

EPISODE **117**

Slow Down Your Christmas with these 15 Read-Alouds for the Whole Family

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In This Episode

Sarah shares 15 longer Christmas read-alouds that your family will love - classics, short story collections, more recent favorites and more.

The Listening Guide

Use this guide to skip to parts that most interest you, or listen to the entire podcast.

- 2:00 December picture books
- 3:53 Meaningful reading
- 5:33 Christmas audio
- 6:38 3 Qualities for Christmas novels
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- 9:50 More recent favorites
- 11:38 A favorite series
- 15:44 Short story collections
- 19:55 A couple more classics
- 23:08 Santa's childhood
- 25:52 Let the Kids Speak

"Focusing on the true meaning of this season, reminding ourselves that **we can connect with our kids and make warm memories** without having to go to lavish extremes, spend a lot of money, or get stressed and harried, sitting down and sharing a story with our kids over the Christmas season is a beautiful, beautiful way to cherish this very special and very important time of year?" - Sarah Mackenzie

Quotes and Questions

* **Unwrapping a gift ...**

"It reminds us as we're unwrapping this gift of a book - that reading is a gift and it's something to be delighted in and looked forward to."

Have you ever tried the tradition of wrapping books for Advent?

* **This feels familiar.**

"Basically, you could read this Christmas story every year and have a different tale, a different experience of the Nativity. I really think this is a beautiful way to deepen the true meaning of Christmas, the celebration of Christ's birth, and really deepen your family's understanding and appreciation for what this holiday really means."

You can learn more about this series [here](#).

Show Notes

Books from today's episode:

- The Family Under the Bridge
- Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree
- Jan Brett's Gingerbread Christmas
- The Wild Christmas Reindeer
- The Clown of God
- Merry Christmas, Strega Nona
- The Story of Holly and Ivy
- Apple Tree Christmas
- Jotham's Journey
- Bartholomew's Passage
- Tabitha's Travels
- The Baker's Dozen
- The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street
- The Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden
- 'Twas the Evening of Christmas
- A Little House Christmas Treasury
- Christmas with Anne
- The True Gift
- Ishtar's Odyssey
- Nutcracker
- Where the Wild Things Are
- Maestro Classics: The Nutcracker

- [I Saw Three Ships](#)
- [Tumtum and Nutmeg: A Christmas Adventure](#)
- [Nancy and Plum](#)
- [A Boy Called Christmas](#)
- [The Last Holiday Concert](#)
- [Felicity's Surprise](#)
- [Addy's Surprise](#)
- [The Gift of the Magi](#)
- [The Gift of the Magi \(another favorite version\)](#)

Other links from today's show:

- [Picture Books for December](#)
- Get our list of picture books for December, the FREE booklist and more - go to readaloudrevival.com or text BOOKS to 345345
- [RAR #04: Read Aloud! Jim Weiss Shares Tips and Tricks](#)
- [RAR #05: Read Aloud Imperfectly: You Don't Have to Rock Reading Aloud, Jim Weiss](#)

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