

Christmas Cards, Customs, Carols, Legends, Poems, Recipes, Advertisements Vintage

This book is a treasure trove of Christmas lore, including the history of Christmas cards, the origins of popular Christmas carols, and the legends and poems that have been passed down through generations. It also includes a collection of vintage Christmas advertisements and recipes, offering a glimpse into how Christmas was celebrated in the past.



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Christmas Cards

The first Christmas card was sent in 1843 by Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy English civil servant. Cole was looking for a way to send Christmas greetings to his friends and family without having to write individual letters to each one. He commissioned John Callcott Horsley to design a card that featured a family gathered around a Christmas tree. The card was an

instant success, and the tradition of sending Christmas cards has continued ever since.

Early Christmas cards were often simple and elegant, featuring religious scenes or winter landscapes. As the years went by, cards became more elaborate, with some featuring intricate designs and even pop-up figures. Today, Christmas cards come in a wide variety of styles, from traditional to modern, and they are an important part of the Christmas season for many people.

Christmas Customs

Christmas is a time for family, friends, and traditions. Each country has its own unique Christmas customs, but some of the most common include:

- **Decorating a Christmas tree:** This is one of the most popular Christmas traditions around the world. Christmas trees are typically decorated with lights, ornaments, and tinsel.
- **Exchanging gifts:** Giving and receiving gifts is a central part of Christmas for many people. Gifts are often wrapped in festive paper and placed under the Christmas tree.
- **Singing Christmas carols:** Christmas carols are traditional songs that are sung during the Christmas season. Some of the most popular carols include "Silent Night," "Jingle Bells," and "Deck the Halls."
- **Attending a Christmas Eve service:** Many people attend a Christmas Eve service at their local church. These services typically include readings from the Bible, prayers, and singing.

- **Eating a Christmas dinner:** Christmas dinner is a special meal that is eaten on Christmas Day. The menu varies from country to country, but some of the most common dishes include turkey, ham, and roast beef.

Christmas Carols

Christmas carols are traditional songs that are sung during the Christmas season. The first Christmas carols were written in the Middle Ages, and they have been passed down through generations. Some of the most popular Christmas carols include:

- **"Silent Night":** This carol was written in 1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber and Joseph Mohr. It is one of the most popular Christmas carols in the world.
- **"Jingle Bells":** This carol was written in 1857 by James Lord Pierpont. It is a popular Christmas carol for children.
- **"Deck the Halls":** This carol is a traditional Welsh carol that dates back to the 16th century. It is a popular Christmas carol for both children and adults.
- **"The First Noel":** This carol is a traditional English carol that dates back to the 13th century. It is a popular Christmas carol for both children and adults.
- **"O Holy Night":** This carol was written in 1847 by Adolphe Adam and Placide Cappeau. It is a popular Christmas carol for both children and adults.

Christmas Legends

Christmas is a time for magic and wonder, and there are many legends that have been told about the holiday throughout the centuries. Some of the most popular Christmas legends include:

- **The legend of Santa Claus:** Santa Claus is a legendary figure who is said to bring gifts to children on Christmas Eve. He is said to live at the North Pole with his wife, Mrs. Claus, and his elves.
- **The legend of the reindeer:** Santa Claus is said to travel around the world on Christmas Eve in a sleigh pulled by eight reindeer. The reindeer are named Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen.
- **The legend of the Christmas tree:** The Christmas tree is said to have originated in Germany in the 16th century. It is said that Martin Luther, a German reformer, was inspired to decorate a tree with candles after seeing the stars twinkling in the night sky.
- **The legend of the Christmas star:** The Christmas star is said to have guided the three wise men to the manger where Jesus was born. It is said to have been a bright star that shone in the sky for several days.
- **The legend of the Christmas angel:** The Christmas angel is said to have appeared to the shepherds on the night Jesus was born. It is said to have told them the good news of Jesus' birth.

Christmas Poems

Many beautiful poems have been written about Christmas over the centuries. Some of the most popular Christmas poems include:

- **"A Visit from St. Nicholas"** by Clement Clarke Moore: This poem is also known as "The Night Before Christmas." It is a classic Christmas poem that tells the story of Santa Claus' visit on Christmas Eve.
- **"Twas the Night Before Christmas"** by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: This poem is a classic Christmas poem that tells the story of a child's anticipation of Christmas morning.
- **"The Shepherd's Carol"** by Nahum Tate: This poem is a traditional Christmas carol that tells the story of the shepherds who visited the manger where Jesus was born.
- **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** by Phillips Brooks: This poem is a traditional Christmas carol that tells the story of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.
- **"In the Bleak Midwinter"** by Christina Rossetti: This poem is a traditional Christmas carol that tells the story of the birth of Jesus in a humble stable.

Christmas Recipes

Christmas is a time for feasting, and there are many delicious recipes that are associated with the holiday. Some of the most popular Christmas recipes include:

- **Roast turkey:** Roast turkey is a traditional Christmas dinner in many countries. It is typically served with stuffing, gravy, and mashed potatoes.
- **Ham:** Ham is another popular Christmas dinner option. It is typically served with pineapple glaze or honey mustard.

- **Christmas cookies:** Christmas cookies are a popular treat during the holiday season. They come in a variety of shapes and flavors, such as gingerbread men, sugar cookies, and shortbread.
- **Christmas pudding:** Christmas pudding is a traditional English dessert that is made with dried fruit, spices, and suet. It is typically served with brandy butter.
- **Eggnog:** Eggnog is a traditional Christmas drink that is made with milk, eggs, sugar, and spices. It is typically served with whipped cream and grated nutmeg.

Christmas Advertisements

Christmas is a time for shopping, and there are many vintage Christmas advertisements that offer a glimpse into how the holiday was celebrated in the past. Some of the most popular vintage Christmas advertisements include:

- **The Coca-Cola Santa Claus:** The Coca-Cola Santa Claus is one of the most iconic Christmas images in the world. He was created in 1931 by Haddon Sundblom, and he has been featured in Coca-Cola advertisements ever since.
- **The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade:** The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is an annual parade that is held in New York City on Thanksgiving Day. It features giant balloons, floats, and marching bands, and it is a popular tradition for many families.
- **The Sears Christmas Wish Book:** The Sears Christmas Wish Book was a popular catalog that was published by Sears, Roebuck and Company from 193



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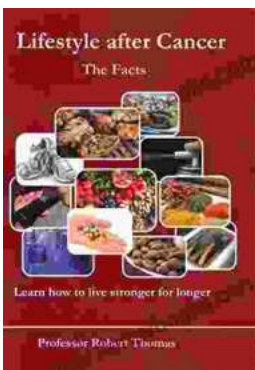
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