

We offer you a tempting buffet of holiday reading. Please help yourself and enjoy!

Abbott, Scott

The ghost of Christmas present

The fourth Wednesday of November, and Patrick Guthrie is giving thanks. He's giving thanks that his eight-year-old son, Braden, will finally have a procedure on his heart that will cure him of the same life-threatening condition that took Patrick's wife several years earlier. But when Patrick suddenly loses his job teaching drama at a New York City high school, his already desperate financial situation becomes dire. Rebecca Brody, a social worker, shows up at his door with a judge's order for him to appear before the city's family court to determine if Patrick is financially fit, and Patrick realizes he is in danger of losing his son. Patrick knows that he must somehow make it through the holiday season to a new job waiting for him in the new year. [amazon.ca]

Balogh, Mary

A Christmas promise

Eleanor Transome's wealthy father was determined that she wed a nobleman she did not love. Lord Randolph Falloden, on the brink of ruin and an arrogant earl who is unable to resist the lure of cold cash, could not refuse, although he did not love her either. The match is destined to take place, but there is a surprise in store for them both after the nuptials. [SDM]

Beaton, M.C.

Busy body

When Mr. John Sunday, a self-important officer with the Health and Safety Board, is stabbed to death with a kitchen knife during the village's Christmas festivities, Agatha's detective agency is on the case. -- [WorldCat].

Cabot, Amanda

Christmas roses

"Celia Anderson doesn't need anything for Christmas except a few more boarders, which are hard to come by in this small mining town. She certainly doesn't have a husband on her Christmas wish list. But when a wandering carpenter finds lodging at her boarding house, she admits that she might remarry if she found the right man -- the kind of man who would bring her roses for Christmas. It would take a miracle to get roses during a harsh Wyoming winter. But Christmas, after all, is the time for miracles." --[Publisher]

Carlson, Melody

The Christmas pony

It is 1937, and Lucy knows better than to wish for a pony this Christmas. Her mother has assured her in no uncertain terms that asking for a pony is the same as asking for the moon. Then an interesting pair of strangers comes to town, and Lucy's world changes forever. [SDM]

Carr, Robyn

My kind of Christmas

Angie LeCroix comes to Virgin River to spend Christmas relaxing, away from her well-intentioned but hovering mother. Yet instead of freedom, she gets Jack Sheridan. If her uncle had his way, she'd never go out again. And certainly not with rugged, handsome Patrick Riordan. But Angie has her own idea of the kind of Christmas she wants—and the kind of man! Patrick and Angie thought they wanted to be left alone this Christmas—until they meet each other. Then they want to be left alone together. But the Sheridan and Riordan families have different plans for Patrick and Angie—and for Christmas, Virgin River—style! [Back cover]

Clark, Mary Higgins

Deck the halls

Sleuth Regan Reilly and amateur detective Alvira Meehan join forces when Regan's father is kidnapped just before Christmas. [SDM]

Evans, Richard Paul

The Christmas box

When Richard Paul Evans wrote *The Christmas Box*, he intended it as a private expression of love for his two young daughters, Jenna and Allyson. Though he often told them that he loved them, he didn't feel that they could ever really understand the depth of his feelings until they had experienced the joy of rearing their own children, and by that time their relationship would have changed forever. In writing *The Christmas Box*, he hoped that at some time in the future they would read the book and know of their father's love. [amazon.ca]

Feather, Jane

Twelfth Night secrets

When her older brother Nick, a British spy, is killed, Lady Harriet Devere is given a new mission by the Ministry of War--to spend Christmas determining if Julius Forsythe, Earl of Marbury, is a double agent for the French. [SDM]

Forrest, John

Home for Christmas : a family saga of rural Canada

Set in rural Canada from the 1930s through the 1950s, this five story collection flows chronologically and presents a historically accurate depiction of life in a rural Canadian community. In the lead story "Becca's Star" the Stones, a "depression era" Ontario farm family, find their already meagre Christmas threatened by winter's wrath and then made forever memorable by an unlikely ally and a mysterious star. [amazon.ca]

Greeley, Andrew M.

Home for Christmas.

Petey Pat Kane and Mariana Pia Pelligrino have been in love with each other their whole lives. But on a night that is supposed to be one of the best of their lives, Peter makes a choice that forces him to leave Chicago—and Mariana—behind. Guilt leads him into the Army, where he becomes Captain Kane, war hero. But nothing can make him forget his love for Mariana....[amazon.ca]

Grisham, John

Skipping Christmas

Imagine a year without Christmas. No crowded malls, no corny office parties, no fruitcakes, no unwanted presents. -- [WorldCat].

