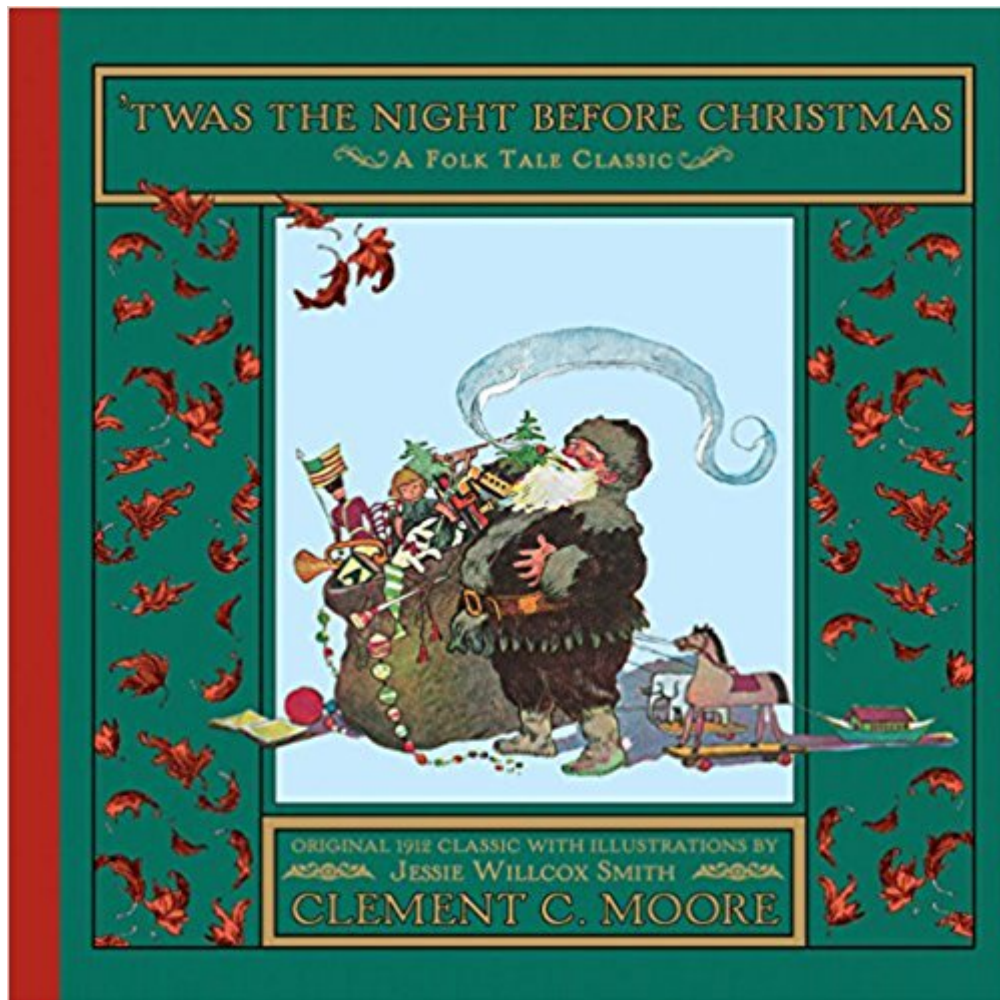


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# 'Twas The Night Before Christmas (Holiday Classics)



## Synopsis

Everyone knows the famous beginning to this beloved holiday poem: "Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house . . . Clement Moore's poem was written in 1822 and has been a holiday classic ever since. This edition, with gorgeous illustrations by Jessie Willcox Smith, was first published in 1912 and is considered by many to be the definitive version of the story. This lovely tale is now a part of the Folk Tale Classics series, with gold foil stamping on the cover and full-color illustrations throughout. A beautiful and affordable edition of a classic, this book deserves a place in every child's library!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

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## Customer Reviews

Clement Clarke Moore (July 15, 1779 - July 10, 1863) was a writer and professor and is credited with writing "A Visit from St. Nicholas" for his children. Originally published anonymously on December 23rd, 1823, the poem that would come to be known as "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," was responsible for the creation of the Santa Claus myth as it is known in the United States and much of the English-speaking world. Jessie Wilcox Smith (September 6, 1863 - May 3, 1935) was a prolific illustrator of magazines and children's books. She was a frequent contributor to

Ladies Home Journal. A student of Howard Pyle, some of her best-known work for children includes Charles Kingsley's *The Water Babies*.

