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Calm Christmas and a Happy New Year - Beth Kempton 2020-10-20

A delightful guide to a stress-free holiday season filled with mindfulness, joy, self-care, and festive magic. What if the month of December were soothing instead of stressful? Now you can celebrate a new kind of holiday season—one where you radiate calm and cultivate delight. *Calm Christmas and a Happy New Year* leads you out of the darkness of winter and back to the enchantment of an authentic and attainable Christmas season filled with merry gatherings, thoughtful gift-giving, and meaningful observations of annual traditions. Covering the time period from late November to early January, this joyful guide embraces all the festive holiday build-up and then welcomes the new year in a holistic, nurturing way. Author Beth Kempton gently encourages you to prioritize your holiday hopes and take a slower, more mindful approach to your celebrations. Kempton also offers helpful suggestions for making the most of winter, and recommends using this quiet time to dream new dreams, set goals, and aspire toward a beautiful year ahead. Filled with personal stories, tips, and advice for staying calm and connecting with others, *Calm Christmas and a Happy New Year* provides a cozy retreat from the pressure of striving for perfection. Instead of starting the New Year exhausted, in debt, and filled with regret, you will rejoice in the memories of the season feeling rested, rejuvenated, inspired, and calm.

Out-Of-This-World Aliens - Jill Kalz 2013-07

"Illustrated scenes related to aliens invite readers to find a list of objects hidden within them"--Provided by publisher.

Christmas in Transylvania - Sandra Hill 2014-12-09

For the first time ever, the leader of the Viking Vampire Angels, Vikar Sigurdsson, has been talked into celebrating a traditional Christmas! The tree has been decorated, the gifts have been wrapped, and the stockings have been hung. And that's mistletoe, not cobwebs, hanging from the ceiling of the creepy castle full of vangels ... really! The icing on the vampire cookie comes when vangel Karl Mortensen rescues Faith Larson, a battered young waitress, from her abusive boyfriend and hides her in the castle amidst the Christmas chaos. But what Karl thought was a frail young teenager is actually a very tempting woman. And she thinks his fangs are sexy! But a strange "Christmas visitor" at the castle and demon vampires up to their old tricks could threaten the budding romance between Karl and Faith. It's an impossible match—a human and a vangel—but Christmas is a time for magic. Karl and Faith don't stand a chance ...

Sacred Holidays - Becky Kiser 2018-10-16

Do you enter every holiday wanting it to be meaningful, only to find that it feels chaotic with no direction? We set New Year's goals we can't keep, struggle to love or be loved on Valentine's Day, and find it hard to celebrate the risen Jesus when we are searching for the perfect Easter dress. Our summer and back-to-school seasons are whirlwinds, even as adults; we aren't quite sure what to do with Halloween as Christians; and we feel less than grateful at Thanksgiving because it is sometimes full of complicated people. Even Christmas becomes a challenge, as celebrating Jesus gets lost behind twinkling lights and a mountain of gifts. Holidays are meant to be more than chaos with glimpses of grace; they are meant to draw us closer to God and one another. We want all the whimsy and joy the holidays held when we were children, before life crowded it out. We want the holidays to reflect our love for Jesus and reveal the grace that has been lavished on us, but life is so busy that setting a game plan just doesn't happen. No more. It's time to stop trying to survive the holidays or over indulge the whimsy, and instead live in the abundant life

God called us to live. Sacred Holidays is part book and part resource: meant to help you avoid what has tripped you up in the past and give you insights, tips, and tools to make your holidays less chaotic and more about loving Jesus and others. Don't let your holidays be marked by regret, whirlwinds, or survival mindset. Let's celebrate every holiday together purposefully and worshipfully-loving Jesus and others well in every moment.

Very Short Reflections—for Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, Ordinary Time, and Saints—through the Liturgical Year - Mark G. Boyer 2020-06-30

The title of this book, *Very Short Reflections--for Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, Ordinary Time and Saints--through the Liturgical Year*, accurately describes its contents. Chapter 1 presents a short reflection for every day of the Advent Season. Chapter 2 does the same for every day of the Christmas season. Lent is covered in chapter 3, the Sacred Paschal Triduum in chapter 4, and the fifty days of the Easter season in chapter 5. Chapter 6 covers Ordinary Time. And chapter 7 presents a short reflection for every solemnity, feast, and memorial of saints, whose special day falls during the liturgical year. The short reflections are based on sets of Mass texts--Entrance Antiphon, Collect, Prayer over the Offerings, Preface, Communion Antiphon, Prayer after Communion, and Prayer over the People--presented for every day of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, Ordinary Time and saints in The Roman Missal. The reflection identifies the theme of the day and presents how it is manifested in the Mass texts. These very short reflections are designed to expose to the reader the liturgical spirituality that emanates from the Mass texts.

