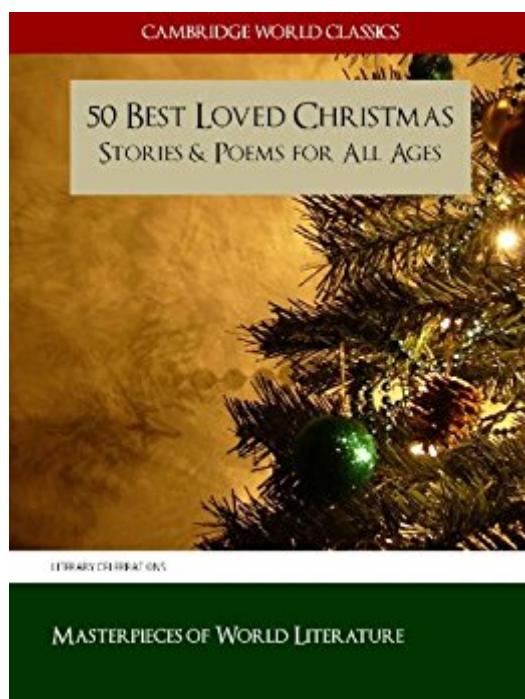


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# 50 Best Loved Christmas Stories And Poems For All Ages (Cambridge World Classics Edition) (Christmas Books Classic Literature Book 1)



## Synopsis

This wonderful collection brings together, for the very first time, fifty of the best loved Christmas stories and poems in a single, beautifully illustrated volume. Opening with O. Henry's classic story of transcendent love, *The Gift of the Magi*, and closing with Robert Frost's celebratory poem, *Christmas Trees*, this anthology passes through the works of some of the greatest writers in world literature, including Charles Dickens, Hans Christian Andersen, Louisa May Alcott, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Sir Walter Scott, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, G.K. Chesterton, Thomas Hardy, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and William Butler Yeats. It, of course, includes the well known classics such as Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* and Moore's *The Night Before Christmas*. However, it also contains some relatively unknown gems such as Abbey Farwell Brown's *A Christmas Angel* and two wonderful folk tales retold by Elizabeth Harrison, *Little Gretchen and the Wooden Shoe* and *A Story of the Little Child*. This collection has been newly edited, commented and painstakingly illustrated in the hope that it will create new joyous Christmas memories for generations to come.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a fine collection with an active TOC and well-formatted text for the Kindle. It is divided into three parts. Part One is called "The Meaning of Christmas." It includes "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry; "The Fir Tree" and "The Little Match Girl," both by Hans Christian Andersen; "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens; "A Christmas Dream" by Louisa May Alcott; "The Christmas Angel" by Abbie Farwell Brown; "Little Gretchen and the Wooden Shoes" and "A Story of the Child," both by Elizabeth Harrison. Then comes a section called "Interlude: The Night Before Christmas." There are fourteen works in this section (most of whose titles and authors are unfamiliar to me), including "The Night Before Christmas" and "The Night After Christmas," both by Clement Clarke Moore. Part Two is called "Christmas Tales," and includes seventeen tales, including "The Chimes" and "The Christmas Goblin" and "The Poor Traveler," all by Charles Dickens; "Christmas in Poganne" by Harriet Beecher Stowe; and "The Old Man's Christmas," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Part Three is titled "Classic Christmas Poems" and contains the following poems: "Ceremonies for Christmas" by Robert Herrick; "The True Christmas" by Henry Vaughan; "A Christmas Carol" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge; "Christmas in the Olden Time" by Sir Walter Scott; "Christmas Bells" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; "A Christmas Carol" by G. K. Chesterton; "Mistletoe" by Walter de la Mare; "The Oxen" by Thomas Hardy; "The Magi" by William Butler Yeats; "Christmas Trees" by Robert Frost. I think everyone interested in a collection of Christmas stories and poems will find much to enjoy here.

Not a bad little collection - the usual Dickens and O. Henry but at least a third of the book is made up of moralizing tales by obscure authors from the late 19th-early 20th century. If that's your thing, then you're in luck, but for those of us hoping for a little more rollicking or genuinely moving stories, the book is a bit of a disappointment.

Out of the 50 I would rate quite a few 5 stars, quite a few 4 stars, a handful of them 3 stars, and maybe 5 or 6 that I would skip in a reread. Overall I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys holiday stories. Enjoyable for all ages.

Very nice to have during the holidays to read to kids and for myself. Beautiful stories. Many of them I have read for the first time. It has a very nice and very well put together ToC.

Am wondering why I can't get the Table of Contents so I can select poetry I want to read?

Some of the stories are fine but it is not a book that calls me back to read it again. Some books you hate to put down, this one I could put down!

A perfectly fine collection of Christmas stories for a great price. Nice range of types of stories, and the classics are there.

In this kindle version - having trouble navigating it- unattractive, unprofessional layout. I was looking forward to enjoying the selections but have not been able to.

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