

# Crook County Library

## Winter & Holiday Book List

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### Books

Brown, Daniel

#### **The Indifferent Stars Above: The Harrowing Story of a Donner Party Bride (2009)**

A chronicle of the mid-nineteenth-century wagon train tragedy draws on the perspectives of one of its survivors, Sarah Graves, recounting how her new husband and she joined the Donner party on their California-bound journey and encountered violent perils. (*Non-Fiction*) JFS

Brunstetter, Wanda

#### **Log Cabin Christmas (2011)**

Experience Christmas through the eyes of adventuresome settlers who relied on log cabins built from trees on their own land to see them through the cruel forces of winter. Discover how rough-hewed shelters become a home in which faith, hope, and love can flourish. Marvel in the blessings of Christmas celebrations without the trappings of modern commercialism where the true meaning of the day shines through. And treasure this exclusive collection of nine Christmas romances penned by some of Christian fiction's best-selling authors. (*Historical fiction; Anthology*) MR

Capote, Truman

#### **A Christmas Memory, One Christmas, and the Thanksgiving Visitor (2007)**

Seven-year-old Buddy inaugurates the Christmas season by crying out to his cousin, Miss Sook Falk: "It's fruitcake weather!" Thus begins an unforgettable portrait of an odd but enduring friendship between two innocent souls – one young and one old – and the memories they share of beloved holiday rituals. (*Memoir; Short Stories*) JFS

Christie, Agatha

#### **Hercule Poirot's Christmas: A Holiday Mystery (1939)**

The holidays can be murder—and just in time for yuletide comes this holiday edition of one of Agatha Christie's most popular and confounding mysteries. (*Mystery*) AS

Hill, Grace Livingston

#### **The Christmas Bride (1934)**

A wealthy young man saves Margaret McClaren's life and falls in love with her. Then she disappears. Will he find her again? Grace Livingston Hill is the beloved author of more than 100 books. Read and enjoyed by millions, her wholesome stories contain adventure, romance, and the heartwarming triumphs of people faced with the problems of life and love. (*Christian*) JK

Lewis, R.C.

#### **Stitching Snow (2014)**

A futuristic retelling of Snow White in which seventeen-year-old Essie, a master at repairing robots and drones on the frozen mining planet Thanda, is pulled into a war by handsome and mysterious Dane after his shuttle crash-lands near her home. (*Fairy Tales; Science Fiction*) BM

Nelson, Nancy

**Grandmother's Holiday Traditions (1998)**

Innovative and easy recipe, craft, and decorating ideas, plus a fun look at the folklore and history behind holiday customs. (*Romance*) JK

Pilcher, Rosamunde

**Winter Solstice (2000)**

In *Winter Solstice* Rosamunde Pilcher brings her readers into the lives of five very different people.... *Winter Solstice* is a novel of love, loyalty and rebirth. (*Psychological*) AS

**Children's Books**

Krensky, Stephen

**The Last Christmas Tree (2014)**

An eager little Christmas tree, not very tall or well-shaped, is the last on the lot but when it seems all hope of being covered with lights and ornaments is lost, a special person comes to take him home. (*Picture Book*) BM

Snicket, Lemony

**The Latke Who Couldn't Stop Screaming: A Christmas Story (2007)**

Latkes are potato pancakes served at Hanukkah. Lemony Snicket is an alleged children's author. For the first time in literary history, these two elements are combined in one book. People who are interested in either or both of these things will find this book so enjoyable it will feel as if Hanukkah is being celebrated for several years, rather than eight nights. (*Hanukkah; Satire*) JFS

Van Allsburg, Chris

**The Polar Express (1985)**

A magical train ride on Christmas Eve takes a boy to the North Pole to receive a special gift from Santa Claus. (*Fantasy; Picture Book*) MR

**Movies**

**Gremlins (1984)**

A gadget salesman is looking for a special Christmas gift for his son and finds one at a store in Chinatown. The shopkeeper is reluctant to sell him the "mogwai," but sells it to him with the warning to never expose him to bright light, water, or to feed him after midnight... (*Horror; Black Comedy*) JFS

**Irving Berlin's White Christmas (1954)**

Two talented song-and-dance men team up after the war to become one of the hottest acts in show business. Joined by two sisters, they travel to Vermont for a white Christmas. (*Musical*) MR

**Muppet Christmas Carol (1993)**

Charles Dickens' famous Christmas tale is reimagined by Jim Henson's Muppets in this holiday classic. Miser Ebenezer Scrooge learns the true meaning of Christmas and reforms his heartless and money-grubbing ways after being visited on Christmas Eve by four ghosts. (*Family*) BM

### **Pee-wee's Playhouse Christmas Special (1989)**

Pee-wee gets into the spirit of the season with lots of singing, dancing and other holiday fun with his Playhouse pals and some Very Special Celebrity Guests. Everything is going great for Pee-wee... until his Christmas wish list becomes so long that there won't be enough presents for all the other kids in the world! (*Comedy; Family*) JFS

Quine, Richard

### **Bell, Book and Candle (1958)**

Novak is a witch who casts a spell on a book publisher (Stewart) to make him fall in love with her. He is most unhappy when he finds out what happened. (*Holiday Comedy*) JK

## **Music**

Jackson 5

### **Ultimate Christmas Album (2009)**

Jackie, Marlon, Tito, Jermaine, and Michael Jackson put their famous Motown spin on Christmas classics like "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," "Up on the Housetop," and "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," as well as Season's Greetings from the Jackson brothers. (*Pop; Soul*) BM

Various

### **A John Waters Christmas (2004)**

The infamous director of *Pink Flamingos*, *Hairspray*, and *Cry-Baby* presents his Christmas playlist, which runs the gamut from the ridiculous (Tiny Tim's shrieky "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer") to the sublime (Little Eva's doo-wop "I Wish You a Merry Christmas") to the completely deranged (Roger Christian's "Little Mary Christmas," which has to be heard to be believed). (*Compilation; Novelty; Oldies*) JFS

## **Audio Books**

Favorite Stories

### **Favorite Stories of Christmas Past (2007)**

'Twas the night before Christmas / Clement C. Moore -- The story of Christmas / Nora A. Smith -- A country Christmas / Louisa May Alcott -- An empty purse / Sarah Orne Jewett -- The bachelor's Christmas / Robert Grant -- The fir tree / Hans Christian Andersen -- The birds' Christmas carol / Kate Douglas Wiggin -- Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus / Francis Church -- The festival of St. Nicholas / Mary Mapes Dodge -- The gift of the magi / O. Henry. (*Classics; Anthology*)MR

Sedaris, David

### **Holidays on Ice (2001)**

Holidays on Ice collects six of David Sedaris's most profound Christmas stories into one slender volume perfect for use as a last-minute coaster or ice scraper. This drinking man's companion can be enjoyed by the warmth of a raging fire, the glow of a brilliantly decorated tree, or even in the backseat of a van or police car (*Humor; Autobiography*). AS