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The Twelve Stories of Christmas - Dr. Jerry Dickey 2007-02-20

In this book, the author offers a wide variety of Christmas short stories written over a 40-year span of time. Written for adults, these stories start with a Christmas letter created in 1965 and conclude with a story penned in 2003. Each timeless story is unique in its setting and offers a tug at the heart strings of the reader. Readers will find stories that take place in New York City, Appalachia, Bethlehem, Europe, and the mid-west. In each story, the characters are thoughtfully crafted to touch your heart with hope. Time and again, they return to the eternal message of the love of God, and to the gifts of human lives caught in common moments of time. The cover design by Patsy Ashley Given, a personal friend of the author, with its velvet dark blues and purples invites one into a constellation of lights suggesting that moments of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries can light our pathways far into the future. Following each story, readers encounter an enchanting piece of artwork that serves as a visual exclamation point to a personal journey with the words of the author. It represents the intense depth encountered by the illustrator in response to the touching characters revealed in *The Twelve Stories of Christmas*. This book would be a wonderful Christmas gift, as it will go on giving year after year. It could well find a permanent place on the coffee table to share gifts of hope for all seasons to its readers, and to remind each reader that all of us can make a divine difference within our common, very human moments of time.

Aid on the Edge of Chaos - Ben Ramalingam 2013-10-24

Many agree that the foreign aid system - which today involves virtually every nation on earth - needs

drastic change. But there is much conflict as to what should be done. In *Aid on the Edge of Chaos*, Ben Ramalingam argues that what is most needed is the creative and innovative transformation of how aid works. Foreign aid today is dominated by linear, mechanistic ideas that emerged from early twentieth century industry, and are ill-suited to the world we face today. The problems and systems aid agencies deal with on a daily basis have more in common with ecosystems than machines: they are interconnected, diverse, and dynamic; they cannot be just simply re-engineered or fixed. Outside of aid, social scientists, economists, business leaders, and policy makers have started applying innovative and scientific approaches to such problems, informed by ideas from the 'new science' of complex adaptive systems. Inspired by these efforts, aid practitioners and researchers have started experimenting with such approaches in their own work. This book showcases the experiences, insights, and often remarkable results of innovative thinkers and practitioners who are working to bring these approaches into the mainstream of aid. From transforming child malnutrition to rethinking economic growth, from building peace to reversing desertification, from rural Vietnam to urban Kenya, the ideas of complex systems thinking are starting to be used to make foreign aid more relevant, more appropriate, and more catalytic. *Aid on the Edge of Chaos* argues that such ideas and approaches should play a vital part of the transformation of aid. Aid should move from being an imperfect post-World War II global resource transfer system, to a new form of global cooperation that is truly fit for the twenty-first century.

A Gospel Christmas: Our Journey Connecting Santa and His Elf to the Story of our Savior - Jennifer Moye 2016-07-25

"A Gospel Christmas is an undeniable, grace-filled picture of the gospel message, taught in an easy-to-understand format designed not only for the youngest children, but also for the most seasoned adults." - Adrienne Terrebonne, Author of *Mommy Has Crinkles* With kids in tow it can be quite difficult to rein in the "Holiday" chaos of the Christmas season. Presents, lights, parties, decorations, hosting family, and all the "plastic stuff" we spend an entire paycheck on can get out of control in the blink of an eye. As the holiday pressure grows, you might wonder . . . • How do I teach my children the true meaning of Christmas in a world that calls it a Holiday? • How do I keep all the fun and point them to our Savior at the same time? • Is it possible to connect Baby Jesus, Santa, and even that naughty little Elf? If you have struggled with these questions, then you are in the right place! Join Jennifer on this journey of celebration and watch not only your children, but your whole family embrace the true meaning of Christmas. This is one family's story of how teaching Elfie a little grace, and exploring the life of Jesus through scripture and easy crafts, took their Christmas from self-centered to Kingdom-minded. "Jennifer has penned a tremendous tool for parents to not only teach but become engaged with their children in practical, inspiring ways that will leave indelible marks on their hearts and lives. She employs all five of the senses to drive home some eternal truths of the birth of our Lord and Savior. One has no trouble at all envisioning wide-eyed children as the day to day exercises of learning unfold. This book will leave you hungering for more ways to make other Bible stories come alive as well." - Mike Whitson, Senior Pastor at First Baptist Indian Train, NC