Jacobs, Kate

Knit the season

Dakota Walker spends the Christmas holidays with her Gran in Scotland--accompanied by her father, her grandparents, and her mother's best friend, Catherine. Join them as they share a trove of happy memories about Christmases past with Dakota's mom, Georgia Walker--from Georgia's childhood to her blissful time as a doting new mom. [SDM]

Keillor, Garrison

A Christmas blizzard

Snow is falling all across the Midwest as James Sparrow, a country- bumpkin-turned-energy-drink-tycoon, and his wife awaken in their sky-rise apartment overlooking Chicago. Even down with the stomach bug, Mrs. Sparrow yearns to see The Nutcracker while James yearns only to escape-the faux-cheer, the bitter cold, the whole Christmas season. An urgent phone call from his hometown of Looseleaf, North Dakota, sends James into the midst of his lunatic relatives and a historic blizzard. As he hunkers weather the storm, the electricity goes out and James is visited by a parade of figures who deliver him an epiphany worthy of the season,

just in time to receive Mrs. Sparrow's wonderful Christmas gift. [amazon.ca]

Kinkade, Thomas

A wish for Christmas

After serving in Iraq, David returns home to find his widowed father remarried. Jobless and injured, David doesn't have much Christmas cheer. He realizes that he needs to heal not only his body but his heart as well... [amazon.ca]

Macomber, Debbie

Angels at the table

Taking an apprentice angel to Times Square to show him the delights and opportunities of the city, angels Shirley, Goodness, and Mercy help Will to introduce a lonely chef and food critic who after a year-long separation are reunited during the holiday season. -- [WorldCat].

A season of angels

Three willing but wacky Christmas angels, Shirley, Goodness, and Mercy, must answer a Yuletide prayer request--to teach one young woman a memorable lesson about life and love. --[Publisher]

Trading Christmas

Deciding to spend Christmas in Boston with her daughter, widow Emily Springer, through the Internet, swaps houses with history professor Charles Brewster, but destiny intervenes when this unlikely couple is forced to spend the holidays together. --[Publisher]

Medlicot, Joan

A blue and gray Christmas

After being moved by the letters of two Civil War soldiers--one Union and the other Confederate--Grace, Hannah, and Amelia track down the soldiers' descendants and invite them to a Christmas reunion in Covington, where the letters will serve as holiday gifts.

Mortimer, John

Rumpole at Christmas

A collection of seven holiday stories depicting the Old Bailey Hack **at** his lovable best.

Patterson, James

The Christmas wedding

Since her husband died three years ago, Gaby's four children have drifted apart and haven't celebrated Christmas together since their father's death. When Gaby announces that she's getting married--and that the groom will remain a secret until the wedding day--she may finally be able to bring them home for the holidays. But the wedding isn't Gaby's only surprise--she has one more gift for her children, and it could change all their lives forever. -- [WorldCat].

Perry, Ann

A Christmas promise

Three days before Christmas, in London's East End, thirteen-year-old Gracie Phipps encounters eight-year-old Minnie Maude Mudway, freezing and alone. Only the day before, someone murdered Minnie Maude's Uncle Alf and made off with his rag-and-bones cart-as well as with Charlie, the beloved donkey who pulled it. Now, Grace and Minnie Maude set off to rescue Charlie. But the path that Uncle Alf had taken to his death was not his regular route, and in his cart, the children are told, was a dazzling golden casket that could very well be a Pandora's box of evil or a shining prize of hope. -- [Publisher]

Roberts, Sheila

The nine lives of Christmas

When a guy is in trouble, he starts making deals with his Creator...and Ambrose the cat is no exception. In danger of losing his ninth and final life, Ambrose makes a desperate plea to the universe. He'll do anything—anything!—if he can just survive and enjoy a nice long, final life. His prayer is answered when a stranger comes along and saves him—and now it looks like he has to hold up his end of the bargain. The stranger turns out to be a firefighter named Zach, who's in need of some serious romantic help. If Ambrose can just bring Zach together with Merilee, the nice lady who works at Pet Palace, it's bound to earn him a healthy ninth life. Unfortunately for Ambrose, his mission is a lot harder than he ever thought. Merrilee is way too shy to make the first move on a ladies man like Zach, and Zach thinks he's all wrong for a nice girl like Merrilee. Now it's going to take all of Ambrose's feline wiles—and maybe even a good old fashioned Christmas miracle—to make them both realize that what they're looking for is right in front of their eyes.

VanLiere, Donna

The Christmas secret

When struggling young single mother Christine Eisley saves the life of an elderly woman working in Wilson's department store, she sets into motion a series of events that will test her strength, loyalty, and determination, all the while setting her on the path to finding true love. --[Publisher]

Woods, Sheryl

A Chesapeake Shores Christmas

Mick and Megan O'Brien finally make plans to walk down the aisle, but not everyone is happy about the upcoming wedding as they are. There's a good chance complications will keep this reunited couple from ever saying "I do." -- [Publisher]



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