



# Second Helpings At Christmas

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## **Second Helpings At Christmas:**

**Second Chance Christmas** Pamela Tracy, 2015 A Holiday for Healing As December dawns in the Superstition Mountains Cooper Smith is resigned to spending another Christmas alone With his dad gone his mom ailing and his younger brother in trouble Cooper s only wish for the holidays is to keep his father s outfitting store going But when his former high school sweetheart Elise Hubrecht unexpectedly returns to her family s ranch Cooper puts one more item on his to do list If he can get Elise to face the tragedy that made her leave Apache Creek he may get the chance of a lifetime a second chance at lasting love *WEIGHT LOSS: During & After Christmas* Godspower Elishason, 2016-03-16 A bite of a mince pie here an extra helping of pudding there It all seems so innocent at the time But as the calorific Christmas extravaganza continues apace it might be worth bearing in mind that any extra helpings could still be clinging to your thighs and tummy in March A study has found that extra pounds we pile on over the festive period will take a depressing three months to shift Excessive The average Briton consumes 2 300 calories in their Christmas lunch alone that s 115% of a woman s RDA and 92% for a man According to research by MSN for Christmas lunch alone the average Brit feasted on two to three servings consuming 2 300 calories across one meal That accounts for 115 per cent of the recommended daily intake for women and 92 per cent for men and that s before taking into account the nuts chocolates and alcohol we consume According to the MSN survey three quarters of those polled admit they over indulge with abandon at Christmas knowing they will suffer the consequences later as their waistbands begin to bulge Nutritionist Dora Walsh said the key to not putting on weight over Christmas might be to eat slowly Keep moving over the festive season to prevent too much weight gain She said You can still enjoy your food at Christmas without going overboard and gaining weight They key is to eat slowly and enjoy what you are eating without over filling and also stay active over the Christmas period to help burn off any excess calories It s about moderation which will help avoid the extremes of gorging at Christmas and starving after Any post Christmas diet plan needs to be sensible and balanced because crash diets don t work and quick fixes won t last Office worker Rachel Taylor told how she knows she will pile on the pounds thanks to festive excess and that it will be a while before she manages to slim down again The 27 year old of Southampton said I like to keep trim but I m not obsessive and I do make an exception for Christmas Overindulging usually means I put on a few pounds and because I don t believe in crash diets it usually takes a month or two for me to lose it all in this book you will discover how the holiday weight gain and the sugar cravings *A Second Helping* Tom Schaudel, 2022-07-13 A Second Helping Whining and Dining on Long Island picks up where Tom Schaudel s first book *Playing With Fire* left off as a playful romp through the crazy world of restaurants dining rooms and professional kitchens Filled with short stories of neurotic customers stressed out servers crazed cooks and the undeniably unhinged his unique and humorous observations will have you wondering how the expression The customer is always right ever came to be Looking back through a fifty year restaurant career Tom has assembled a cast of characters that would be the envy of fiction writers

everywhere In this book you will meet an f bombing octogenarian a D level celebrity asking for separate checks at her wedding an aspiring counterfeiter with a seriously flawed gift certificate the nine year old antichrist and a woman who flushed a six carat diamond ring down a toilet bowl This latest collection is guaranteed to make you stay up late and laugh out loud and is a must read for anyone who has ever eaten in a restaurant worked in a restaurant asked to use the restroom in a restaurant or God forbid dreamed of owning a restaurant Taste of Home Christmas 2E Taste of Home,2018-10-16