This is the older version of *The Night Before Christmas*. It has the neat pictures in it that I remember when I was small and I am nearly 70 years old. It will be good to read to my great grandchildren.

I love this story and was very excited to add it to my daughter's Christmas book collection. Pros: The cover is puffy/squishy which gives it a childlike allure. The pictures are both realistic and cartoonish which allows a certain type of fantasy meets reality type of feel. I thoroughly appreciate the imagery of the book as it is something that will not be outgrown. I should also say this book has a nostalgic feel to me as pictures somewhat remind me of a book I owned when I was little. Cons: The binding feels a little cheap, like if I were to handle it a little too roughly (or just simply over time) the pages would fall loose. The pages themselves feel very thin. I'm very nervous reading the book around my 1 year old as I feel one quick move on her part would shred the page in seconds. Overall a great buy for the money and a great pictorial rendition of a classic Christmas poem.

I recently purchased this vintage Hallmark book through Escape Fiction and I can honestly say, I am extremely happy with my purchase. I live in a more remote, rural, area of Canada, and finding these kinds of finds is quite difficult. The book was shipped in 2 weeks when it was estimated it would take 6 weeks. I remember reading this Christmas treasure when I was a very young girl and I am so thrilled I am now able (after 35 years) to give it to my own kids this Christmas who will hopefully enjoy it as much as I did. Compared to some of the other books that are listed on , this version that I bought is absolutely in EXCELLENT condition. No rips, no tears, no missing parts, no markings. It is a brand new book and I am so thankful for the research I did on it. I want to thank Escape Fiction for the discount they also gave me on this book. They are excellent booksellers and should be recognized for that. THANK YOU!!

*Twas the Night Before Christmas A Visit from St. Nicholas* by Clement C. Moore is a read aloud poem that still charms the heart after all these years. It was a pleasure to enjoy as a Christmas tradition. Although it was written in 1912, I highly recommend reading this as a family ritual. "When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the windows I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters & threw up the sash." I gave this classic five stars. *Twas the Night before Christmas: A Visit from St. Nicholas*

Everyone has had a childhood memory of reading or being read their first Christmas tale and out of the many that have written Clement C. Moore's "The Night Before Christmas" is the most memorable timeless classic and definitive story of jolly Old Saint Nicholas. But are readers familiar with "The Night After Christmas"? Indeed, it is an interesting story that tells of the follies of the night after the festivities are done and sugar plums dancing within one's head ends up with a tummy ache and a visit from Dr. Brough. It is a play on "The Night Before" with a tongue-in-cheek quality and ends like the former, "And I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight: These feastings and candies make Doctor Brough's bills right!" (Kindle Location 70) In addition to the legendary tale is a collection of somewhat obscure Christmas stories from around the world from the United States to Norway that may be of interest to any reader that is curious. They range from the humorous to the poetic but not quite within the similar vein of a Dickens, Irving, Ingalls Wilder, Alcott, or even a Walton's Christmas but short and sweet enough to share with the entire family. Although all of the stories are brief they resonate of what Christmas is all about -- kindness, gratitude, and thankfulness, which is displayed in several of the stories, Miriam T. Barnard's "Mama's Happy Christmas," "The Christmas Carol of the Birds" (Mrs. G. Hall), "A Turkey For One" (Lavinia S. Goodwin), "What Happened Christmas Eve" (Oliver Herford), and "A Ragged Christmas Feast." And most of all, each story shows how the season brings about a coming together with family and friends as well as strangers. "The Night Before Christmas and Other Popular Stories For Children" is a cornucopia of stories that are unique and introduces or reminds young and old readers alike of the greater meaning of what the holiday season is significant of. And a great way to share these stories may be in front of the fireplace or simply where everyone is gathered together.

I want to thank you so much for having this book, growing up my father always read this on Christmas Eve right before we went to sleep. This specific version has been there with us for YEARS. I loved it so much I got a copy for myself recently and had my dad write a message in it so when I have my own family I'll have a piece of him with me always (: thank you!

What a wonderful keepsake. My husband and I did several of these for our grandchildren. I think we

had as much fun recording this as the grandkids had listening. I will mention that it must be by a lamp or light source for it to work properly. That wasn't mentioned in the directions for listening to the book. Although a bit pricey, it's well worth the memory.

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