

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever Herdmans 1 Barbara Robinson

Luther and Nora Krank are fed up with the chaos of Christmas. The endless shopping lists, the frenzied dashes through the mall, the hassle of decorating the tree... where has all the joy gone? This year, celebrating seems like too much effort. With their only child off in Peru, they decide that just this once, they'll skip the holidays. They spend their Christmas budget on a Caribbean cruise set to sail on December 25, and happily settle in for a restful holiday season free of rooftop snowmen and festive parties. But the Kranks soon learn that their vacation from Christmas isn't much of a vacation at all, and that skipping the holidays has consequences they didn't bargain for... A modern Christmas classic, *Skipping Christmas* is a charming and hilarious look at the mayhem and madness that have become ingrained in our holiday tradition. **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from John Grisham's *The Litigators*.

"If somewhere in the afterlife Roald Dahl met Charles Dickens and they cooked up a new Christmas tale, it couldn't have much on this fleet, verbally rambunctious, heart-stealing follow-up to *A Boy Called Christmas*."—The New York Times Amelia Wishart was the first child ever to receive a Christmas present. It was her Christmas spirit that gave Santa the extra boost of magic he needed to make his first trip around the world. But now Amelia is in trouble. When her mother falls ill, she is sent to the workhouse to toil under cruel Mr. Creeper. For a whole year, Amelia scrubs the floors and eats watery gruel, without a whiff of kindness to keep her going. It's not long before her hope begins to drain away. Meanwhile, up at the North Pole, magic levels dip dangerously low as Christmas approaches, and Santa knows that something is gravely wrong. With the help of his trusty reindeer, a curious cat, and Charles Dickens, he sets out to find Amelia, the only girl who might be able to save Christmas. But first Amelia must learn to believe again. . . . "Matt Haig has an empathy for the human condition, the light and the dark of it, and he uses the full palette to build his excellent stories." —Neil Gaiman, Newbery-winning author of *The Graveyard Book* "With a little bit of naughty and a lot of nice, this Christmastime yarn is a veritable sugarplum." —Kirkus Reviews

The annual Christmas pageant was safe and routine until the Herdmans, the worst kids in the history of the world, land all the main parts. What happens when kids who have never heard the story of Christmas interpret it for their new church? Setting: Contemporary Pgs: 56 An eight-year-old Maine girl determines in June to sell enough berries that summer so that she and her shiftless family can give a proper celebration for her birthday Christmas.

Ronnie and his aunt take care of the lighthouse while the keeper is on vacation, and when he does not return as expected, they discover that Tern Rock is a perfect place to spend Christmas.

The Best Christmas Ever! Storybook Greetings

While spending Christmas at their grandparents' farm, Lily becomes convinced that her younger brother Liam is right about White Cow being lonely and helps him seek a companion for her, leaving little time for Christmas preparations or reading.

Cinderella's Prince Charming is just perfect, but his mother is a royal pain. She makes the ugly stepsisters look friendly! With a little makeover magic, Cinderella is ready to turn the Mean Queen into the Nice Queen.

Kids love jokes--reading them, learning them, and sharing them. Curated by the editors of Highlights(TM), this brand-new collection of 365 rib-tickling, laugh-out-loud jokes is guaranteed to bring loads of giggles to children and their grown-ups. Hilarious black-and-white cartoons round out the fun. What does a duck eat with soup? Quackers, of course! This uproarious humor collection features 365 sidesplitting riddles and jokes--with lots of funny cartoons to add to the fun. Kids will love amusing themselves--and friends and family--with this hilarious collection of jokes in a wide range of topics.

From the celebrated creator of *Red and Lulu* comes the story of a brave little doe who meets Santa and changes Christmas forever. Dasher is an adventurous young reindeer with a wish in her heart. She spends her days with her family under the hot sun in a traveling circus, but she longs for a different life -- one where there is snow beneath her hooves and the North Star above her head. One day, when the opportunity arises, Dasher seizes her destiny and takes off in pursuit of the life she wants to live. It's not long before she meets a nice man in a red suit with a horse-drawn sleigh -- a man named Santa. And soon, with the help of a powerful Christmas wish, nothing will be the same. What did the dog say to the Christmas tree? My bark is louder than yours! This laugh-out-loud collection of Christmas jokes will have kids giggling all during the holidays. Perfect as a Christmas stocking stuffer, this uproarious humor collection features over 500 sidesplitting jokes--with lots of hilarious black-and-white cartoons to round out the fun. With jokes about Santa, reindeer, Christmas carols, and more, kids will amuse themselves--and their friends and family--with this jolly joke book.

Life has never been simple for Anthony Delgado. Finding himself alone, homeless and out of options, he thumbs a ride to the west coast of Florida. Formerly a diesel mechanic, Anthony hopes to find work and a way to claw out of the downward spiral that his life had been. With nowhere to go, no work and no contacts, Tony befriends a strange man named Irish John who boasts of having his own island, Deadman's Cay. It's there where he learns to live life again, on his own terms. Working as a boat mechanic and learning the commercial fishing business, he realizes he's grown to love the simple things in life. A boat to call his own, fishing, nights watching the sunset over the ocean, and newfound love. Not everything is as idyllic as it seems. The Cartel is active in human trafficking, drugs and smuggling. A single dust-up with them was more than enough to scare him away, until his world is shattered in an act of violence. Now he has a choice to make. Walk away, or do something about it. Anthony, or Tony to his friends, isn't the type to walk away. With friends, both old and new, he sets out to stop the cycle of kidnapping and violence that had been plaguing the coast. There's more at stake than his own life. Can their small group really make a difference?