Create a little magic this season with the all new Taste of Home Christmas More than 350 recipes easy crafts decorating ideas yuletide hints and kitchen timesavers help you turn homemade holidays into lifelong memories Create a little magic this season with the all new Taste of Home Christmas More than 350 recipes easy crafts decorating ideas yuletide hints and kitchen timesavers help you turn homemade holidays into lifelong memories Tempting appetizers savory main courses delicious sides golden breads and impressive desserts offer everything you need to create a stunning holiday spread Six complete Christmas dinner menus range from formal and elegant to cozy and intimate and a chapter devoted to party planning is your guide to turning your home into a hub of holiday cheer Buttery cookies made for sharing sweet candies and confections even delightful food gifts perfect for teachers neighbors and anyone on your Christmas list they re all here This year promise to make your season merry and bright with the brand new Taste of Home Christmas Bonus Thanksgiving and Gifts from the Kitchen Chapters CHAPTERS Joyful Brunches Festive Appetizers Beverages Merry Entrees Jolly Sides Glorious Breads Heavenly Desserts Yuletide Cookies Bars Holiday Parties Christmas Toy Drive Christmas Morning Breakfast Holiday Open House Buffet Make Take Yuletide Favorites Easy Cocktail Party Feliz Navidad White Elephant Party Dinner Menus Elegant Crown Roast Beef Tenderloin Poultry Game Hens Seafood Cozy Night In Ham Candy Confections Sampler

**Christmas Letters** Debbie Macomber,Sheila Roberts,2017-12-04 Rediscover Christmas on Blossom Street in this classic holiday romance from 1 New York Times bestselling author Debbie Macomber Katherine O Connor adores her five year old twin nieces and objects to her sister s plans to dispense with Christmas While Katherine spends her days at a cozy caf writing Christmas letters for other people her sister is following the theories of child psychologist and author Wynn Jeffries who is also as it happens Katherine s neighbor She is particularly horrified by his edict to bury Santa under the sleigh and she s out to prove that Wynn and his ideas are full of snow He s not going to ruin her nieces Christmas Too bad the guy s so darned attractive As the days and nights move closer to Christmas Katherine and Wynn both discover that love means accepting your differences And Christmas is about the things you share Originally published in 2006 Plus enjoy this FREE fan favorite bonus story from bestselling author Sheila Roberts about three friends three wishes and one special Christmas When three friends visit a shopping mall Santa on a lark he s full of mysterious predictions about the thing they re all wishing for the perfect man Riley Erickson s fianc turned out to be a dud but Santa says that she s soon going to meet her ideal man in a memorable way And he predicts that a new man is about to come into Jo s life What on earth does that mean She s pregnant and already has

her hands full with the perfectly stubborn husband she's got. Meanwhile Noel has given up completely on ever finding her perfect match. But apparently she's going to get a good man to go with that house she's trying desperately to buy. These friends are about to discover that Christmas wishes can come true because in spite of romantic setbacks and derailed dreams this truly is the most wonderful time of the year. Originally published in 2016. *A Very Irish Christmas* James Joyce, W.B. Yeats, Colm Tóibín, 2021-09-14. The sixth volume in our popular Very Christmas series, this collection transports readers to the Emerald Isle with stories and poems sure to bring holiday cheer. This anthology is packed with beloved classics, forgotten treasures, and modern masterpieces. You'll find wondrous works by James Joyce, W.B. Yeats, Elizabeth Bowen, Anne Enright, William Trevor, Colm Tóibín, Bernard MacLaverty, and many more. See how Christmas is done in snowy Dublin and on the mean streets of Belfast, from west coast to east and even across sea and ocean to Irish communities in London and New York City. Put a flickering candle in the window and a steaming dinner on the table and celebrate the Irish way. Nollaig Shona Daoibh and Merry Christmas.

**Alabama Christmas Wedding** Susan Sands, 2025-10-28. This Holiday the magic of an Alabama romantic Christmas sparks a season of hope. It's been twenty-five long years since Jane Lafitte's college sweetheart Trevor Gardner broke her heart, but life moved on. She never imagined she'd see Trevor again until their adult children announce their own Christmas engagement to each other. Thrown together amidst cozy holiday celebrations, the old flames can't deny the warm embers that still smolder between them despite the painful memories and practical concerns conspiring against them. Jane and Trevor agree to keep their romantic history a secret, but it gets complicated as they are immersed with planning a wedding between her daughter Casey and his son Drew in the same town where the two of them planned to marry so long ago. As Jane and Trevor reconnect, their tangled past resurfaces, making forgiveness the only way forward if they hope to navigate their future as soon-to-be-in-laws. But what does it really mean to be family? Can they move beyond their past hurt to discover a new beginning together in time for Christmas? Perfect for fans of sweet second-chance romance, holiday weddings, and small-town reunions, *Alabama Christmas Wedding* is a heartwarming celebration of love, forgiveness, and finding home again. First published as *Christmas Beach Wedding*.

