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Olive, The Other Reindeer Pop-Up Advent Calendar



Synopsis

A companion to the new deluxe edition of *Olive, the Other Reindeer* and a wonderful Christmas gift in its own right, this advent calendar offers an engaging and interactive way to count down to Christmas. And just like *Olive* is no ordinary "reindeer," this is no ordinary advent calendar! Featuring an intricate pop-up of Santa's castle in the center, the calendar has a surprise for each day leading up to Christmas: a punch-out figure that children can stand up and place around the castle, whether it's Santa, a reindeer, or *Olive* herself! By the time December 25 arrives, the calendar will have become a very merry Christmas scene!

Book Information

Series: *Olive*

Calendar: 4 pages

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Age Range: 3 and up

Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

J. Otto Seibold has illustrated, and in some cases also written, 15 books for children, including *Quincy*, *the Hobby Photographer*; *Penguin Dreams*; and the *Mr. Lunch* books. He lives in San Francisco. Vivian Walsh is the author of nine books for children, including *Penguin Dreams*, *Gluey*, and the *Mr. Lunch* books. She lives in San Francisco.

This calendar unfolds to a pop-up castle. Each day of Advent, you open a flap and punch out a paper character to stand up amidst the castle, beginning with *Olive*. But unfortunately, all attempts to open flaps or get the new piece out shake everything else off the board, meaning you get to set it

all up again every day. I gave up and threw it away yesterday (December 20), so I have no idea what the last pieces are, and I feel no regret about that.

The magic and wonder begin when you open the calendar, which is folded in half inside a sleeve. A detailed 3-D "Santa's Workshop" appears, along with panels for each of the days leading up to (and including) Christmas. I had a little involuntary giggle when the workshop opened up--it's really cute. Behind each of those panels is a small paper fold-up figurine, usually only about an inch tall, starting with Olive herself. At the beginning of advent she seems pretty lonely in the Arctic landscape, but by the time Christmas rolls around, she'll have a lot of company. There are some great little surprises, too, which I won't spoil. I think this was the cutest, and most fun, advent calendar I've ever done. I was tempted to keep it after Christmas was over. It was really sort of magical. I would worry about doing the calendar in a family with small kids (under about age five, I guess) because the little cardboard figures are pretty small, and not very sturdy: rough handling could ruin them pretty quickly. But for an adult who wants to feel like a kid? It's GREAT.

I read some of the less positive reviews but decided to order this calendar anyway. I am glad I did! My girls (ages 9 & 7) are enjoying it. The pop up village is super cute. Some of the reviews complained that the tabs arrived already opened. We did not have that problem. I did order a new one and maybe that is why. The girls are enjoying placing the little characters around the village. If you do the tabs correctly and have the calendar in a place where it will not be moved, the characters will stay in their place.

So cute! Great for kids (and adults) with food allergies! We used our last calendar for three years, but so cute we got a new one this year!

My kids are having fun opening this every morning. We have read the book and watched the movie....I think you may appreciate the cute characters more if you have seen the movie. This is a wonderful alternative advent calendar.

This is a great Advent calendar for children and adults. The characters are really cute and they can be placed around Santa's castle.

This and the book were a December gift for a 5 year old relative. I am told he loves it--although not

as much as he loved the \$45 Lego calendar last year!!

Very cute little calendar. My daughter enjoyed it very much.

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