
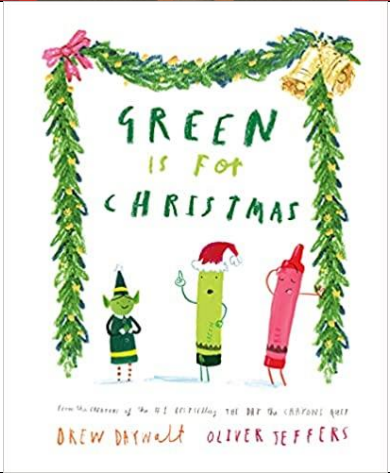
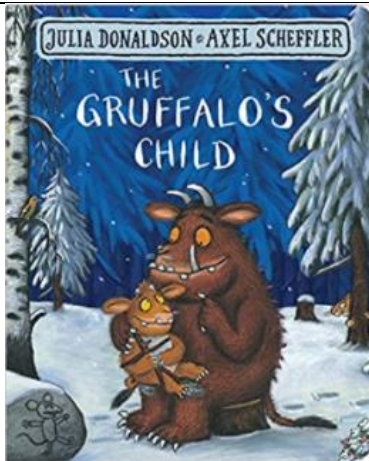


## Christmas and cosy reads

Snuggle up with a good book this Christmas!

	<p>Another Book about Santa by Laura and Philip Bunting</p> <p>This isn't just any ordinary Christmas book. In this story, Santa is on <b>STRIKE</b>! Santa is tired. Sick and tired. Every time a child opens a book about him, he has to stop what he's doing to perform the story. Even if he's in the middle of very important pre-Christmas chores, such as... <i>Reading Christmas wishes...</i> <i>Posing for photos...</i> <i>Feeding the reindeer...</i> It's all too much. He <b>QUITS</b>. <i>No more Santa books!</i> Will Santa be able to find a jolly replacement so he can get on with his merry-making?</p>
	<p>Green is for Christmas by Drew Daywalt &amp; Oliver Jeffers</p> <p>In this Christmas story starring the crayons from The Day The Crayons Quit, Green Crayon is certain that he is the only Christmas colour in the box. Of course, Red, White, Silver and even Brown have something to say about that... Perfect for fans of The Day the Crayons Quit</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMgRtrQFJew">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMgRtrQFJew</a></p>
	<p>Selah's gift to Father Christmas by Jeannelle Brew and Sarah Jane Docker</p> <p>It's three days before Christmas, and Selah is on a very important mission. With the help of her family, friends and Missy the kitten, she is searching for a present to give to Father Christmas. But as Christmas Eve draws nearer and nearer, will Selah find the perfect gift in time?</p>



The Gruffalo's child by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

*The Gruffalo said that no gruffalo should  
Ever set foot in the deep dark wood.*

But one wild and windy night the Gruffalo's child disobeys her father's warnings and ventures out into the snow. After all, the Big Bad Mouse doesn't really exist . . . does he?

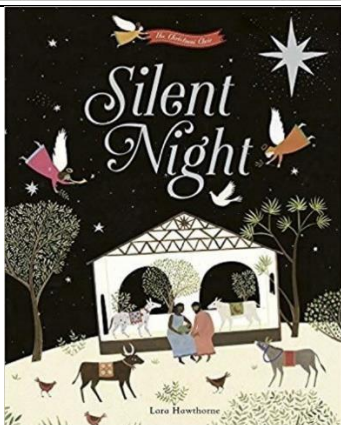
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How Winston delivered Christmas by Alex T. Smith

Winston the mouse is on a Very Important Mission. On Christmas Eve, he finds a letter to Father Christmas that did not make it to the post box – so, with no time to lose, he sets out to deliver it himself in time for Christmas Day! He has a lot of Very Exciting Adventures on his Very Important Mission and makes some wonderful friends along the way.

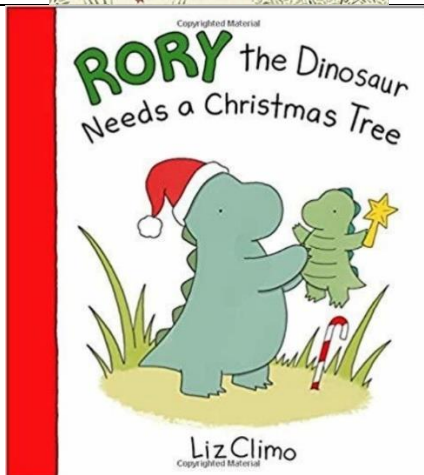
Written in twenty-four-and-a-half chapters, one to enjoy each day in the lead up to Christmas, each chapter includes its very own festive activity for all the family to enjoy together.



