Allen was brought up to believe that hard work, not sentiment, made for success and happiness. But when Lucy unexpectedly finds herself out of her teaching job and without funds, desperation causes her to try an old scam to get a meal in one of Toronto's best restaurants. While there, she meets the man who could change her life forever.

Home for the Holidays by Johanna Lindsey

[F/LEA]

For the first time in her sheltered life, Larissa Ascot's wishes for a merry Christmas seem to be in peril. Her father is off to the Colonies on business, but is far overdue to be home. Larissa is left to handle the rumors of her family's bankruptcy, panicked creditors pounding on her door eviction.

The Present by Johanna Lindsey

[F/LIN]

It is Christmastime and all is not well with the Malory's. As the family gathers at Haverston to celebrate the holidays together, underlying tensions disturb the union of black sheep James and his wife Georgina, while eldest brother Jason, the Marquis of Haverston, remains unable to convince Molly, the love of his life and mother of his only son, to marry him. In the midst of the turmoil, a mysterious present arrives that will dramatically affect the lives of everyone with Malory blood.

Lone Star Christmas by Diana Palmer & Joan Johnston

[F/LON]

Meet the men who make it so nice to be naughty! They're seductive, they're shameless, they're irresistible and these Texans are experts at sneaking kisses under the mistletoe.

Can This Be Christmas? By Debbie Macomber

[F/MAC]

It is December 24th at a shabby train depot in a small New Hampshire town. A group of people is stranded there on this still and snowy night, their beautifully wrapped gifts piled uselessly around them. Can this be Christmas?

Christmas Angels by Debbie Macomber

[F/MAC]

This story reminds readers what the true spirit of Christmas is all about. Take three parts faith and one part hope, mix them together and you've got a delightful concoction of angelic tales that is the answer to every prayer.

The Christmas Basket by Debbie Macomber

[F/MAC]

That summer, more than ten years ago, while they were still in high school, Noelle McDowell and Thomas Sutton fell secretly in love. Secretly because their mothers had been locked in a bitter feud for decades. But, despite the animosity between Sarah McDowell and Mary Sutton, Noelle planned to elope with Thom, until he jilted her.

The Snow Bride by Debbie Macomber

[F/MAC]

Practical Jenna Walsh has done something impractical she's met a man on the internet and now, a month before Christmas and she's going to Alaska to marry him. On the flight to Fairbanks, she has the misfortune to sit beside Reed Kenner who was not impressed with her plan to marry Dalton. So Reed takes it upon himself to change her destination and her marriage plans.

Those Christmas Angels by Debbie Macomber

[F/MAC]

Shirley, Goodness and Mercy, three well-intentioned angels who are occasionally allowed to intervene in human affairs, but despite their frequent misadventures, despite the chaos they often cause, things always seem to turn out right.

Touched by Angels by Debbie Macomber

[F/MAC]

New York is always in need of miracles and this Christmas is no exception. Thank heavens the divinely inspired, if slightly dizzy trio, Shirley, Goodness and Mercy, have winged in to answer three Christmas wishes and teach a few lessons along the way.

Little Ellie Claus by James Manos, Jr.

[F/MAN]

It is Christmas Eve, 1934. A baby girl has been left on the steps of a New York City orphanage. A note is tucked inside her blankets ... "My heart is shattered, my soul bent and broken, for I could not give this most deserved and beautiful child a chance in life. I leave her to you, to keep her safe and comforted in the palm of God's hand. Her name is Ellie. Please love her as much as I do. God forgive me."

Recipes for Easy Living by Curtiss Ann Matlock

[F/MAT]

Christmas has come to Valentine, Oklahoma and everybody's got a special wish. For thirteen-year-old Corrine, it's really about keeping what she has: a happy life with her Aunt Marilee and Papa Tate: her beloved horses and an almost boyfriend, Ricky Dale. Now is not the time for the mother who abandoned her to come back into her life. She is coming home for Christmas to fix the mistakes she's made, despite some bad times and the bridges she's burned. Anita loves her daughter and she desperately hopes a bit of Christmas magic will help Corrine decide to love and trust her again. As always, Anita's arrival fans old flames of anger and stubbornness between the sisters. Then again, it is a season of miracles.

Epiphany by Paul McCusker

[F/MCC]

Richard Lee may be gone, but he's not yet departed. In this captivating Christmas novella, as the unseen observer of the family events that follow his own death, Richard watches his children return to their hometown to attend his funeral, settle the estate and come to terms not only with their father's passing but with the disappointing direction each of their lives has taken.

