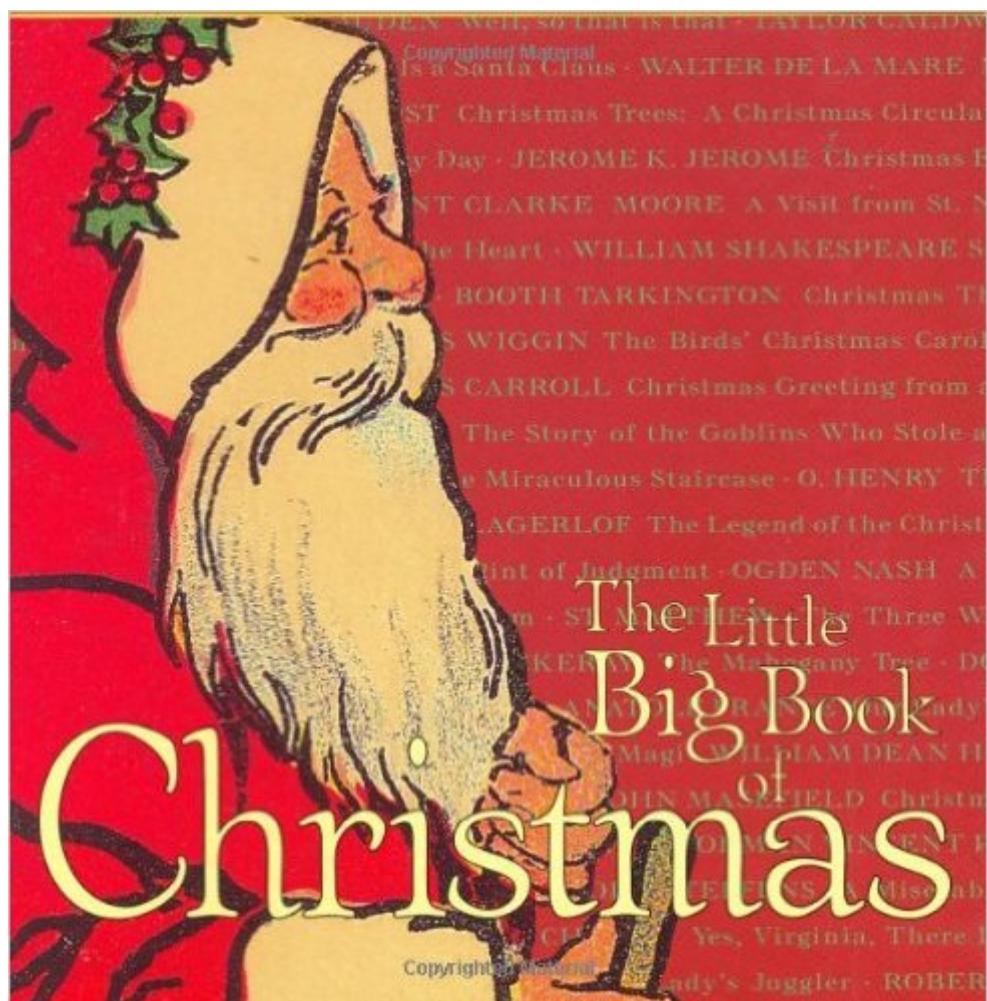


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# The Little Big Book Of Christmas



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

I love all of Lena Tabori's "Little Big Books", especially the Valentines and Halloween ones, but this Christmas one is my favorite of all. This book is a "must have" for reading to children during the Yuletide season and is a wonderful (and necessary) indulgence for oneself as well. The illustrations have been gleaned from the charming Victorian art of a bygone day and archive the simple, cozy Christmas traditions for us to recover with the turn of a page. 11 Poems, 13 carols with music, 21 stories, 14 recipes, and over 200 illustrations including 55 full color 19th century images make up this delightful volume. You will see the writing of Robert Frost, Louisa May Alcott, Kenneth Grahame, O. Henry, Ogden Nash, William Shakespeare and many others. Read stories from the Bible and also from the pen of beloved First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. I think this book would be worth having for the holiday recipes alone. I have tried several and I found each one that I tried delicious. There are blueprints for a gingerbread house and perfect Snow Icing directions. Don't miss the Vermont Whiskey Cake or Napa Valley Apple Cranberry Crisp. Open up this treasure trove after all the Thanksgiving dishes are done and take a treasure or two out each day. I think you'll enjoy the whole season that much more as a result!

When the Thanksgiving turkey has been cleared from the table, the reader in me immediately starts thinking about great Christmas stories to plunge into for the month of December. How happy I was to find the greatest stories I remembered from the past plus great new discoveries had all been gathered into one book. Not only the best stories and poems, but magnificent artwork, yummy new recipes to try, and carols for family sing-a-longs. This book has it all for an uplifting, feel-good Christmas reading experience. So make yourself a cup of hot chocolate with peppermint sticks (recipe, page 198) and enjoy "A Miserable, Merry Christmas" by Lincoln Steffens (page 210), one of my favorite new discoveries in this volume. Or if you have small children, don't let the season pass

without reading them "Christmas Every Day" by William Dean Howells" (page 226) or the classic "Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus" (page 178) by Francis P. Church. You'll want a copy for yourself and one to give your favorite reading buddy.

Nostalgic, fun Christmas presents come no better. The assortment of stories, music, and pictures contained in this book cover a huge scope. It is just the sort of book to snuggle with as one nurses a toddy and enjoys the scent of pine.

Who needs a partridge in a pear tree? This hefty stocking stuffer has everything else you might want for an old-fashioned yuletide celebration. There are classic Christmas tales from the likes of Charles Dickens and O. Henry, holiday poetry, carols (complete with sheet music) and even recipes for seasonal treats such as gingerbread cookies and hot apple cider.

This is a nice book if you still need a collection of the basic popular Christmas stories & songs. It's put together nicely, but there wasn't much new or unique in the book, except a couple of poems. There were some nice illustrations, but the book wasn't worth it just for those. So if you are looking for something new, not just the same old Christmas stories, don't get this book. But if you want all those in one place this is a good choice. I also found it a bit hard to read for long periods since it's small, but very thick. Handling it & keeping it open to read was tiresome.

The book is of excellent quality, paper, printing, illustrations are all top notch. A wide variety of stories, poems, songs and recipes. Very nostalgic. Be warned that not all of the stories or poems are happy.

I gather many people really like these little big books. I am just not one of them. I find them awkward to hold and read. The materials seem of poor quality - the paper is almost like thin cardboard - heavy and coarse. I didn't find the content anything special either. Wish I hadn't spent the money.

Love anything Christmas, and this little "big" book added to my collection, Beautiful illustrations and chock full of stories and songs.

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