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# *Christmas* -READING LIST-







*Cooler weather, the warm glow of fireplaces, hot chocolate, nostalgic decorations... the Christmas season has arrived!*

What traditions do you have in your family? Do you bake Christmas cookies together? Are homemade ornaments part of your Christmas preparations? Does your family go out caroling? All of these traditions and more are building your special family culture and memories that your children will hold onto for the rest of their lives.

Now what about books? Did you know that stories etch themselves deep into our hearts? Stories help to shape our view of God, ourselves, and others. This Christmas season, what stories will you read to your family? What a joy to share stories together that will become part of your children's treasured memories.

Here you will find a lovingly compiled list of stories for you to consider bringing into your family. We have tried to categorize them in ways you will find helpful, but as always, you are the best judge of which books are right for your family.

May these Christmas stories bless and encourage your family as you celebrate our Savior's birth. Merry Christmas!

—*Amy Sager*

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# Christmas & Jesus' Birth

## PICTURE & BOARD BOOKS

- B is for Bethlehem** by Isabel Wilner  
**The Crippled Lamb** by Max Lucado  
**The First Noel: A Christmas Carousel**  
by Jan Pienkowski  
**God's Littlest Angel** by Alan & Linda Parry  
**The Legend of the Three Trees**  
by Catherine McCafferty  
**The Littlest Watchman** by Scott James  
**Mary's Treasure Box**  
by Carolyn Walz Kramlich  
**Ordinary Baby, Extraordinary Gift**  
by Gloria Gaither  
**The True Story of Christmas**  
by Scott Freeman  
**The Twelve Days of Christmas**  
by Helen Haidle  
**The Very First Christmas** by Paul Maier  
**Who is Coming to Our House?**  
by Joseph Slate

## YOUTH/ADULT CHAPTER BOOKS

- Christmas Abundance** by Candy Paull  
**The Familyman's Christmas Treasury**  
by Todd Wilson  
**Keeping Holiday** by Starr Meade  
**The Promised Savior** by Randy Hurst  
**A Read-Aloud Family Christmas**  
by Barbour Publishing  
**Winter with the Moodys (Moody Family Series)** by Sarah Maxwell

## ADULT CHRISTMAS FICTION

- A Christmas Promise (Cape Light Series)**  
by Thomas Kinkade  
**Shepherds Abiding** by Jan Karon  
**Where Treetops Glisten**  
by Tricia Goyer, Cara C. Putnam,  
Sarah Sundin  
**The Wish Book Christmas** by Lynn Austin

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES & DEVOTIONALS

- Advent & Christmas in Family Worship**  
by Douglas & Amy Hayes  
**The ADVENTure of Christmas**  
by Lisa Whelchel  
**Christ-Centered Advent**  
by Hal & Melanie Young  
**The Christmas We Didn't Expect**  
by David Mathis  
**Come Let Us Adore Him** by Paul David Tripp  
**Hallelujah: Cultivating Advent Traditions  
with Handel's Messiah** by Cindy Rollins  
**The Twelve Teas of Christmas**  
by Emilie Barnes  
**Uncovering Mercies at the Manger**  
by Kim Sorgius  
**Unwrapping the Names of Jesus**  
by Asheritah Ciuciu

## TEEN/ADULT CHRISTMAS NONFICTION

- The Cradle, Cross, and Crown**  
by Billy Graham  
**The Four Emotions of Christmas**  
by Bob Lepine  
**Stories Behind the Great Traditions  
of Christmas** by Ace Collins  
**A Village Christmas: Personal Family  
Memories and Holiday Traditions**  
by Thomas Kinkade  
**Why Was the Partridge in the Pear Tree**  
by Reverend Mark Lawson-Jones

# Holiday Stories

## **PICTURE BOOKS**

**Apple Tree Christmas** by Trinka Hakes Noble  
**The Best Christmas Hunt Ever** by John Speirs  
**Christmas Around the World: A Pop-Up Book**  
by Chuck Fischer  
**Christmas in the Trenches** by John McCutcheon  
**The Christmas Owl** by Gideon Sterer & Ellen Kalish  
**The Christmas Tree Ship** by Carol Crane  
**Christmas, 1776** by Brian J. Benjamin  
**Grandmother Remembers Christmas  
at the White House** by Mary Evans Seeley  
**Great Joy** by Kate DiCamillo  
**The Little Fir Tree** by Margaret Wise Brown  
**The Little Match Girl** by Jerry Pinkney  
**The Mitten** by Jan Brett  
**The Mitten Tree** by Candace Christiansen  
**The Snow Tree** by Caroline Repchuk  
**The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder**  
by Jon Nelson & Mark Cassino

## **YOUTH/ADULT CHAPTER BOOKS**

**Christmas Jars** by Jason F Wright  
**A Dog Named Christmas** by Greg Kincaid  
**The Family Under the Bridge**  
by Natalie Savage Carlson  
**The 13th Gift** by Joanne Huist Smith  
**God Rest Ye Merry, Soldiers: A True Civil War  
Christmas Story** by James McIvor  
**The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe** by C.S. Lewis  
**The Paper Bag Christmas** by Kevin Alan Milne  
**A Vintage Christmas: A Collection of Classic Stories  
and Poems** by Various Authors