

Christmas Fiction

All books are in the fiction section unless otherwise noted.

The Christmas Train by David Baldacci (large print fiction)

Tom Langdon, a weary and cash-strapped journalist, is banned from flying when a particularly thorough airport security search causes him to lose his cool. Now, he must take the train if he has any chance of arriving in Los Angeles in time for Christmas with his girlfriend.

The Shepherd, The Angel and Walter the Christmas Miracle Dog by Dave Barry

Delighted to be playing the part of a shepherd in the local Christmas pageant at St. John's Episcopal Church, Doug Barnes is suddenly confronted by a host of problems, including the misbehavior of his fellow shepherds and the illness of the family dog.

This Year Will be Different by Maeve Binchy (fiction and large print fiction)

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.

All Through The Night by Mary Higgins Clark (mystery and paperback mystery)

Alvirah, an amateur detective, and her husband Willy investigate when an after-school shelter for neighborhood kids is prevented from moving into a neighboring building by a couple living there who claim to have inherited it.

The Christmas Thief by Mary Higgins Clark (mystery and large print mystery)

Lottery winner-turned-amateur sleuth Alvirah Meehan joins with private detective Regan Reilly to track down the ninety-foot tree, destined for display in Rockefeller Center, that vanished en route to the city.

Silent Night by Mary Higgins Clark (mystery)

When her husband is diagnosed with leukemia, Catherine Dornan 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 younger 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.

Scarpetta's Winter Table by Patricia Cornwell (mystery)

Virginia's chief medical examiner Dr. Kay Scarpetta and her friends and family come together for the holidays to cook and celebrate in a special novella that includes Christmas recipes and photographs.

A Catered Christmas by Isis Crawford (mystery)

Caterers Bernadette and Libby Simmons are coping with their busiest time of the year when they are recruited for a cooking show contest that pits celebrity chefs against each other, resulting in murder.

A Capital Holiday by Janet Dailey (large print fiction)

With the aid of her grandmother, President's daughter Jocelyn Wakefield is occasionally able to escape the White House, but her efforts to achieve anonymity may come to naught after she meets political columnist Grady Tucker.

Sweet Revenge by Diane Mott Davidson (mystery and mystery large print)

Catering a holiday breakfast for the local library staff, Goldy Schultz is shocked to see a supposedly dead woman who is believed to be Goldy's ex-husband's killer, an encounter that precedes the murder of a high-end map dealer.

Christmas Books by Charles Dickens (large print fiction)

Contains the stories *A Christmas Carol*, *The Chimes*, *The Cricket on the Hearth*, *A Battle of Life*, and *The Haunted Man*

The Christmas Box by Richard Paul Evans

Three classic holiday tales--The Christmas Box, Timepiece, and The Letter--follow the Christmas adventures of a widow and her family, a couple in love, and a small child, in an inspirational omnibus edition.

Timepiece by Richard Paul Evans

The lives of David and Mary Anne Parkin are traced as they discover love, loyalty, and the power of forgiveness.

Snowy Night with a Stranger by Jane Feather (Paperback section)

In a trio of holiday romance tales set in Regency England and Scotland, a debutante falls for a mysterious driver, a spinster finds refuge at the home of a curmudgeonly aristocrat, and a lord meets a young lady trying to escape from home.

A Merry Little Murder by Shelley Freydont (mystery)

Former dancer Lindy Haggerty finds drama, scandal, and catfights when she works at the International Ballroom Competition in Atlantic City where rival studios, determined dancers, and vibrant costumes are no match for murder.

A Magical Christmas by Heather Graham

Jon and Julie Radcliff, whose marriage is in trouble, face their last Christmas together, until they take an extraordinary trip.

Skippping Christmas by John Grisham (fiction and large print fiction)

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

Quaker minister Sam Gardner copes with the eccentrics of his congregation while attempting to counter church elder Dale Hinshaw's plans for a "progressive" nativity scene on Christmas Eve.

The Gift by Pete Hamill

On temporary leave from his service in Korea for the holiday season, young sailor Pete is devastated by his girlfriend's unfaithfulness and evaluates his relationship with his distant father, a gruff Irish factory worker.

Mad as the Dickens by Toni Kelner (mystery)

When her cousin implores her husband Richard to direct a production of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", Laura Fleming accompanies Richard to her hometown in North Carolina, where she becomes embroiled in murder and mayhem when the man who was cast as Scrooge is viciously slain.

The Present: A Malory Holiday Novel by Johanna Lindsey

Collects two novels of holiday romance, including the story of a love affair between Christopher Malory and a gypsy woman running from an arranged marriage, and the misfortunes of a young woman at Yuletide and her hero.

The Christmas Basket by Debbie Macomber

Follows two women who have been feuding for years and their adult children, Noelle and Thomas, who have been in love since childhood but kept apart by their mothers' bitter battle, as they all find love, forgiveness, and happiness during the magic of Christmas.

Christmas Letters by Debbie Macomber

When Katherine O'Connor, who writes Christmas letters for other people, meets Dr. Wynn Jeffries, a child psychologist, at the French cafe on Blossom Street, their opposing viewpoints on raising children ruin Katherine's Christmas cheer.

