

Experience the Magic of Under The Mistletoe Other Stories: Unveiling a World of Christmas Wonder



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Christmas is a time of enchantment, wonder, and awe-inspiring stories that warm our hearts. Whether you're reminiscing about cherished holiday moments or

seeking new tales to ignite your imagination, "Under The Mistletoe Other Stories" is a collection of extraordinary narratives that will transport you to a world filled with joy, hope, and everlasting magic. Join us as we unravel the captivating essence of these stories, delve into their everlasting legacy, and explore the alluring artistry behind each remarkable tale.

The Allure of "Under The Mistletoe Other Stories"

What sets "Under The Mistletoe Other Stories" apart from other Christmas collections is its ability to capture the true essence of the holiday spirit. Diving into this enchanting anthology is like stepping into a fairytale world, where every page brims with heartwarming stories that bring families, friends, and communities together.



Under the Mistletoe & Other Stories

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From the heartwrenchingly beautiful tale of a lonely child finding unexpected compassion to the heartwarming story of a lost family rediscovering love during the holiday season, each narrative resonates with the universal truth that Christmas is the time when miracles happen - even in the unlikeliest of circumstances.

"Under The Mistletoe Other Stories" offers a unique blend of classic and contemporary holiday tales, woven together with exquisite storytelling that will captivate readers of all ages.

Delving into the Captivating Narratives

"Under The Mistletoe Other Stories" comprises a mesmerizing tapestry of narratives crafted by some of today's most talented authors. Each story is an elegant blend of tradition and innovation, resonating with the deep-rooted charm of Christmas while exploring the complexities of the human experience.

A Gift of Love

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She didn't like it when we sang. So why were we standing at her door on Christmas Eve ready to share a gift of music?

After the collapse of my father's catering business, my family faced a serious financial situation. I remember my mother coming home with tears in her eyes, not wanting to tell us what was wrong even after I asked her what the problem was. Soon we had to move into a small one-room apartment because that was what we could afford. Before then, the Christmas season had always been a time of intense cooking, new clothes, parties, visits to interesting places, and gifts to be shared and received. My mum had a knack for being, as we called her, "Mother Christmas." She loved to give, and each Christmas she would enthusiastically and lovingly share with those around her. As we got older, thinking of others more than we thought of ourselves became a trait that we also tried to develop.

But that year we did not know what to do. Mum became concerned because it would be our first Christmas outside of our own home. She worried because there was nothing she could think of to share with others. However, we encouraged her because we knew that we could, in our own small way, do something to spread the spirit of Christmas.

Still, we were barely getting by, and we were also struggling to keep the peace in our new surroundings. Our landlady was not a Christian, and she was upset with us because we would wake up early to have family prayer and sing hymns. Our singing would awaken her because our room adjoined her room. Often she complained, so we tried to sing softly and not disturb her. When she saw that we weren't going to stop having our morning family prayers, her complaints gradually ceased.

Then a thought occurred to my dad. He felt that we should sing Christmas carols to our landlady as our Christmas gift to her. Everyone was thrilled with the idea—except for me. I strongly objected, reminding my family of the complaints she had made over our family prayers. I suggested that we sing for someone who would appreciate it and not for her.

But my dad insisted, explaining that it would be an avenue for us to show her that we were her friends despite belonging to different religions. I had no choice but to join my family in choosing and practicing carols to sing for her.

On Christmas Eve we stood at her door and knocked. She did not open the door, and I was about to get angry and remind my dad of our wasted effort. But as I looked around, I saw that all the members of my family were smiling—they were happy about what we were doing. I felt a desire within me to experience that same feeling. Eventually the landlady opened her door, and for a moment she did not know what to do. My dad quietly told her that we would love to sing for her and that, if it was all right, we would love to come inside her apartment. She stepped aside, and we went in. We sang all the Christmas songs we could remember—both the ones we had rehearsed and ones we had not. Soon there was a wonderful feeling in the room. Although we knew that she might not understand the meaning of the words, she smiled as we sang. She also told us that she had been feeling lonely and seeing us together made her long for her own family. Before leaving, we wished her a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. She thanked us, and we went back to our room.

As I was trying to fall asleep that night, I pondered on what had happened. It occurred to me that a real Christmas gift is not necessarily store bought or even homemade; it is actually the attitude and the desire we have to do what we can to make our fellow human beings happy. I realized that the greatest gift we can give at Christmastime doesn't require a lot of money; instead, it is a gift of love. That night I knew that my family had felt the spirit of Christmas by offering a small service to a lonely neighbor.



1. The Gift - A Christmas Tale of Love and Redemption

Set against the backdrop of a sleepy, snow-kissed town, this story follows the journey of Clara, a troubled woman who finds renewed hope and love when she crosses paths with a mysterious stranger. As their destinies intertwine, "The Gift" showcases the transformative power of forgiveness, reminding us that Christmas is a time to heal old wounds and mend broken hearts.



2. A Sleigh Ride to Remember - A Whimsical Adventure Through Time and Space

Prepare to embark on an exhilarating journey through time and space in this charming story of a group of misfit friends who discover a magical sleigh capable of defying the laws of physics. As they travel through different eras and encounter pivotal moments in history, they realize that the true joy of Christmas lies in cherishing the past, embracing the present, and shaping the future.