Silent Night by Lara Hawthorne

The classic Christmas song is vividly brought to life in this book. Readers can also discover the history of the song. The entire family can sing along and enjoy this book.

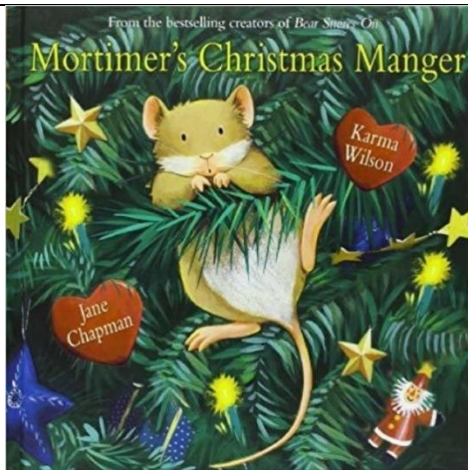
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Rory the Dinosaur needs a Christmas tree by Liz Climo

Rory wants to find the perfect tree for Christmas, but it's not easy to find a Christmas tree on an island. This is a great story showcasing creativity and love.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qw\\_CK8xTleY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qw_CK8xTleY)



**Mortimer's Christmas Manger by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman**

Mortimer Mouse wants to find a cosy new home. When he sees the family's nativity manger, he thinks it's perfect. It's not until Mortimer hears the family telling the story of Jesus' birth that he realizes the special meaning of his new home.

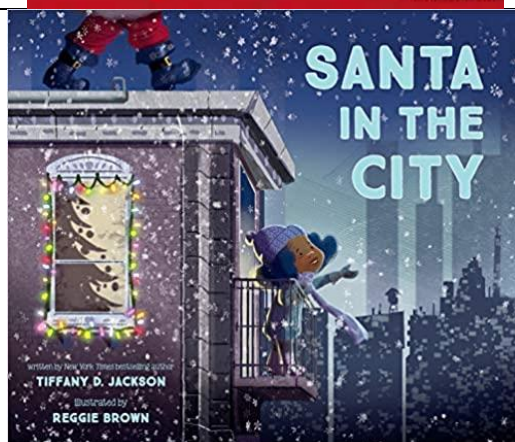
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**My family celebrates Christmas by Lisa Bullard and Katie Saunders**

Christmas is a time for celebrating family, but there are many traditions that make Christmas special. Perfect for young readers to learn about Christmas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMRWECpFhOE>



**Santa in the city by Tiffany D. Jackson & Reggie Brown**

A little girl's belief in Santa is restored in this ode to the magic of Christmas.

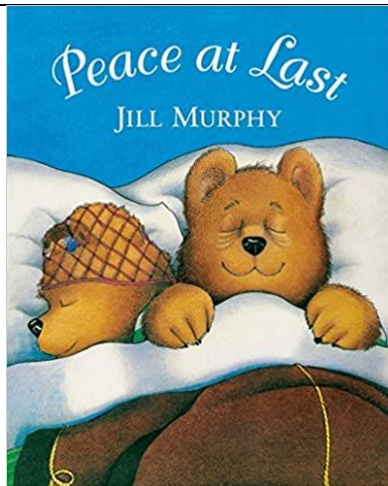
It's two weeks before Christmas, and Deja is worried that Santa might not be able to visit her—after all, as a city kid, she doesn't have a chimney for him to come down and none of the parking spots on her block could fit a sleigh, let alone eight reindeer! But with a little help from her family, community, and Santa himself, Deja discovers that the Christmas spirit is alive and well in her city.

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## Cosy reads

Some cosy, heart-warming stories

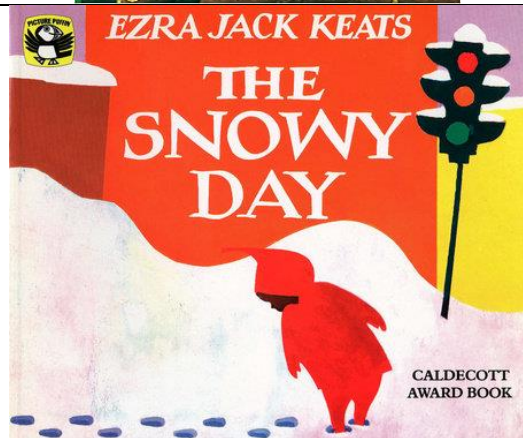




### Peace at Last by Jill Murphy

With a snoring Mrs Bear, an excitable Baby Bear and a house full of tapping and dripping and ticking, peace is hard to come by – will Mr Bear ever get a decent night's sleep? This classic story by the late Jill Murphy is great for sensory storytelling.

