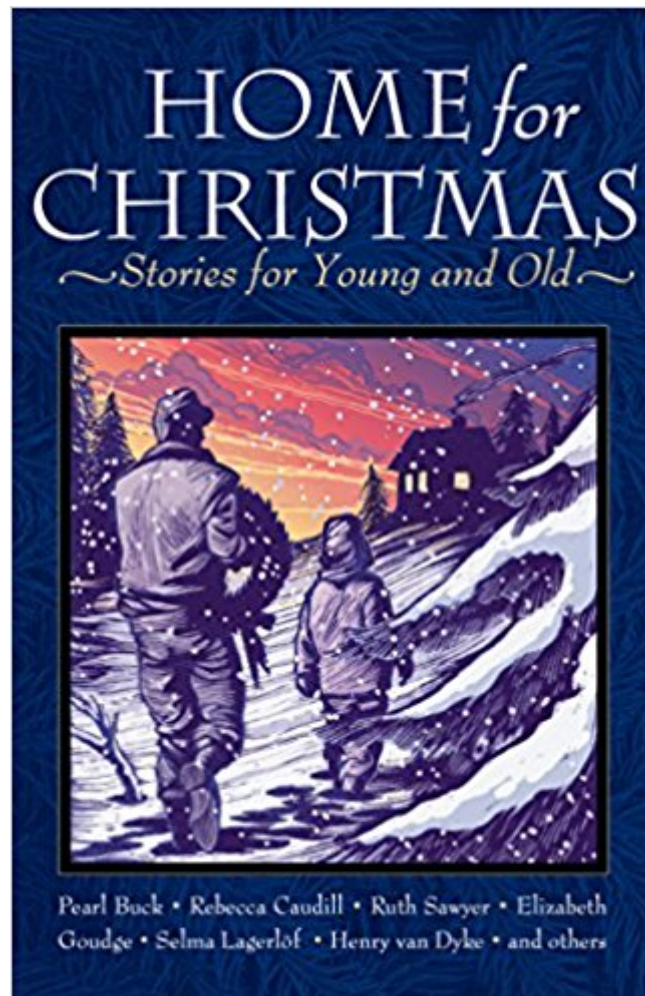




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Home For Christmas: Stories For Young And Old



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For readers who are tired of Christmas commercialism, or who feel that Santa Claus and reindeer don't tell the whole story, these classic gems provide a winning alternative. Selected for their insightfulness, spiritual value, and literary quality (nothing moralistic here) they project the spirit of the season in a fresh, compelling manner that will resonate with readers of all ages – from children too young to read to themselves, to parents and grandparents who enjoy reading stories aloud. Home for Christmas includes time-tested favorites by some of the world's most beloved children's authors – Pearl Buck, Selma Lagerlöf, Henry van Dyke, Madeleine L'Engle, Elizabeth Goudge, Rebecca Caudill, and Ruth Sawyer – as well as little-known European stories appearing in English for the first time.

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Customer Reviews

This Christmas season I spent time reading this excellent collection of readable, intriguing Christmas stories. All tell of the promise of the season: Goodness, giving, even each a story of a miracle of a kind. The collection subtitled, "Stories for Young and Old" is an apt description of the 332 page paperback compiled by Miriam LeBlanc, illustrated by David G. Klein and published by Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York. This book has the seal of approval of this reader, and here I quote from the note at the book's beginning written by Emmy Arnold. I think this is the right seal of approval in our contemporary America: "Even though Christmas is exploited for profit, even though its meaning is often corrupted, it is still the time of year that we feel the impulse to think of others. It

is still the season of anticipation and joy. The brightness and fragrance of a Christmas tree under which gifts are laid--here is light and warmth; here is life and love."Christmas for me this year was marked by the reading of this title, as one of three I used for my devotion. The others: "Run, Shepherds, Run: Poems for Advent and Christmas," by L. William Countryman; "Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas". "Home for Christmas" was my pick as a companion to these two books "...for those who wish to follow the readings sequentially, on a daily basis..." I just kept going at the book of stories, and did not read them sequentially, but on a daily basis. Some of the authors are Pearl Buck, Rebecca Candill, Ruth Sawyer, Elizabeth Goudge, Selma Lagerlof, Henry van Dyke. That from the book's cover.

Home for Christmas -Stories for Young and OldThis book has 20 short stories for the Christmas season. I felt some books were not for the very young but an older child of 10 or more could read this with the family and discuss the contents. The stories could be read one or two at a time. Before each story, there is a woodcut illustration in black and white which helps identify the story. Some of the stories are European so many I have not heard. I especially liked the Miraculous Staircase and I slightly recall reading this years ago.The list of stories are:Brother Robber by Helene ChristallerThree Young Kings by Gorge Summer AlbeeTransfiguration by Madeleine L' EngleThe Cribmaker's Trip to Heaven by ReimmichlThe Guest by Nikolai S. LesskovChristmas Day in the Morning by Pearl S. BuckThe Other Wise Man by Henry van DykeThe Miraculous Staircase by Arthur GordonNo Room at the Inn by Katherine PetersonThe Chess Player by Ger KoopmanThe Christmas Lie by Dorothy ThomasThe Riders of St. Nicholas by Jack SchaeferGrandfather's Stories by Ernst WiechertThe Vexation of Barney Hatch by B. J. ChuteThe Empty Cup by Opal MeniusThe Well of the Star by Elizabeth GoudgeA Certain Small Shepherd by Rebecca CaudillThe Carpenter's Christmas by Peter K. RoseggerWhat the King's Brought by Ruth SawyerThe Christmas Rose by Selma LagerlofOn page 335 there is a page of acknowledgements for the stories and when they were published. This is also a great way for the children and adults to learn about authors together.The book was published by Plough Publishing House.Complied by Miriam Le BlancIllustrated by David G.

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