**An Amish Family Christmas and Amish Triplets for Christmas** Marta Perry, Patricia Davids, 2019-10-08. Christmas brings love to Amish country in this collection of three romantic tales by three great authors. *An Amish Family Christmas* by Marta Perry and Patricia Davids. In *Heart of Christmas*, Amish teacher Susannah Miller suddenly has two new students, the children of her former love. Can the joy of the season reunite lonely hearts in time for Christmas? And in *A Plain Holiday*, when a snowstorm strands nanny Sally Yoder, her young charges, and Ben Lapp on a remote farm at Christmastime, Sally and Ben might discover that love is the true holiday spirit. *Amish Triplets for Christmas* by Carrie Lighte. After arriving in Willow Creek to help with the fall harvest, Amish widower Sawyer Plank asks schoolteacher Hannah Lantz to be his triplets' nanny. The children flourish under Hannah's watch, and though Sawyer never dreamed he'd find happiness again, he can't pretend he's not falling for her. But with the holiday season

heralding Sawyer's return to Ohio can he make his Christmas wish to stay a family come true Neurosurgeon's Christmas to Remember Traci Douglass, 2020-11-01 Christmastime with a stranger A lifetime together Neurosurgeon Maxwell is determined to atone for the one life he couldn't save his late wife's Set to perform delicate surgery on a king Max finds himself shadowed by PR director Ayanna They must work together to keep the king's case a secret But when Ayanna temporarily moves in to Max's apartment they face a very different type of tension their undeniable attraction From Harlequin Medical Life and love in the world of modern medicine Royal Christmas at Seattle General Book 1 Falling for the Secret Prince by Alison Roberts Book 2 Neurosurgeon's Christmas to Remember by Traci Douglass Book 3 The Bodyguard's Christmas Proposal by Charlotte Hawkes Book 4 The Princess's Christmas Baby by Louisa George *Busy People's Fun, Fast, Festive, Christmas Cookbook* Dawn Hall, 2005-10-16 This Christmas cookbook and planning guide features simple yet festive recipes decorating tips gift ideas and more Dawn Hall knows how hard it is to prepare all the Christmas goodies and entertain guests on a budget while juggling an already busy schedule In this holiday edition of her popular Busy People's series Dawn adapts her seven ingredients or less thirty minutes or less formula for the Christmas season Jam packed with creative low fat recipes this comprehensive cookbook is handily organized into menus complete with grocery lists each listed according to various holiday meals A special section provides creative recipes for leftovers including Turkey a la King over stuffing You'll also find recipe plans for cookie swaps edible and affordable teacher's gifts an elegant Christmas eve buffet and so much more Make merry with delicious recipes such as Yuletide Pork Roast with Lemon Pepper and Rosemary Cranberry Salsa Busy Holiday Bruschetta Festive Frittata Broccoli and Tomato Trifle Snowball Cheese Balls Cranberry Walnut Mini Scones **Murder Mysteries for the Long Christmas Night** Charles Dickens, Robert Louis Stevenson, Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu, George MacDonald, Arthur Cheney Train, Arthur Conan Doyle, Thomas Hardy, John Kendrick Bangs, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Grant Allen, Wilkie Collins, Saki, Fergus Hume, Edgar Wallace, William Douglas O'Connor, Florence Marryat, Catherine Crowe, James Bowker, R. Austin Freeman, J. M. Barrie, E. F. Benson, G. K. Chesterton, Jerome K. Jerome, Fred M. White, Sabine Baring-Gould, Mary Elizabeth Braddon, Frank R. Stockton, Louisa M. Alcott, M.R. James, Leonard Kip, Emmuska Orczy, Lucie E. Jackson, Katherine Rickford, Bithia Mary Croker, Catherine L. Pirkis, 2023-12-29 In the enthralling collection titled Murder Mysteries for the Long Christmas Night readers are invited to immerse themselves in a tapestry of suspenseful tales that capture the essence of the Christmas season's mystery and intrigue This anthology spans a diverse range of literary styles from the atmospheric and gothic to the plot driven and cerebral effectively highlighting the multifaceted nature of the murder mystery genre Amidst festive backdrops and wintery settings the narratives deftly weave tension deception and resolution offering standout pieces that challenge readers to unravel their complex plots The anthology's significance lies in its ability to transport readers to a bygone era while maintaining a timeless allure that resonates with contemporary audiences The ensemble of contributors includes a rich tapestry of literary giants such as