Simple Gifts by Judith McNaught & Jude Deveraux

[LP/F/MCM][F/MCN]

The two best selling authors shine with love's magic in this wonderful collection. Here are their most dazzling Christmas tales – the perfect treat for romantics at heart.

No Place Like Home by Fern Michaels

[LP/F/MIC][F/MIC]

The Cisco triplets are appalled by their widowed father's behavior. He seems to care more about his gold digging fiancée than he does about his own son and daughters. Dad put their spunky grandmother in a nursing home against her will. As the triplets get their grandmother the medical that will make her independent again, all three find unexpected romance. If everything goes according to plan, there's going to be quite a crowd at Granny's house come Christmas.

A Springwater Christmas by Linda Lael Miller [F/MIL]

When Jack McLaughlin drifted into Springwater, he carried little more with him than his bitter memories of the Civil War. Wounded soul deep and fearing the wrath of his own parents, Jack has hidden his identity and come to Springwater to see his mother and father from afar, even if he can't bear to face them.

Mistletoe Kisses by Rachel Lee, Andrea Edwards & Cait London [F/MIS]

Take four heroines, created by some of Romance's hottest authors, mix them up with an equal number of heroes until warm and sweet, press together and add laughter. Set in delicious historical settings, seal with a kiss and leave overnight. By morning, couples will have formed into four delightful stories, sprinkle liberally with Mistletoe and Magic.

Christmas Present by Jacquelyn Mitchard [F/MIT]

A fourteenth wedding anniversary is nothing to sneeze at, Elliott Banner knows, but it's not exactly a landmark year like fifteen, or twenty, when he plans to take his wife, Laura, to Paris. But when a headache on the drive home from their anniversary date – two days before Christmas – turns out to be more than a migraine, he wishes he had celebrated every year as though it were their last.

Santa and Pete by Christopher Moore & Pamela Johnson [F/MOO]

Who would ever guess that the beloved legend of Santa Claus involves a seldom-told tale of faith and friendship between two men, one white and one black? Long ago Santa Claus had an African partner named Pete and together they brought the spirit of Christmas to America's first settlers. These two forever changed the way families celebrate the holiday. But through the years, Pete's contribution was forgotten.

Murder for Christmas by Thomas Godfrey & Graham Wilson [M/MUR]

The Yuletide season becomes a time for mystery and murder in a collection of fifteen tales by such writers as Ngalo Marsh, Chekhov, Runyon and Rex Stout.

The Fifth Day of Christmas by Betty Neels

[F/NEE]

For her own sake she had to back off. It hadn't taken Julia long to fall in love with Ivo Van den Werff. But as soon as she met Marcia Jason she realized she had to fall out of love just as quickly. Clearly the other had a much stronger claim on Ivo's affection.

Come, My Little Angel by Diane Noble

[F/NOB]

In a mining town at the turn of the century, a ten-year-old girl prays for a miracle...then sets about to see it unfold. This is a heartwarming tale of love and hope.

Let Nothing You Dismay Mark O'Donnell

[F/ODO]

In this story the author takes you on a wild and funny tour through the Christmas season's ultimate challenge: the day of too many parties.

Prairie Christmas by Catherine Palmer, Elizabeth White & Peggy Stoks [F/PAL]

The authors have created this faith filled collection of original Christmas love stories for your enjoyment and inspiration. Favorite holiday recipes included with each story!

Miracle On the 17th Green by James Patterson & Peter DeJonge [F/PAT]

Travis McKinley is an ordinary man living an ordinary life. He has a job that he despises, a marriage that has lost its passion, children from whom he feels disconnected and at age fifty, a sense that he has accomplished nothing of consequence with his life. But on Christmas Day, he goes out to play a round of golf and for the first time, he finds himself in the "zone." Always a fairly good golfer, he finds himself playing like a pro and is so caught up in his excitement that he continues to play, missing Christmas dinner with his wife and family. It is too much for his already trouble marriage.

Angels and Other Strangers by Katherine Patterson

[F/PAT]

With her gifts of insight and compassion, the author weaves stories about miracles of the Christmas season in which the lowly are raised up and the proud are brought low. The stories are deeply moving and filled with humor. They are based on a faith that is rich with human understanding.

The Modern Magi by Carol Lynn Pearson [F/PEA]

This poignant story will touch your heart and soul, and it will be treasured by readers of all ages. This is a perfect read-aloud story that will become a new family tradition through the holiday season.