Just when Private I thinks all is calm--now that he's cracked the case of 7 Ate 9--Question Mark storms into the office. Mark is worried. All the uppercase letters are M-I-S-S-I-N-G! But that's absurd. This is CAPITAL City! Private I is the last letter standing. Will he solve his BIGGEST mystery yet, the UPPER CASE, before it's too late?! Filled with the same humor, wit, and quirkiness of the hit 7 Ate 9: *The Untold Story*, comes another laugh-out-loud whodunit.

It's Christmastime in 1946, and all Addie wants is a pair of cowboy boots and a Christmas tree Ten-year-old Addie lives in Clear River, Nebraska, population fifteen hundred, with her stoic but loving father and quirky grandmother. Carla Mae is her neighbor and best friend in the fifth grade. Carla Mae's house is different than Addie's—she has five siblings and another on the way, while Addie is an only child. It's the week before Christmas, and shopping lists are at the front of the girls' minds. Addie's house doesn't have a tree—her dad says they are a waste of money, and they'll be opening presents at Uncle Will's anyway. Uncle Will has a tree, but to Addie, it doesn't feel like Christmas without a tree of their own. Then she comes up with the perfect plan. Will it make this the best Christmas they've ever had, or will her father never forgive her?

Could it be the night before a Snow Day? It's nighttime and snow is falling hard. Will the town be snowed in? Will there be a snow day? Odds are looking good in this newest *Night Before* book for the kids who dream of snowball fights, sledding, and the possibility that it may snow again tomorrow!

The Herdmans plus Halloween have always spelled disaster. Every year these six kids -- the worst in the history of Woodrow Wilson School, and possibly even the world -- wreak havoc on the whole town. They steal candy, spray-paint kids, and take anything that's not nailed down. Now the mayor has had it. He's decided to cancel Halloween. There won't be any Herdmans to contend with this year, but there won't be any candy, either. And what's Halloween without candy? And without trick-or-treating? The Herdmans manage to turn the worst Halloween ever into the best Halloween ever in this uproarious sequel to *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*.

Tammy Yaeger offers a book project for upper elementary classes based on "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," by American author Barbara Robinson (1927-). SuccessLink, located in Jefferson City, Missouri, provides the project online as part of Great Teaching Ideas, an educational tool featuring lesson plans and activities created by Missouri teachers.

A biography of the African-American woman who overcame crippling polio as a child to become the first woman to win three gold medals in track in a single Olympics.

Getting Real About Race is an edited collection of short essays that address the most common stereotypes and misconceptions about race held by students, and by many in the United States, in general.

The six horrible Herdmans, the worst children in the history of the world, take over the annual Christmas pageant.

A darkly enchanting series from New York Times bestselling author Claudia Gray about a teenage witch who battles dark forces in her small town, perfect for fans of the Beautiful Creatures and Hex Hall series. A boy cursed with visions that lead to madness. A girl granted the powers to save him. As soon as Nadia arrives in Captive's Sound, she knows something is seriously wrong. The town is shrouded in dark magic, more powerful and complex than she has ever seen. Mateo has lived in Captive's Sound his entire life, trying to dodge the local legend that his family is "cursed" with insanity. When the mysterious girl he has been dreaming of every night appears (Nadia), he fears the curse may be true. But danger is coming, and Nadia and Mateo must work together to stop this unknown force before it destroys everything in its path.

This charming tale of an overgrown pine always being passed by for Christmas, and what his woodland friends do to help him, is sure to become a Christmas classic. With delightful illustrations by wildlife artist Michael Monroe and enchanting text from Colleen Monroe, the birds, deer and squirrel of this story help make their special friend's wish come true.

Contains resources for teaching "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson that provides lesson plans, vocabulary and comprehension activities, quizzes, and graphic organizers.

The Brewster triplets, Dawn, Darby, and Delaney, usually love Christmas. Decorations, singing carols, seeing Aunt Jane and their favorite neighbors, hot cocoa, and presents--what could be better? But this year nothing is going right, starting with their local Christmas pageant. They practiced looking wise and stroking fake beards so they could play the three Wise People, but what did they get cast as? Angels - and just because they're girls! Totally not fair. And things are going from bad to worse. No Aunt Jane, no megaphone, no Mom or Lily because of the snow--and someone is stealing decorations (and baked goods!) from their neighbors' houses. The girls don't want this to be the worst Christmas ever, but can they fix the pageant, solve the mystery, find their dad a new couch (it's a long story), and recover their holiday cheer? Three times the angels means three times the festivities in this hilarious story from Jennifer Ziegler.