Charles Dickens Arthur Conan Doyle and Louisa M Alcott collectively embodying the golden age of both Victorian literature and the mystery genre Their diverse backgrounds encompass historical gothic and detective narratives often reflecting societal and cultural nuances of their time Through this anthology the authors engage in a compelling exploration of themes such as justice morality and human nature enriching the reader s journey with insights into the broader sociocultural contexts of their works Murder Mysteries for the Long Christmas Night offers a rare glimpse into the minds of literary legends presenting an unparalleled opportunity to appreciate a mosaic of perspectives and stylistic approaches within one volume This collection is recommended for readers eager to explore not just the twists and turns of cleverly crafted plots but also the educational allure and profound resonance of literary voices that have shaped the mystery genre For its ability to educate and entertain this anthology promises to be a treasured addition to any discerning reader s collection

**The Greatest Christmas Murder Mysteries & Thrillers** Charles Dickens,Robert Louis Stevenson,Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu,George MacDonald,Arthur Cheney Train,Arthur Conan Doyle,Algernon Blackwood,Thomas Hardy,John Kendrick Bangs,Robert Barr,Nathaniel Hawthorne,Grant Allen,Wilkie Collins,O. Henry,Saki,Fergus Hume,Edgar Wallace,William Douglas O'Connor,Florence Marryat,Catherine Crowe,James Bowker,R. Austin Freeman,J. M. Barrie,E. F. Benson,G. K. Chesterton,Jerome K. Jerome,M. R. James,Fred M. White,Sabine Baring-Gould,Mary Elizabeth Braddon,Frank R. Stockton,Louisa M. Alcott,Leonard Kip,Emmuska Orczy,Lucie E. Jackson,Katherine Rickford,2023-11-12 In The Greatest Christmas Murder Mysteries Thrillers readers are invited to explore an intricately woven tapestry of suspense mystery and yuletide intrigue This anthology boasts an impressive range of literary styles from gothic horror to classic detective tales capturing the cultural richness and complexity of the Victorian and Edwardian eras The collection highlights the chilling interplay between the warmth of the festive season and the cold cerebral thrill of mystery with standout pieces that resonate with timeless tension and cunningly crafted plots yet always retaining the mysteriously cozy undercurrent that only Christmas can provide The anthology brings together the works of luminaries such as Charles Dickens Arthur Conan Doyle and Louisa M Alcott among others each contributing their unique voice to the tapestry of psychological thrills and eerie enigmas Reflecting important cultural and literary movements such as gothic revival realism and early detective fiction these authors paint a rich tableau of Christmases past each story a microcosm of the period s fascination with moral dilemmas human nature and the battle between light and darkness Such diversity not only situates the collection within the grand narrative of literary evolution but also illuminates how mystery and Christmas are intertwined in storytelling For scholars enthusiasts and casual readers alike this anthology offers a captivating exploration of Christmas themed mysteries revealing an unparalleled convergence of disparate narratives that will intrigue and delight Encouraging an investigation of differing perspectives and styles The Greatest Christmas Murder Mysteries Thrillers serves as both an educational odyssey through literary history and a thrilling narrative adventure By delving into the pages of this anthology readers are sure to find

themselves immersed in a multifaceted dialogue not only among the works themselves but also within the era they evoke prompting a deeper appreciation for the intricate dance of suspense and festivity inherent in this unique collection