Christmas on the Run - Shirlee McCoy 2017-11-01

"DO WHAT WE TELL YOU OR YOUR SON WILL DISAPPEAR..." Master gemstone cutter Carly Rose Kelley will do anything to keep her son safe...but with blackmailers insisting she forge priceless antique stones, she needs help. With Christmas days away, the desperate widow has only one hope—the brother-in-law she never met. Hostage rescue specialist Dallas Morgan never knew about his nephew or his estranged late brother's wife. Now their lives are in his hands. But the sweet child and vulnerable woman remind Dallas of the family he once had and lost. And he can't afford distraction. Now that they're trapped in the sights of ruthless blackmailers, nowhere is safe...but Dallas won't let anyone stand in the way of him saving Carly and her little boy.

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"Illustrated scenes related to Christmas and winter invite readers to find a list of objects hidden within them"--Provided by publisher.

A Mother for Christmas - Jackie Weger 2020-12-08

Decker Davenport is on a deadline. He has thirty days — Christmas Eve, to be exact — to remodel a St. Augustine Victorian house or the owner will put it back on the market. Not a good time for Decker's

decorator to take off on a honeymoon, leaving him with Annalise Owens, a stand-in with a malaise he isn't privy to. But as he watches Annalise work miracles on the house and his daughter, he realizes the two of them have bonded in some ethereal way, as if they've always known each other. As Christmas Eve approaches, Decker still sees the curious malaise in Annalise's eyes. A haunting that even his kiss can't take away. What secret does the new woman in his house possess? And will learning Annalise's secret bring him and his daughter joy, or tear their world apart? What readers are saying about Jackie's books: □□□□ "Ms. Weger's writing style is honest and down-to-earth. Her characters are well developed, realistic, and draw you in quickly." — Big Al's Books and Pals Reviewer □□□□ "Jackie Weger writes fluently, understandably, makes it flow with pitch and power." — Read Along with Sue □□□□ "Jackie Weger is a gem. I found her writing very unique and comfortable and so annoyingly beautiful." — Coffeeholic Bookworm

Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos - R. L. LaFevers 2007

Twelve-year-old Theo uses arcane knowledge and her own special talent when she encounters two secret societies, one sworn to protect the world from ancient Egyptian magic and one planning to harness it to bring chaos to the world, both of which want a valuable artifact stolen from the London museum for which her parents work. 20,000 first printing.

Seeing Christmas - Karen Stacy 2019-08-14

Zoo Hideout - Jill Kalz 2012-07

"Illustrated scenes related to the zoo invite readers to find a list of objects hidden within them"--Provided by publisher.

Wendy's Christmas Chaos - Jon Esparza 2019-11-21

'Twas the day before Christmas and all was right, For Wendy and two elves were in an epic fight! She tried to peek early, which made the elves mad, Who now seek revenge for behavior so bad! Can peace and joy be restored before Christmas morning hits? Or is young Wendy Naughty List bound because of her fit

Seeking Joy Through the Gospel of Luke - Christine Trimpe 2021-10-15

"Seeking Joy takes us from the chaos of Christmas in a weary world to remind us of the gift of everlasting joy found only in Jesus Christ." -Tammy Whitehurst "The weary world rejoices!" These are the words God gave Christine Trimpe over and over during a difficult season, inspiring her to go deeper with her study of joy. What she learned was life-changing: God's joy is more than abundant and carries us through our darkest trials and tribulations—seek, and you will find. When we delight in God's Word daily, we can't help but share the "good news of great joy." It's the never-ending gift with the power to positively impact the world around us. Even during times of uncertainty and major changes, the joy of the Lord sustains those who know Him and spend time in His Word. Seeking Joy through the Gospel of Luke is a twenty-five-day Christmas advent drawing us to live in the joy of the Lord despite our difficult circumstances. Beginning on December 1 with Luke 1, readers will go twenty-four days through twenty-four chapters in Luke, ending with chapter 25 for a final Christmas Day message. This Christmas season—or whenever you need an extra dose of cheer—watch how God's abundant joy influences the world forever as we experience Luke's gospel story.

