



After your children have fallen asleep on Christmas Eve or another winter holiday, place a special gift-wrapped book on each child's bed. Your children will awaken to find a present they can open right away, beginning a special reading tradition they will love. Plus, it'll keep them in bed just a bit longer!



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Holiday Reading Traditions

Share a love of reading as a family activity during the holidays!

- ★ Pick one family favorite book and read it aloud each year. Each time it is read, record the date and place where the book was read on the inside cover. Then take a photo of the family with the book and slip it in the book to look at next year.
- ★ Plan a family trip to the library to choose books to read each night of Hanukkah or Kwanzaa.
- ★ Start a collection of holiday/winter books for all ages. Enjoy them during this time of year, and then pack them away in a special box to open and rediscover year after year.
- ★ Listen to a favorite audio book while you are baking cookies, driving to visit family and friends or wrapping presents.
- ★ Plan holiday meals or decide on baked treats to make by reading cookbooks together.
- ★ Draw names for book gift giving and select a different theme or genre each year. This works equally well with new books or giving hand-me-down books a second life.
- ★ Help your child make bookmarks to enclose with a gift book they helped to pick out.
- ★ Check out library books about another culture's winter celebrations.
- ★ Volunteer at a local hospital or nursing home and read holiday/seasonal books to children or residents.

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Winter and Holiday Children's Books

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
Footprints in the Snow by Cynthia Benjamin
Snow Sounds by David A. Johnson
Winter Lullaby by Barbara Seuling
Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
Snowballs by Lois Ehlert
Katy and the Big Snow by Virginia Lee Burton
The Snowman by Raymond Briggs

Hanukkah! by Roni Schotter
Max's Christmas by Rosemary Wells
The Gifts of Kwanzaa by Synthia Saint James
Chanukah Lights Everywhere by Michael L. Rosen
Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree by Robert Barry
The Jolly Christmas Postman
 by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
Grandma's Latkes by Malka Drucker
A Kwanzaa Celebration by Nancy Williams
Merry Christmas, Merry Crow by Kathi Appelt

Holiday Gift Idea:

Have a grandchild record a story for a grandparent (or vice-versa) and give the book and recording as a gift. Holiday stories, classic tales, poems, nursery rhymes... whatever suits the reader or the recipient's interest. The sound of the reader's voice will create memories that last a lifetime!

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