*Mysteries for Christmas - Boxed Set* Charles Dickens, Robert Louis Stevenson, Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu, George MacDonald, Arthur Cheney Train, Arthur Conan Doyle, Algernon Blackwood, Thomas Hardy, John Kendrick Bangs, Agatha Christie, Hugh Walpole, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Grant Allen, Wilkie Collins, Saki, Fergus Hume, Marie Corelli, Edgar Wallace, J. M. Barrie, E. F. Benson, G. K. Chesterton, Jerome K. Jerome, M. R. James, Fred M. White, Sabine Baring-Gould, Mary Elizabeth Braddon, Nikolai Gogol, Louisa M. Alcott, Douglas O'Connor, 2023-12-23 Dive into the enchanting world of *Mysteries for Christmas Boxed Set* a captivating anthology that weaves together the spellbinding intrigue of classic mystery and the heartwarming spirit of the festive season This collection brings forth an impressive spectrum of literary styles encapsulating Dickensian charm alongside the haunting atmospheres of M R James and the enthralling deduction of Arthur Conan Doyle The book offers a diversified narrative texture presenting shadowy tales of suspense and the macabre against the backdrop of Yuletide celebrations creating a juxtaposition that is as unsettling as it is comforting The anthology gathers an exceptional array of literary giants each contributing their unique voice to this festive theme From the gothic undercurrents of Sheridan Le Fanu to the whimsical yet thought provoking narratives of G K Chesterton the collection draws on a rich historical and cultural canvas By intertwining tales from Victorian Edwardian and modernist eras the anthology highlights the continuous fascination with mystery and the supernatural offering insights into the societal undercurrents that shaped these stories This gathering of literary stalwarts within one tome amplifies the collective legacy each brings to this cherished seasonal ritual of storytelling *Mysteries for Christmas Boxed Set* is an invitation to experience the joy and eeriness that Christmas mystery tales offer It is a rare opportunity to explore varied perspectives and to immerse oneself in a multitude of literary styles from some of the most influential writers in the canon The anthology not only entertains but also educates encouraging readers to ponder the dialogues between these storied texts It serves as an essential companion for those wishing to experience the richness of mystery woven with the timeless allure of Christmas [SOMEWHERE to Spend Christmas](#) Verna

Clay, 2016-12-12 WELCOME TO SOMEWHERE OREGON Nestled in a cove on Oregon's coastline the town of Somewhere is charming picturesque inhabited by townsfolk who love their community and teeming with mystery You are invited to join the heroes and heroines of Somewhere as they solve mysteries discover romance experience inexplicable phenomena and fight injustice just the usual stuff **The Willows at Christmas** William Horwood, 2014-12-09 The fourth enchanting addition to

Kenneth Grahame's classic *The Wind in the Willows* with the delightful illustrations of Patrick Benson The twelve days of Christmas are fast approaching and Mole is planning to enjoy every one of them with his River Bank friends So when the normally cheerful Toad despairs at the arrival of Mrs Ffleshe an impossibly rude houseguest who every year sets out to protect Toad from overindulgence Mole must do something about it But the plan he hatches with Ratty Badger and Otter



goes horribly wrong With the prospect of spending Christmas in jail Mole will have to work hard if he is to salvage some Christmas spirit for his friends The Willows at Christmas is the crowning achievement of William Horwood s enchanting sequels to Kenneth Grahame s The Wind in the Willows The new story is set just after the original but before Horwood s critically acclaimed The Willows in Winter It will give pleasure to the countless readers around the world who have reveled in each new work Merry Christmas Lovers of The Wind in the Willows will feel at home and will laugh a lot with sheer pleasure The Times