Thawed on Christmas The Haunting Truth of The Hide and Seek Ghost - Nikki Henley

If you play hide-and-seek with a blizzard, the storm will undoubtedly win. Inside every adult rushing around to make things perfect for Christmas is a child living the perfect holiday. On the last day of school when children are let out for winter break, a young boy plays an unfortunate game of hide and seek. He ignores the signs of the oncoming blizzard and stays in his hiding spot, until it becomes his chilly tomb. Years later, an amateur sleuth Nicole Scott is carrying on her mother's holiday tradition of baking goodies for family and friends in her curious town of Eubanks. Her paranormal gift of being able to see and hear ghosts means the spirit of her mother, Martha is not very far away to hover over her while she bakes the cookies. Outside her home an antsy frozen ghost reaches out for answers this holiday season. He's still playin this game of hide and seek, but is ready to be found. Nicole listens to his sad tale and at the spot of his passing, reunites him with the family he thought he lost. *Thawed On Christmas*, is a behind the Lore short and part of Nikki Henley's, *Curious in Eubanks Paranormal Cozy Mysteries* series. Set in a small town of curiously quirky paranormal residents this short story can be read as a standalone. It is written to give you the reader an

extended experience of the characters of Eubanks. Always, no cliffhangers. No swearing. No graphic scenes. Thank you for reading.

[Halloween Hide and Seek](#) - Jill Kalz 2012-07

"Illustrated scenes related to Halloween and monsters invite readers to find a list of objects hidden within them"--Provided by publisher.

Christmas Witness Conspiracy - Maggie K. Black 2020-10-01

Reunited in peril... The family he never knew is under siege. Detective Liam Bearsmith's life is turned upside down at Christmastime when the hacker he's tracking turns out to be the witness he fell for twenty years ago. But Kelly Marshall insists she's being framed, and he wants to believe her...especially after criminals attack them. Can he clear her name, even as he shields Kelly—and the family he never knew existed?

How the Movies Saved Christmas - William D. Crump 2017-04-27

Santa Claus is in trouble! Who will save Christmas? This A-to-Z guide to holiday films, television movies and series specials provides cast, credits, production information and commentary for 228 cinema Christmases that were almost ruined by villains, monsters, spirits, secularism, greed, misanthropy or elf error--but were saved by helpful animals, magic snowmen, selfless children or compassionate understanding. Reviews and references are included.

Order on the Edge of Chaos - Edward J. Lawler 2015-12-09

Order on the Edge of Chaos answers the question: how do people today create and sustain order in their lives and in their groups?

Christmas (#3, Esme Novella Trilogy) - Lizzy Ford 2017-12

Half angel. Half demon. 100% teenager. On Halloween, Esme's life changed. On Thanksgiving, she counted her blessings - and her curses. This Christmas, she confronts her greatest fears - and discovers her true gift.

[The Stupidest Angel](#) - Christopher Moore 2005-11-01

'Twas the night (okay, more like the week) before Christmas, and all through the tiny community of Pine Cove, California, people are busy buying, wrapping, packing, and generally getting into the holiday spirit. But not everybody is feeling the joy. Little Joshua Barker is in desperate need of a holiday miracle. No, he's not on his deathbed; no, his dog hasn't run away from home. But Josh is sure that he saw Santa take a shovel to the head, and now the seven-year-old has only one prayer: Please, Santa, come back from the dead. But hold on! There's an angel waiting in the wings. (Wings, get it?) It's none other than the Archangel Raziel come to Earth seeking a small child with a wish that needs granting. Unfortunately, our angel's not sporting the brightest halo in the bunch, and before you can say "Kris Kringle," he's botched his sacred mission and sent the residents of Pine Cove headlong into Christmas chaos, culminating in the most hilarious and horrifying holiday party the town has ever seen. Move over, Charles Dickens -- it's Christopher Moore time.

Christmas Star Sapphire (Inspirational Holiday Romance) - Hallee Bridgeman 2015-09-08

MADLINE VISCOLLI finds herself on the Gulf shores of Alabama, where she takes part in a graduate program to earn her MBA. On her first day there, she meets JOE WESTCOTT, team leader for a campus ministry. Despite a mutual attraction, Joe's personal rule of no romance with any student keeps any kind of deep relationship from developing. Joe has no desire to have a relationship with anyone, ever, anyway. He left a life of luxury and his family's business behind to live alone on a sailboat and serve in ministry. Then Madeline walks into the auditorium the week school starts and Joe suspects his personal rules might not apply to this graduate student. That is, until he discovers Madeline is one of the Viscolli's, and that her destiny lay in running her father's massive corporation. Having rejected wealth and all its trappings since childhood, Joe finds himself falling for the vivacious sapphire-eyed beauty. Madeline knows she loves Joe, but is not willing to throw away her destiny of taking over at the helm of Viscolli Enterprises. A Christmas Eve funeral washes all Joe's plans away. Will their love succumb to the rising tide caused by their differences in lifestyles, or will raging seas calm and allow them to sail off into the sunset?

