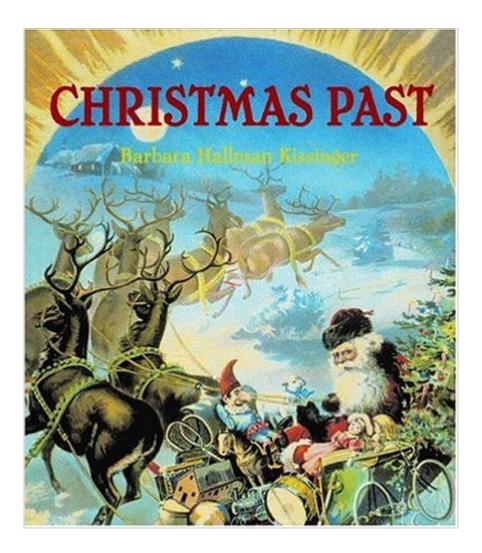


# **Christmas Past**





# Synopsis

More than 200 colorful illustrations, dating from the Victorian age through the early twentieth century, celebrate Christmas traditions of years gone by. These beautiful illustrations, which originally appeared in calendars, advertisements, and greeting cards from across the United States and Europe, recall the wholesome holidays of simpler times. Nostalgic images of angels, St. Lucia, Yule logs, and wassailing are only some of the treasures selected from the more than 1,300 items in the author $\tilde{A}$   $\hat{A}$  s own collection of vintage Christmas books and ephemera.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Wallowing in happy Christmas memories has caused me to start buying books of this nature. Although several times the narrative has been similar in various books, this one stands out not only for the concise text, but the beautiful graphics and selection of images. The country by country detail of traditions was really nice. I put my little heap of Christmas books beside me, fix a cup of hot cocoa, crank up the air conditioning, and sink happily into a winter wonderland of Christmas in August!

I bought this book for my 95 year-old mother-in-law for Chistmas this year. We told her to open it as soon as it was delivered to her so she could get in the Christmas spirit. She told me she is enjoying this book so much! She especially likes the stories of Christmas in other countries and the beautiful illustrations. One of these pictures reminded her of a postcard send to her when she was young. This brought back some fond memories for her. Maybe she'll let me borrow it now!

This is a lovely book, with not just a lot of beautiful, vintage postcards to get you into the holiday mood, but quite a bit of well-written, interesting historical background about Christmas as well. It makes a great coffee table book to pick up and look through, or to spend an afternoon reading. Would be great fun to share with children to give them some historical perspective. A very nice book- I hope to see more from Barbara Kissinger.

Great book. I have MANY books about Christmases in the past years as well as several with ornament and ephemera collectibles. I always find new information with each book I read, which is important when one has several hundred books (probably 30 about this particular subject matter) like I do. It keeps me purchasing books because I know I will always learn something with each new purchase!

Wonderful old pictures and drawings. If you enjoy the season of Christmas, you'll enjoy this book.

Expected more color pictures but still useful. Fast shipping

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