**Coconutty Christmas: Holiday in Hawaii (A sweet island romance short story)** Ann Omasta,2023-07-07 Get your quick escape to Hawaii for the holidays or anytime Kalea has been warned about the temporary nature and heartbreaking consequences of falling for a handsome tourist passing through her little slice of Hawaiian paradise Will the fear of being hurt keep her from experiencing all of the delightful surprises that life has to offer Or will the trifecta of gorgeous Russ a freak storm and an unforgettable Christmas allow her to open her heart to the possibility of finding her happily ever after ending This sweet contemporary romance bonus short story is part of The Escape Series which includes Aloha Baby Getting Lei d Cruising for Love and Island Hopping You can read and enjoy these books in any order Escape into this bite sized romantic comedy gem now because you deserve a break in Hawaii

**Christmas Pieces - 24 Historical Fiction Short Stories Surrounding Christmas** Tom Gahan,2024-09-27 Christmas Pieces 24 Historical Fiction Short Stories Surrounding Christmas is a compilation of stories that take place across America and offers the reader a view of various ethnic cultures and how they celebrate Christmas Although they are stories that include Christmas holiday traditions they can also be read throughout the year and enjoyed for their historical content Tom Gahan wrote one story for each of the twenty four days of Advent leading up to Christmas Various stories are fun and whimsical others are more serious Some have an element of romance others do not Christmas Pieces is written for a wide audience It is wholesome and family friendly with secular and Christian themes alike The content is free of violence profanity or disturbing themes that is suitable for children and sensitive readers Tom Gahan has written for decades covering a wide variety of areas He prefers to write historical fiction Tom s commercial writing helped launch a startup company to be an international industry leader within two years His well received historical fiction novel Harmony Bay An adventurous slice of waterfront life where mystery surrounds history became required reading at several high schools Tom Gahan has often lectured on writing and has been a welcome guest at schools universities libraries and book clubs Tom is the recipient of several awards including the prestigious Gold Key Award from his hometown Chamber of Commerce two citations from the U S Congress and was named Civic Leader of the Year for his humanitarian work Tom who is a happily married grandfather enjoys travel fishing wildlife nature and woodworking He lives on eastern Long Island in New York Foreword provided by Deborah E Gordon Reagle Th D Keywords Christmas Short Stories Holiday Stories Historical Advent Wholesome Family Friendly Multicultural Secular Christian Romance Tradition New York Oklahoma Tennessee Alaska Pittsburgh Oshkosh Florida California Denver Bayou Bethlehem