[School Shake-Up](#) - Jill Kalz 2012-07

"Illustrated scenes related to elementary school invite readers to find a list of objects hidden within them"--

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Surviving Climate Chaos - Julian Caldecott 2021-09-16

Surviving climate chaos needs communities and ecosystems able to cope with near-random impacts. Their strength depends upon their integrity, so preserving and restoring this is essential. Total climate breakdown might be postponed by extreme efforts to conserve carbon and recapture pollutants, but climate chaos everywhere is now inevitable. Adaptation efforts by Paris Agreement countries are converging on community-based and ecosystem-based strategies, and case studies in Bolivia, Nepal and Tanzania confirm that these are the best ways forward. But success depends on local empowerment through forums, ecosystem tenure security and environmental education. When replicated, networked and shielded by governments, they can strengthen societies against climate chaos while achieving sustainable development. These vital messages are highlighted for all those who seek or have already found a role in promoting adaptation: for students, researchers and teachers, government officials and aid professionals, and for everyone who is now living under threat of climate chaos.

[Preaching and Worshiping in Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany](#) - Abingdon 2011-09-01

This helpful one-volume commentary resource provides brief preaching commentaries and prayers for worship for the first Sunday in Advent through Epiphany of the Lord (Years A, B, and C). This book includes: lectionary readings for each Sunday and Holy Day in the season; three sermon briefs for each Sunday in Advent and the Sunday after Christmas; sermon briefs for Christmas, Christmas Eve, and the Day of Epiphany; creative prayers for each Sunday and Holy Day in the season; scripture index.

Christmas in Transylvania - Sandra Hill 2014-10-28

For the first time ever, the leader of the Viking Vampire Angels, Vikar Sigurdsson, has been talked into celebrating a traditional Christmas! The tree has been decorated, the gifts have been wrapped, and the stockings have been hung. And that's mistletoe, not cobwebs, hanging from the ceiling of the creepy castle full of vengels ... really! The icing on the vampire cookie comes when vangel Karl Mortensen rescues Faith Larson, a battered young waitress, from her abusive boyfriend and hides her in the castle amidst the Christmas chaos. But what Karl thought was a frail young teenager is actually a very tempting woman. And she thinks his fangs are sexy! But a strange "Christmas visitor" at the castle and demon vampires up to their old tricks could threaten the budding romance between Karl and Faith. It's an impossible match—a human and a vangel—but Christmas is a time for magic. Karl and Faith don't stand a chance ...

[Christmas Chaos](#) - Jill Kalz 2014-09-11

Are they sitting with Santa? Parked by the presents? Tiptoeing around the tree? All sorts of sneaky objects are hiding in these picture puzzles, and they don't want to be found. Look closely and search them out

[Philosophy of History](#) - Jouni-Matti Kuukkanen 2020-11-12

With a recent surge of interest in the field, a volume taking stock of important theoretical shifts in the philosophy of history is greatly needed. A Philosophy of History fills this gap by weaving together a range of perspectives on the field which finds itself at a crossroads, and asks where it is headed in the 21st century. The book takes a concerted effort to go beyond the customary three-fold distinction between the speculative, analytic and narrativist approaches in philosophy of history. It considers, what comes after the enduring 'narrativist turn'. Chapters incorporate cutting-edge discussions on the relevance of contemporary political phenomena such as populism, the relation between science and history, pragmatism and the paradigmatic challenge of the Anthropocene. It also re-evaluates the continued relevance of major historical thinkers like Leibniz and R.G. Collingwood, and the endlessly fresh insights they can offer to key debates in the field today. Philosophy of History is a much-needed reappraisal of the philosophy and theory of history; offering an up-to-date overview of major developments in the field, and addressing the pressing questions of where to go next in a 'post-analytical', 'post-narrativist' world.

Deadly Christmas Duty - Virginia Vaughan 2018-11-01

This Christmas could be her last... Unless Covert Operatives shield her Prosecutor and single mom Melinda Steele thought her nightmare ended when her abusive husband died, but now someone wants her dead by Christmas. Navy SEAL turned security operative Noah Cason needs her to get justice in his sister's disappearance, but first he'll have to keep her alive. And his mission shifts from difficult to almost impossible when Melinda reveals who she suspects is really after her.