3. Christmas Wishes - An Inspirational Tale of Kindness and Compassion

Inspired by the power of small acts of kindness, "Christmas Wishes" tells the heartwarming story of a community that comes together to fulfill the Christmas wishes of those in need. Through their selfless acts, they discover the remarkable impact that a simple act of compassion can have on the lives of others, reminding us all that compassion and generosity are the true gifts of the season.

Unveiling the Artistry Behind Each Tale

At the heart of "Under The Mistletoe Other Stories" lies a team of outstanding illustrators whose intricate artwork brings these vivid stories to life. With their

meticulous attention to detail, these artists immerse readers in a visual feast that perfectly complements the compelling narratives.

From whimsical landscapes to intricate character designs, the illustrations in "Under The Mistletoe Other Stories" elevate the reading experience, allowing readers to fully immerse themselves in the enchanting settings and captivating moments that define each tale. Each stroke of the artist's brush encapsulates the very soul of Christmas, evoking warm emotions and a sense of childlike wonder.



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Experience the Enchanting World of Christmas Magic

"Under The Mistletoe Other Stories" is the perfect companion for those who want to bask in the glow of Christmas magic and embrace the true meaning of the season. Every turn of the page reveals a new discovery, a heartfelt moment, and a reminder that the real magic of Christmas lies within our hearts.

Whether you've been eagerly awaiting the arrival of the holiday season or you simply wish to experience the joy, wonder, and hope that Christmas brings, "Under The Mistletoe Other Stories" will transport you to a world filled with the purest of emotions and the most beautiful of tales.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to embark on this unforgettable journey. Open your heart and let the magic of "Under The Mistletoe Other Stories" ignite your imagination this Christmas.



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Diana is all set to welcome her loved ones for Christmas. An unexpected (and uninvited!) guest shows up at her door, spoiling her festive mood. All her attempts

to thwart Dylan's intrusion go in vain as he keeps dropping in, again and again, insisting that she join his family for Christmas Eve dinner. Against her better judgment, she finally gives in, just to get him off her back. As they stand under the mistletoe after the dinner, Diana and Dylan know things have changed for the better for both.

A group of passengers is stranded at the airport together on New Year's Eve. Their plans were to celebrate the last day of the year and then ring in the new year with their loved ones by their side. But a delayed flight mars their plans and their happiness. They end up talking to each other, exchanging their New Year's Eve plans and how they celebrated it these many years so far. As they all welcome the new year together at midnight, their combined resolutions are to stay in touch with each other. They also resolve to make the best out of whatever life throws their way. Because as they have seen and experienced, not all things go as planned, always.

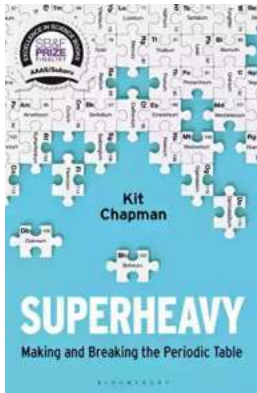
Samantha is visiting her native, Benakatti, after many years. Even though it's Christmas time, it's not a happy occasion in the family. As friends and family drop in for a visit, Samantha recalls the many winter breaks she spent in this village as a child. An unexpected guest shows up one day, bringing forth a cherished memory they had made on a foggy winter day many years ago.

These and 10 other stories encompass this festive special anthology. These are stories of hope, love, healing, new beginnings, acceptance, and everything that the holidays represent.



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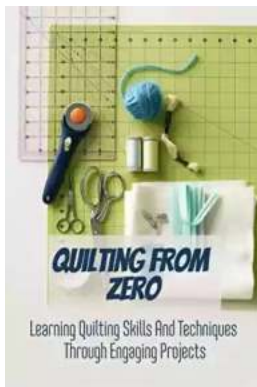
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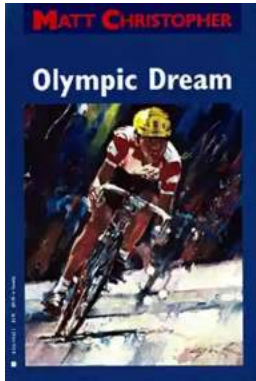
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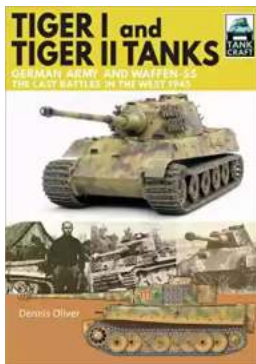
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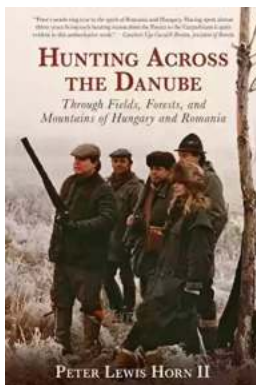
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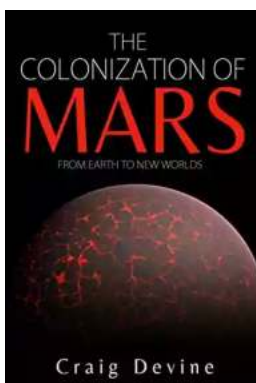
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