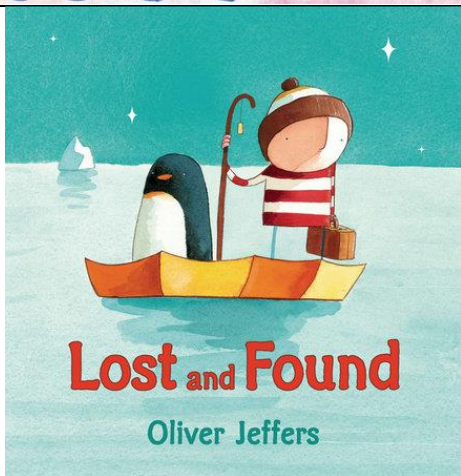
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### The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

The award-winning story follows Peter as he plays in the snow. A perfect cosy read.

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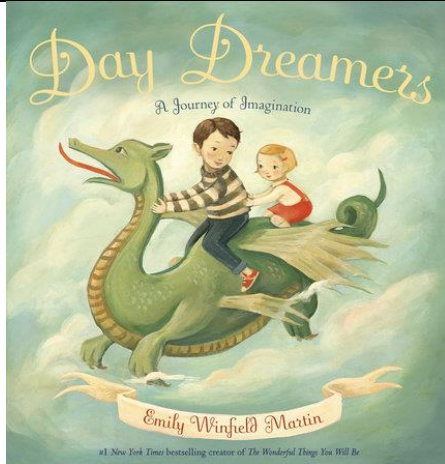


### Lost and found by Oliver Jeffers

There once was a boy and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole.

But when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all.

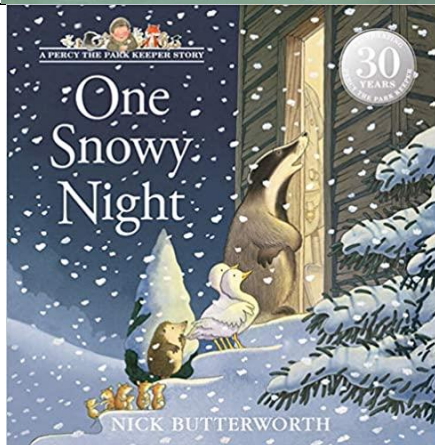
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Day Dreamers a journey of imagination by Emily Winfield Martin

A rhyming picture book all about letting your imagination free. Whether cloud-gazing or wandering through a museum, reading a book or playing in a tide pool, the children in this board book encounter magical creatures such as dragons, unicorns, and sea creatures.

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One snowy night by Nick Butterworth

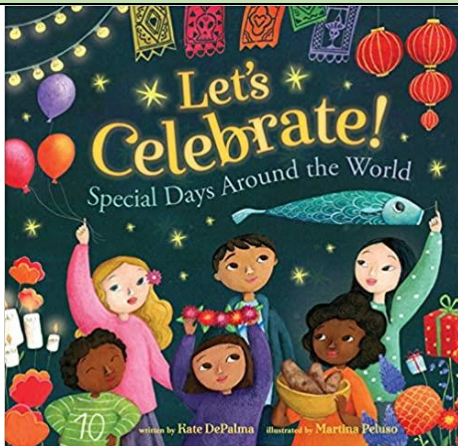
Percy the park keeper always feeds the animals in the park where he lives. But one cold winter's night Percy discovers that his little friends need more than food and he must find a way to help them.

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## Other holidays

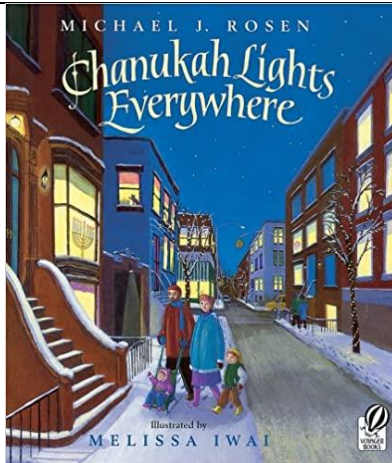
Holidays from other faiths and cultures celebrated in December



Let's Celebrate! By Kate DePalma & Martina Peluso

Lyrical, sensory nonfiction text and vibrant illustrations invite readers to experience a child's-eye view of 13 special days around the world, such as the Spring Festival, Inti Raymi, Eid al-Fitr, Día de Muertos and the New Yam Festival. Includes a global festival calendar and educational notes about why we celebrate.