The Perfect Christmas by Debbie Macomber

Thirty-three-year-old Cassie wants a husband and kids, and she turns to Simon Dodson, a professional matchmaker for help. Dodson assigns her three tasks to complete, and despite a number of comical mishaps, Cassie completes them all. Her Christmas match turns out to be a wonderful surprise.

Shirley, Goodness and Mercy by Debbie Macomber

Left alone and lonely at Christmas, sixty-year-old Greg Bennett wanders the streets of San Francisco, regretting his past and mourning his future, until a chance prayer in a small church leads a trio of charming angels--Shirley, Goodness, and Mercy--to create a miracle for him.

The Snow Bride by Debbie Macomber

While journeying to Alaska to marry a man she met on the Internet, Jenna Walsh is kidnapped by Reed Kenner, a fellow passenger, who will do anything to prove that she is making the biggest mistake of her life.

There's Something About Christmas by Debbie Macomber

While flying around the state of Washington to interview finalists in a fruitcake recipe contest, Emma Collins, newspaper reporter and obituary writer, discovers that her pilot, ornery Oliver Hamilton, could be the love of her life.

The Trouble With Angels by Debbie Macomber

In order to make three special holiday dreams come true, delightfully wacky angels Shirley, Goodness, and Mercy discover that it will take divine intervention and more than one miracle to teach their lessons of love.

When Christmas Comes by Debbie Macomber

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.

Where Angels Go by Debbie Macomber

Archangel Gabriel and his three mischievous Prayer Ambassadors--Shirley, Goodness and Mercy--lend their celestial aid to three needy Christmas cases. Harry Alderwood, 86, prays that his increasingly forgetful wife, Rosalie, will agree to move into assisted living before he dies. Meanwhile, nine-year-old Carter Jackson begs God for a dog, even though his mother and father tell him that they can't afford to keep a pet, while Beth Fischer's mother prays that her divorced paralegal daughter, nightly engrossed in a World of Warcraft online game, will start a new life.

Simple Gifts by Judith McNaught (paperback fiction)

Four holiday tales capture the magic and romance of the Christmas season.

Christmas Cookie Murder by Leslie Meier (mystery)

Lucy Stone finds a new mystery to solve when Christmas in Tinker's Cove turns deadly during the annual Cookie Exchange after Tucker Whitney, recently accused of stealing Lee Cummings' cookie recipe, is found murdered.

No Place Like Home by Fern Michaels

After their widowed father puts their grandmother in the nursing home so that he can spend more time with his gold-digging fiancée, college seniors Sara, Hannah, and Sam Cisco set out to free Granny.

Sugar and Spice by Fern Michaels (Large Print)

Accompanied by recipes from the authors' kitchens, a collection of Christmas stories including "The Christmas Stocking," in which a high-powered businesswoman finds unexpected love during her quest to raise money for a new seniors' center.

The Spy Who Came for Christmas by David Morrell

As holiday celebrations take place in Santa Fe, Agent Paul Kagan is on the run with a baby the Russian mafia wants to destroy, and turns to a mother and her young son for help during a violent night where they all must work together to keep the child safe from harm.

Christmas Lights by Christine Piserá Naman

Evoking the warmth and magic of the Christmas season, a series of holiday vignettes journeys into the lives of seven very different women as they deal with marriage, motherhood, illness, friendship, love, and the wonders of the holidays.

That Christmas Feeling by Catherine Palmer

Presents two novellas--"Christmas in My Heart," in which a young woman visiting her eccentric aunt rediscovers a teenage crush, and "Christmas Moon," in which a nanny finds love with her employer.

Miracle on 17th Green by James Patterson

While playing a round of golf on Christmas, Travis McKinley experiences a Zen-like vision that transforms him into a professional player, pits him against his favorite champions, and eventually saves his troubled marriage.

A Christmas Visitor by Anne Perry (mystery)

When the tranquility of a snowbound Victorian estate in the Lake District of England is shattered by a shocking murder, mathematician and inventor Henry Rathbone must put his analytical abilities to work to uncover the killer.

Silver Bells by Luanne Rice (fiction and large print fiction)

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.

The Christmas Tree by Julie Salamon

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.

Once Upon a Christmas by Lauraine Snelling

In "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," a walk in the park leads to romance for a single father, and in "'Twas the Week Before Christmas," a beautiful socialite is hired by her grandmother to perform a task involving a handsome man.

Family Games by Jean Stubbs

On England's Cornwall coast, the Malpas family, weakened by harsh emotions and the trials of modern life, gathers for a Christmas homecoming where new insights into the nature of home and the recognition of family complexities are movingly approached.

Lakeshore Christmas by Susan Wiggs

Prim librarian Maureen Davenport lives for Christmas--and there's nothing more magical than Christmas on Willow Lake. Finally getting her chance to direct Avalon's annual holiday pageant, she's determined to make it truly spectacular. But it might just require one of those Christmas miracles she's always read about if her co-director-- recovering former child star Eddie Haven--has his way. Is he trying to sabotage the performance to spite her? Or is she trying too hard to fit the show into her storybook-perfect notion of Christmas?

Christmas Jars by Jason F. Wright (Large Print)

After journalist Holly Jensen's apartment is robbed on Christmas Eve, someone leaves her a jar full of money labeled "Christmas jar," and she sets out on a quest to discover the origins of these mysterious jars.