A Stranger for Christmas by Carol Lynn Pearson [F/PEA]

This book will reach into the hearts of families everywhere and is sure to become a family reading tradition at Christmas and all year long.

A Christmas Journey by Anne Perry [F/PER]

It's Christmas and the Berkshire countryside lies wrapped in winter chill. But the well born guests who have gathered at Applecross for a delicious weekend of innocent intrigue and passionate romance are warmed by roaring fires and candlelight, holly and mistletoe, good wine and gorgeously wrapped gifts. Soon one young woman lies dead, a suicide and another is ostracized, held partly responsible for the shocking turn of events.

Julotta: A Story of Faith and Love by Tracie Peterson [F/PET]

Sigrid Larsson may be resigned to spinsterhood but she is not ready to sell the family homestead and move in with well-meaning relatives. When the possibility of romance comes in the form of a dashing young man from the railroad, as well as her neighbor and longtime friend Erik Lindquist, Sigrid is thrown into confusion. On whose arm will she attend Julotta, the Christmas morning worship service?

Village Christmas by Miss Read [F/REA]

Mr. & Mrs. Emery have three little girls and a new baby coming. She may be pregnant and tired out by her household but she is also cheerful and chatty. Her slacks and cigarettes, her untidy children and casual borrowing, her urban friendliness, are foreign to the villagers. They seem especially suspicious to Margaret and Mary, two timid spinster sisters who live in their parents' old cottage across the street. On Christmas morning everything changes.

Daniel Plainway, or The Holiday Haunting of the Moosepath League

By Van Reid

[F/REI]

The author again proves himself an incomparable storyteller with a spellbinding tale that is both lighthearted comedy and touching drama.

Silver Bells by Luanne Rice

[LP/F/RIC][F/RIC]

Troubled by haunting memories of the past, a rugged Christmas tree farmer from Nova Scotia and a reclusive young librarian from New York City come together amid the holiday magic of a glittering city.

Holiday in Your Heart by LeAnn Rimes

[F/RIM]

Nothing could be better than singing at the Grand Ole Opry. Teenaged singing sensation Anna Lee has realized her dream of performing a holiday concert on the fabled stage. Yet her happiness is clouded by thoughts of her grandmother, stricken with a serious illness back in her native Mississippi and unable to see her beloved granddaughter triumph at this special time of year.

The Christmas Garden Affair by Ann Ripley

[M/RIP]

The country's First Lady invites PBS gardening icon and series sleuth Louise Eldridge and her garden TV rival, sexy Bunny Bainfield, to an exclusive conference on native plants. Bunny falls victim to murder and Louise begins investigating a handy abundance of suspects.

The Shoe Box – A Christmas Story by Francine Rivers

[F/RIV]

Timmy O'Neil came to live with Mary and David Holmes on a cloudy day in the middle of September, two weeks after school starter. He was a quiet little six-year-old boy with sorrowful eyes. Not very long afterward, they wondered about the box he carried with him all the time. It was an ordinary shoebox with a red lid and the words Running Shoes printed on one side.

Christmas 1940 by Eleanor Roosevelt

[F/ROO]

Christmas, 1940 was not a joyous time for most of the world. Britain was under constant air attack. Japan had occupied much of China and seemed poised for further aggression. And though America was at peace, she too would soon be drawn into a brutal world war. In that dark time, Eleanor Roosevelt wrote a story about the meaning of Christmas. Set in Nazi occupied Holland, Christmas 1940 is a tale about the simple, but sustaining faith of one family confronted with the evil force of the oppressor.

Death in Store by Jennifer Rowe

[M/ROW]

In a jolly collection of eight short mysteries, Verity Birdwood encounters a murdered department store Santa, a wife who is perfectly dead, the “suicide” of a matinee idol and a proper lady who is lethal—among other whodunits.

The Christmas Tree by Julie Salamon

[F/SAL]

At Christmas time, a nun agrees to donate to Rockefeller Center a fir tree, which has been her best friend since the time she arrived at her convent as a young orphan.

Raphael and the Noble Task by Catherine Salton

[F/SAL]

Raphael, a griffin who guards the entrance to a cathedral, yearns to do something that will bring meaning to his life. He gets his chance when he begins caring for a baby that has been left at the cathedral door. When the child’s mother returns, Raphael must set things right.

Holidays On Ice by David Sedaris

[F/SED]

This drinking man’s companion can be enjoyed by the warmth of a raging fire, the glow of a brilliantly decorated tree or even in the backseat of a van or police car. It should be read with your eyes, felt with your heart and heard only when spoken to. It should, in short, behave much like a book. And oh, what a book it is!