This funny new series features iconic holiday characters in a way that has never been done before—as superheroes! The Holiday Heroes Save Christmas is a different approach to Christmas books that will have readers laughing all season long. This just in—breaking news from the North Pole! Santa Claus can't deliver presents on Christmas Eve and he needs backup. But not just anybody can help him—he needs the Holiday Heroes! This Christmas, it's up to the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy, a Witch and a Leprechaun to fill in for Santa and save Christmas. Can the Holiday Heroes deliver presents without being spotted? Will they be able to pull off Christmas in the end? Perfect books for kids 5-7: who love stories about a superhero! for the Christmas holiday!

Vicky Austin's family does one special thing each day of December to prepare for Christmas. This year, they're also preparing for the birth of a new brother or sister, due after the New Year. Vicky is worried that the baby will come early—what kind of Christmas Eve would it be without Mother to help them hang up stockings and sing everyone to sleep with carols? This classic story of an old-fashioned Christmas is accompanied by merry illustrations by Jill Weber. This special eBook edition includes bonus content not available in the print edition: · Christmas in New York essay by Madeleine L'Engle · Reproductions of 7 unique L'Engle family Christmas cards created and illustrated by Madeleine L'Engle · First chapter of the Newbery Award-winning *A Wrinkle in Time*

Life in Fairfield in the decades after World War II was an unparalleled experience. From cruising down Texas Street on weekends to catching a carnival in the Wonder World parking lot, fond memories of long-lost times haven't been forgotten. People flocked to vintage eateries like Joe's Buffet and Smorga Bob's and played on the rocket ship slide at Allan Witt Park. Roller rinks like the M&M Skateway hosted not only skaters but also dances featuring Fats Domino and Roy Orbison. Commuters hopped aboard the FART bus to save on gas, and frequenting Dave's Giant Hamburgers was a rite of passage. Longtime Daily Republic columnist and accidental historian Tony Wade takes a deep dive into the Fairfield of yesteryear.

The Wicked Stepmother wants to do something to help people and make amends for her past. But trying to find the right job proves tricky, until the Terrible Ogre gives her an idea.

The don't miss, laugh-out-loud Christmas favorite! The Herdmans are the worst kids in the history of the world. They lie, steal, smoke cigars, swear, and hit little kids. So no one is prepared when this outlaw family invades church one Sunday and decides to take over the annual Christmas pageant. None of the Herdmans has ever heard the Christmas story before. Their interpretation of the tale—the Wise Men are a bunch of dirty spies and Herod needs a good beating--has a lot of people up in arms. But it will make this year's pageant the most unusual anyone has seen and, just possibly, the best one ever. As a reviewer commented: "In the end, this is not just a funny book, but a powerful story of redemption. Through most of the book, I can't stop laughing, but by the end I am always reading through tears, even after having read it eleven times." Anita Silvey, in her guidebook *Children's Books and Their Creators*, agreed: "The book is great fun and continues to be enjoyed by readers each holiday season."

The Worst Kids in the History of the World! When anything goes wrong at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, from the hexing of Bus Six to the mysterious disappearance of the kindergarten gerbil, it's sure to have a Herdman behind it. The Herdmans are more than famous -- they're outlaws. They smoke cigars, lie, and set fire to things, and that's only when they bother to come to school! Then a school project forces the students to think of compliments for all their classmates -- including the Herdmans. Is it possible that behind their outrageous pranks there may be something good about this crazy clan after all?

The shepherds awakened on the hillside outside Bethlehem by angels and were filled with awe. The Surprising Christmas Pageant is a comedy that gently reminds us that God's grace and love appear new to us every day. The production can be staged with as little or as many sets, costumes, and props as desired, and it can be produced with only two 2-hour rehearsals. Children's parts are reproducible. Key Features: -- All script and song texts are reproducible; leader has to purchase only one book -- Usable in smaller churches as well as larger churches -- CD with All music enclosed -- For kindergarten through 6th grade

Paint jolly holiday fun with stickers! Step 1: Find the sticker Step 2: Peel the sticker Step 3: Place the sticker ...and watch your Christmas painting come to life! Includes everything you need to create ten sticker paintings on study card stock. Plus, all the pages are perforated—making it easy to tear out each finished work to frame and share!

The six mean Herdman kids lie, steal, smoke cigars (even the girls) and then become involved in the community Christmas pageant.

The heart-warming true holiday story of a little boy and the cat that changed his life. Julia's nine-year-old son George was autistic. Quiet and withdrawn, he appeared lost in his own world. Then one day a small black-and-white stray cat appeared in her garden and George's face lit up. George bonded with Ben and began to open up to his mother as well. For three happy years, the trio was inseparable and George made remarkable progress. But then disaster struck—Ben went missing and George regressed. The weeks turned into months, and Christmas was

fast approaching, but on December 21, Julia got a call from a family more than fifty miles away, which finally offered a ray of hope... Genuinely touching, The Cat Who Came Back for Christmas is a story about devotion, love, and a holiday miracle, and is the perfect gift for cat lovers as well as fans of Lil Bub, I Am Pusheen the Cat, and A Street Cat Named Bob. Perfect for: • White elephant gifts • Animal lover gifts • Cat gifts • Gifts for cat lovers • Christmas gifts
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