West Bank Christmas Book Christmas Books Christmas Stories      The Best Holiday Mysteries for Christmas Time Charles Dickens, Robert Louis Stevenson, Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu, George MacDonald, Arthur Cheney Train, Arthur Conan Doyle, Algernon Blackwood, Thomas Hardy, John Kendrick Bangs, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Grant Allen, Wilkie Collins, Saki, Fergus Hume, Edgar Wallace, William Douglas O'Connor, Florence Marryat, Catherine Crowe, James Bowker, R. Austin Freeman, J. M. Barrie, E. F. Benson, G. K. Chesterton, Jerome K. Jerome, M. R. James, Fred M. White, Sabine Baring-Gould, Mary Elizabeth Braddon, Frank R. Stockton, Louisa M. Alcott, Leonard Kip, Emmuska Orczy, Lucie E. Jackson, Katherine Rickford, Bithia Mary Croker, Catherine L. Pirkis, 2023-11-30 The Best Holiday Mysteries for Christmas Time offers an enthralling exploration into a myriad of mysterious tales each set against the evocative backdrop of the festive season This anthology presents an impressive range of literary styles from the suspenseful and spine chilling to the whimsically eerie The narratives draw readers into intriguing settings where the cheer of Christmas juxtaposes with the shadowy unknown capturing the magic and mystery of the holiday spirit Standout stories within the collection eloquently weave festivity with intrigue promising to enthrall and captivate the imagination Bringing together a stellar lineup of revered authors the anthology resonates with the creative energies of both the Victorian and Edwardian eras From the Gothic tones of Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu to the understated psychological complexities of Thomas Hardy each writer contributes uniquely authentic voices that enrich the themes of enigma and suspense Aligning with the resurgent interest in traditional and supernatural detective fiction this carefully curated selection highlights the era's significant literary movements offering cultural and historical insights into the universal appeal of the mysterious The Best Holiday Mysteries for Christmas Time is an essential journey for readers across generations seeking an intellectually stimulating yet thoroughly entertaining exploration into the art of mystery storytelling Each narrative provides an opportunity to uncover diverse viewpoints and literary approaches unified by the festive motif Through these compelling tales readers engage with a unity of the past and present appreciating the intricate narratives that invite reflection delight and scholarly interest Whether for individual reflection or discussion this collection promises to enrich the holiday reading experience with its profound breadth and depth      The Road to Christmas Sheila Roberts, 2022-09-20 When I read anything from Sheila Roberts I know I will laugh cry and close the book with a happy sigh RaeAnne Thayne From USA TODAY bestselling author Sheila Roberts three generations of travelers embark on a Christmas road trip filled with humor and heart set against the snowy mountains of Washington State Michelle and Max are not planning on a happy holiday Their marriage is in shambles and the D word has entered their vocabulary But now their youngest daughter Julia wants everyone to come to her new house in Idaho for Christmas and she's got the guest room all ready for Mom and Dad Oh joy Their other daughters Audrey and Shyla are driving up from California and hoping to meet a sexy rancher for Audrey along the way What they don't plan on is getting stranded on a ranch when the car breaks down The ones with the shortest drive are Grandma and Grandpa also known as Hazel and Warren It's still a bit of a trek and Hazel

doesn't like the idea of driving all that way in snow but Warren knows they'll have no problem. They have a reliable car and snow tires and chains if they need them. They'll be fine. Surprises lie in store for all three sets of intrepid travelers as they set out on three very different adventures all leading to one memorable family Christmas. **CHRISTMAS MYSTERIES - 20**

**Thriller Classics in One Volume** Charles Dickens, Robert Louis Stevenson, Arthur Conan Doyle, Thomas Hardy, John Kendrick Bangs, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Grant Allen, Wilkie Collins, O. Henry, Saki, William Douglas O'Connor, Catherine Crowe, Louisa M. Alcott, M.R. James, G.K. Chesterton, Leonard Kip, Emmuska Orczy, 2024-01-14 CHRISTMAS MYSTERIES 20 Thriller Classics in One Volume presents a fascinating ensemble of tales that weave the spirit of Christmas with the spine-tingling allure of mystery and suspense. This anthology encapsulates a wide array of literary styles from the gothic undertones that permeate many of the narratives to the crisp, often whimsical prose illuminating others. Readers will find themselves enmeshed in a tapestry of red herrings, eerie shadows, and the joy of Christmas against a backdrop of thrilling narratives. Standout pieces achieve a harmonious blend of seasonal magic with the unexpected twists and turns of a thriller, rendering a reading experience both captivating and festive. The anthology's distinguished authors hail from varied backgrounds and eras, each bringing their unique voice to this thematic mosaic. Spanning Victorian to early 20th-century literature, these writers, whether participating in the gothic revival or the golden age of detective fiction, reflect upon the themes of mystery, morality, and human curiosity. The diverse cultural and literary lenses through which these stories were crafted allow readers to explore a fascinating cross-section of historical and cultural influences that have shaped the mystery genre as a whole. For those seeking an opportunity to engage with the literary tradition of Christmas mysteries, this collection offers an unparalleled breadth of narrative and thematic diversity. It is an inviting gateway into the varying interpretations of Christmas mystery, replete with the educational insights afforded by juxtaposing renowned works. The volume not only broadens one's knowledge but also fosters a rich dialogue among its tales and authors, offering a wintry blend of surprises for both the casual reader and the discerning scholar.

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