A Christmas Legacy by Kathryn Shay

[F/SHA]

Riverbend, Indiana, home of the River Rats, a group of small town sons and daughters who have been friends since high school. The River Rats are all grown-up now and living their lives and learning that some days are good and some days aren't and that you can get through anything as long as you have your friends.

Christmas in Georgia by Celestine Sibley

[F/SIB]

There's no one you'll remember more than Henry Grady Huckaby, who, out of love for his sick brother, accidentally saved Christmas for his entire family.

Especially at Christmas by Celestine Sibley

[F/SIB]

The theme of this book is that things aren't important but people are. The people in this book reflect the gaiety and sadness of Christmas, the joys of giving and the visions and dreams of those with the true spirit of Christmas in their souls.

Spider in the Sink by Celestine Sibley

[M/SIB]

Kate Mulcay's Christmas holiday is interrupted by an urgent call that eccentric philanthropist Miss Iris Moon has been murdered in her mansion, and Kate must soon uncover the truth before two of her homeless friends are accused.

The Golden Ring by John Snyder

[F/SNY]

During the Christmas season of 1918, nine-year-old Anna and her father come to a deeper understanding of the goodness of giving as each follows the guidance of their dreams of Jesus.

A Midnight Clear by Katherine Stone

[F/STO]

For him, love was a nightmare. For her, it is an awakening. Now they both need a miracle.

Family Games by Jean Stubbs

[F/STU]

Family Games is a new triumph for the author. As always, her stage is Cornwall, on the rock shores of England. Her players are the Malpas family, a clan whose bonds are weakened by unguarded emotion and the demands of modern life. The drama is a Christmas homecoming, in the wake of a death, that brings mother, father, children and grandchildren together to what they will learn, despite their doubts, is still their home.

Certain Poor Shepherds by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas [LP/F/THO][F/THO]

When an unusual star appears on the horizon one clear winter night, among those drawn to its bright promise are two shepherds – a dog named Lila and Ima, a goat. Therein lies an adventure and Thomas' departure from the familiar story treasured by generations. With their flock, the animals journey to Bethlehem and home again, witnesses to a redemption of which they have no need.

A Time-Travel Christmas by Megan Daniel, Vivian Knight-Jenkins,

Eugenia Riley and Flora Speer

[F/TIM]

Christmas through the ages..love for all time.

The Christmas Blessing by Donna Van Liere

[F/VAN]

This story follows Nathan Andrew's medical school education, an endeavor that helps him learn unexpected lessons about faith, giving and sacrifice and brings him to the side of a terminally ill young woman.

Upon A Midnight Clear by Jude Deveraux & Linda Howard

[F/UPO]

A spirited Irishwoman comes to a rugged Colorado town to govern a young ruffian and learns a love lesson from the boy's father: there is more to the man than meets the eye...In the midst of a blizzard, a snowbound woman offers shelter to a stranger, a man who is an expert at covering his tracks.

A Victorian Christmas by Catherine Palmer

[LP/F/VIC][F/VIC]

This book will take you to the mountains of New Mexico, where mistaken identities nearly derail a romance before it can even begin...to a Louisiana plantation, where tender hearts must put aside the past before they can embrace the future...to rural Minnesota, where love springs unexpectedly from the ashes of disaster...to a stormy New England Christmas Eve, when the prayers of a young widow's child are answered in a most unusual manner.

Beyond the Picket Fence by Lori Wick

[F/WIC]

The author brings treasures to a very special collection of eight short stories, delightful glimpses of the life and love found beyond the picket fence.

Tis the Season to be Murdered by Valerie Wolzien

[M/WOL]

Exhausted after shopping for teenagers, struggling with cappuccino machines and eating way too many cookies, Susan Henshaw is glad she hired "The Holly and Ms. Ivy" to cater her annual New Year's bash. But when half the team, the blond and buffed Z Holly, chef extraordinaire and notorious ladies' men, is found strangled in a van full of helium balloons, Susan starts hunting for a killer.

We Wish You A Merry Murder by Valerie Wolzien

[M/WOL]

Chic suburbanite Kelly Knowlson firmly believed her runaway ex-husband, Evan, would someday return. He did: sitting comfortable by the fire, eggnog at his side, The Night Before Christmas in his hands and a bullet in his head.

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M=Mystery

LP=Large Print

CAS=Book on Cassette

NB=New Book

W=Western