

Explore More: A Christmas Carol

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Explore More Dickens

The Man Who Invented Christmas, Les Standiford. This rich and satisfying read for Scrooges and sentimentalists alike tells the story of how a debt-ridden and dispirited Charles Dickens wrote *A Christmas Carol* in hopes of keeping his creditors at bay. 823.8 DICKENS 2008

The Cricket on the Hearth and Other Christmas Stories, Charles Dickens. While they're less well-known than *A Christmas Carol*, Dickens wrote many other Christmas stories combining realism with fantasy. These three tales are fine examples of how "good will toward men," kindness, and concern for the poor remain his central themes. FICTION DIC

Explore More History of the Holiday

Christmas in the Crosshairs, Gerry Bowler. Christmas is the biggest single event on the planet, a global phenomenon and a backbone of international trade. Whether one celebrates it or not, billions of people are caught up in its commercialism, sentiment, and frenetic busyness. Bowler explores the scope of its influence and takes an entertaining look at the traditions we think we know so well. 263.91509 BOWLER 2017

Inventing Christmas, Jock Elliott. Where did the best-loved Christmas traditions spring from? With beautiful vintage art, this book illustrates how many of our current holiday traditions originated in the mid-1800s and how Santa, the Christmas tree, gift-giving, and Scrooge came to signify Christmas in the popular imagination. 394.2663 ELL

Explore More Seasonal Ghost Stories

High Spirits, Robertson Davies. Novelist Robertson Davies was also Master of Massey College at the University of Toronto, and began the tradition of telling a ghost story at the College's annual Christmas party. This volume collects the charming stories he wrote for the tradition. FICTION DAV

Christmas Days, Jeanette Winterson. This collection brings together twelve of Winterson's brilliantly imaginative tales, plus a personal story of her own Christmas memories. A portal into the spirit of the season combined with mystery and a little bit of magic. FICTION WINTERSON

Explore More Dramatic Adaptations

We could fill this page with nothing but a list of filmed versions of *A Christmas Carol*; from Doctor Who to the Muppets, it seems that everyone's performed their own take on this archetypal story. The Library has both DVD and Blu-ray copies of many of the most popular adaptations to watch by the fire, from the 1951 edition featuring Alister Sim as Scrooge (film critic A. O. Scott considers this the best version ever filmed) to Bill Murray's classic turn as a heartless modern-day executive in *Scrooged*.



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