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Children's stories and poems



Many of the big-name children's writers have a book with a Christmas link, including Jeff Kinney's graphic style [Cabin Fever](#) and [Meltdown](#), both set in winter; Jacqueline Wilson's [Hetty Feather's Christmas](#) and [The Jacqueline Wilson Christmas Cracker](#), a selection of stories and activities; Matt Haig's [A Boy Called Christmas](#), [The Girl Who Saved Christmas](#) and [Father Christmas and Me](#). Recent titles are Tom Fletcher's [Christmasaurus and the Winter Witch](#), in his [Christmasaurus](#) series and [The Night I Met Father Christmas](#) by Ben Miller.

Christmas is a time for traditions. So here are two classic Christmas related stories. Firstly, [The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe](#), is the C. S. Lewis story of a land bewitched so that it was always winter, but never Christmas. Secondly, Michael Morpurgo's [The Best Christmas Present in the World](#) is inspired by football being played by German and British soldiers in no man's land on Christmas Day in 1914, during the First World War. A modern classic is [Snow Angel](#), by Lauren St John, set in Kenya and Scotland and about the power of nature to heal and a girl searching for a place to call home.

Picture books



For cat lovers, you can't beat [Mog's Christmas](#), by Judith Kerr, or listen to it on audiobook, as one of the stories in [The Big Mog Collection](#). Raymond Briggs's stories of [The Snowman](#) and [Father Christmas](#) are always popular. Nick

Butterworth's [One Snowy Night](#), is from the Percy the Park Keeper series. And [Polar Express](#), popularized by the film, is a wonderful book in its own right. ['Twas the Night Before Christmas](#) is a classic for all ages.

Young Adult



For anyone following the Netflix [Dash and Lily series](#), what better than to explore the original books, for some light-hearted Christmas romance? Or try a collection of three short stories by YA authors John Green, Maureen Johnson and Lauren Myracle in [Let it snow](#). For something more thought provoking, [The Christmas Mystery](#) by Jostein Gaarder is the ideal Advent read: the story is structured around the discovery of an advent calendar in which each window contains an episode of a variant on the nativity story: this makes it ideal to read throughout Advent, with a few pages each day.



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