Elf on the Shelf Official Annual 2020 - Little Brother Books 2019-09-06

Have you been naughty or nice? Get set for Christmas with our brand new magical Annual! Enjoy Elf-themed activities, stories and makes in this charming new Annual and help make it the best Christmas holiday ever! Includes recipes, craft ideas, quizzes, puzzles, jokes, fun facts, etc.

Protection Amid Chaos - Nadya Hajj 2016-12-13

The right to own property is something we generally take for granted. For refugees living in camps, in some cases for as long as generations, the link between citizenship and property ownership becomes strained. How do refugees protect these assets and preserve communal ties? How do they maintain a sense of identity and belonging within chaotic settings? *Protection Amid Chaos* follows people as they develop binding claims on assets and resources in challenging political and economic spaces. Focusing on Palestinians living in refugee camps in Lebanon and Jordan, it shows how the first to arrive developed flexible though legitimate property rights claims based on legal knowledge retained from their homeland, subsequently adapted to the restrictions of refugee life. As camps increased in complexity, refugees merged their informal institutions with the formal rules of political outsiders, devising a broader, stronger system for protecting their assets and culture from predation and state incorporation. For this book, Nadya Hajj conducted interviews with two hundred refugees. She consults memoirs, legal documents, and findings in the United Nations Relief Works Agency archives. Her work reveals the strategies Palestinian refugees have used to navigate their precarious conditions while under continuous assault and situates their struggle within the larger context of communities living in transitional spaces.

The Stupidest Angel (v2.0) - Christopher Moore 2009-10-13

Now in a special holiday edition, the hilariously deranged tale of Santa, fruitcakes, angels, and Kung fu. . . . "Christopher Moore writes novels that are not only hilarious, but fun to read as well. He is an author at the top of his craft.—Nicholas Sparks 'Twas the night before Christmas . . . and all through Pine Cove, Florida, the creatures were stirring in this wonderfully funny tale that gives the spirit of Christmas a whole new meaning.

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Embracing Advent - Jen Ludwig 2021-09-21

Embracing Advent includes four weeks of short daily readings to encourage you to: Hold on to HOPE, Find

PEACE, Choose JOY, and LOVE and Be Loved. This is an Advent devotional meant to prepare you for the Christmas season. These readings can be used as individuals or in a bible study. Use this daily devotional to take a few minutes each day to step away from the holiday chaos and prepare your body, soul, and mind to whole-heartedly celebrate Christmas this year!

The Spirit of Christmas - Cecil Murphey 2011-10-25

A heartwarming collection of true stories that will inspire, entertain, and get everyone into the spirit of Christmas. At Christmastime, it's hard not to get caught up in the shopping, the decorating, the party planning and the family drama—and too often to lose sight of the true meaning of the season. But sometimes, through God's grace or a simple twist of fate, we're able to step back and understand what the holiday is truly about. *The Spirit of Christmas* is an inspiring collection of true stories from real-life people who have experienced such moments where the meaning of the season becomes clear and touches their hearts. A man mailing gifts at the post office witnesses a moving scene that changes his life forever. An unhappy couple are drifting further apart...until a special Christmas gift allows them to renew their love and mend their fractured marriage. And a father tries to keep the spirit of Christmas alive for his son with a grand gesture—a gesture that will be remembered by his family and many others for years to come. Filled with magic, wonder and deep meaning, it's impossible for these stories not to touch your heart—and fill you with *The Spirit of Christmas*.

Zoo Hideout - Jill Kalz 2013

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Cancer Book - Jack Canfield 2011-02-22

Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Cancer Book delivers 101 powerful stories of courage, hope, support, and love to help cancer patients and their families. A bonus memoir by a cancer patient bound in, with intimate and helpful words of advice. A support group you can hold in your hand, this loving and inspirational collection of intimate stories, by cancer patients and their loved ones, medical professionals, clergy and friends, is a must-read for anyone affected by cancer. Writers share all their experiences - from the initial diagnosis, to breaking the news to loved ones, to discussing the effect on home, school and work, from securing a medical team to living through an ever changing self-image, from the embarrassment of losing hair to discovering a new spirituality. A bonus book, a no-holds-barred memoir by cancer patient Elizabeth Bayer, is bound into this volume, after the full-length *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book.