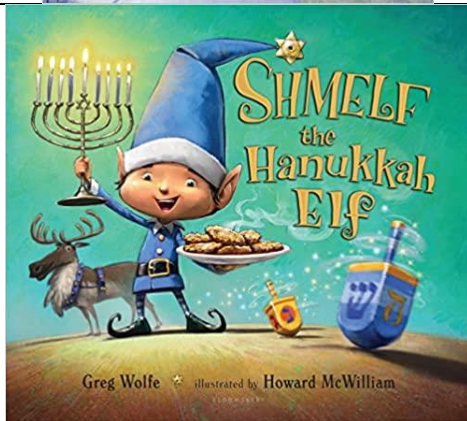
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Chanukah lights everywhere by Michael Rosen and Melissa Iwai

One crescent moon glows in the sky. Two headlights shine through the window. On each magical night of Chanukah, a young boy and his sister count more lights shining all around them! Join them as they discover what it means to celebrate Chanukah in a world filled with so many other lights.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3dY7IQFrJ4>



Shmelf the Hanukkah Elf by Greg Wolfe & Howard McWilliam

Shmelf is one of Santa's most important elves. He's part of the List Checking department, and he makes sure all the good boys and girls get their presents! But when Shmelf finds out that some children are missing from Santa's list, he goes to investigate. What Shmelf uncovers is Hanukkah, a wondrous and joyful holiday that Jewish families celebrate each year. As Shmelf observes a family celebrating, he wants to be a part of it! Luckily, Santa just might have a special role in mind for Shmelf . . .

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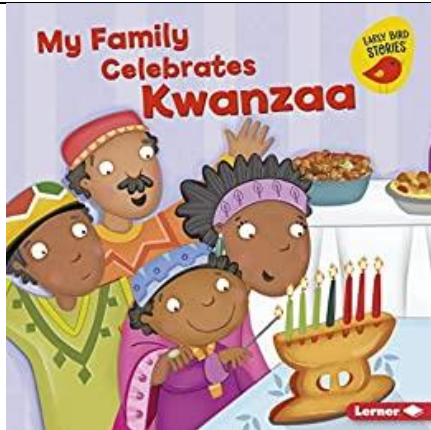


My family celebrates Hanukkah by Lisa Bullard and Katie Saunders

Spin the dreidel! Eat some latkes! Learn all about why people celebrate Hanukkah through bright illustrations, recall questions, and charming text.

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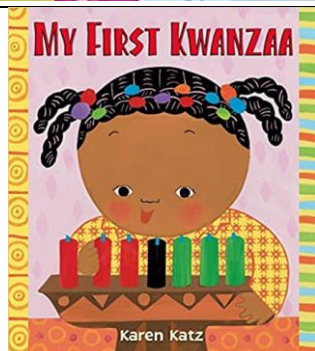




My family celebrates Kwanzaa by Lisa Bullard and Katie Saunders

This festive, engaging book, showcases the Pan-African holiday of Kwanzaa. The protagonist Kevin explains how his family prepares for the holiday, followed by definitions of key terms, a history of the holiday and how the family celebrates.

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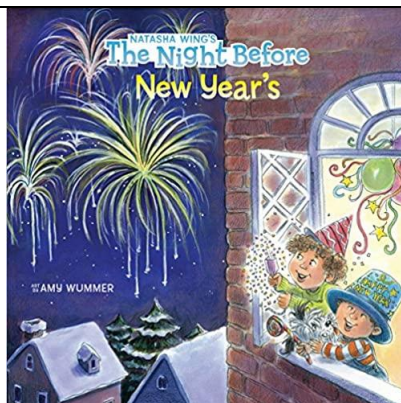


My first Kwanzaa by Karen Katz

*Hooray! Hooray!  
It's time to get ready for Kwanzaa.*

During the seven days of Kwanzaa, we celebrate the importance of family, friends, and community.

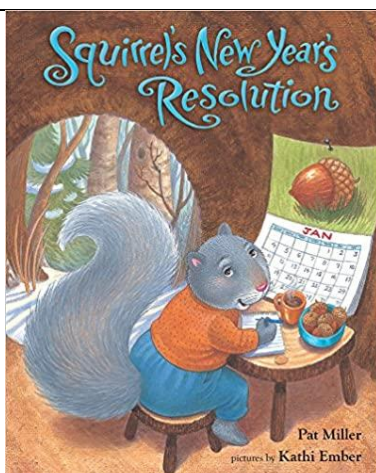
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The night before new year's by Natasha Wing & Amy Wummer

It's the night before New Year's, and the whole family is determined to stay up until midnight! Everyone's stocked up on sparkly streamers and festive party hats, but after a night filled with card games and too many cupcakes, the little ones are getting sleepy. . . Can they make it until the clock strikes twelve?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6Tqi-BBK98>



Squirrel's new year's resolution by Pat Miller & Kathi Ember

Squirrel knows that New Year's Day is a great day for making resolutions! But what does it mean to make a resolution, anyway? As she makes visits around the forest she learns about New Year's resolutions and helps her friends get started on theirs. If only she can think of a resolution of her very own.

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