

Christmas Reads 2022

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What better way to get into the festive spirit than to read a selection of Christmas and holiday-related themed reads. With the nights drawing in and a definite chill in the air, it is time to read those books that get you in the mood for the most wonderful time of the year. Below are a selection of texts that you may wish to read. Please also see links to BookTrust: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/t/teenage-christmas-books/> and LoveReading4Kids: <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/blog/our-christmas-book-recommendations-for-children-6297> which offer some other ideas.



The Very Merry Murder Club by a Range of Authors

Brimming with festive villainy, this joyous and unputdownable collection of Christmassy crime stories for young readers boasts contributions from the likes of Robin Stevens, Elle McNicoll and Nizrana Farook.

Sleuthing through the snow, on a merry mysterious day, in disguise we go, investigating all the way...

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This Winter By Alice Oseman

A short novella based on the beloved characters from Alice Oseman's acclaimed debut novel *Solitaire* and graphic novel series *Heartstopper*. The festive season isn't always happy for Tori Spring and her brother Charlie. And this year's going to be harder than most.



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Wintersmith by Terry Pratchett

SAYING IT WITH FROZEN ROSES AND ICEBERGS

Young witch Tiffany Aching leaps into a dance - and suddenly the spirit of winter is in love with her.

Now she's dancing to his tune, and she can't change the steps.

Unless she can work out how to deal with the Wintersmith, there will never be another springtime . . .

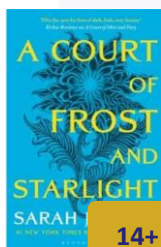
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A Shiver Of Snow And Sky by Lisa Lueddecke

On the frozen island of Skane, the sky speaks. Beautiful lights appear on clear nights, and their colours have meaning: Green means all is well, and the Goddess is happy. Blue means a snow storm is on the way. And then there's red. Red is rare. A warning. Seventeen years ago the sky turned red just as Osa was born, unleashing a plague that claimed the lives of hundreds of villagers, including her own mother. This time, when the night sky once again bleeds crimson, she must discover what it means before so many lives are lost again.



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A Court of Frost and Starlight by Sarah J. Maas

In this companion tale to the bestselling *A Court of Thorns and Roses* series, Feyre, Rhys and their friends are working to rebuild the Night Court and the vastly changed world beyond after the events of *A Court of Wings and Ruin*. But Winter Solstice is finally near, and with it a hard-earned reprieve. Yet even the festive atmosphere can't keep the shadows of the past from looming. As Feyre navigates her first Winter Solstice as High Lady, she finds that those dearest to her have more wounds than she anticipated - scars that will have a far-reaching impact on the future of their court.

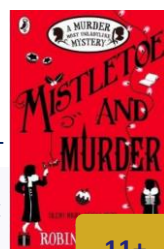
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Mistletoe And Murder by Robin Stevens

It's Christmas, and the snow is falling in Cambridge, where the detective duo Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong are spending the festive period. But Hazel's hopes of relaxing amongst the beautiful spires, cosy libraries and inviting tea-rooms are dashed by the danger lurking in the dark stairwells of Maudlin College.

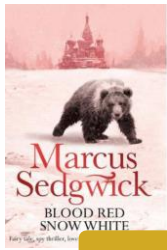
Two days before Christmas, there is a terrible accident. At least, it appears to be an accident - until the Detective Society look a little closer, and realise a murder has taken place.

Faced with several irritating grown-ups and fierce competition from a rival agency, they must use all their cunning and courage to find the killer (in time for Christmas Day, of course).



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Blood Red Snow White by Marcus Sedgwick

The Russian Revolution. Fairy tale, spy thriller, love story. One man's life during the last days of the Romanovs, beautifully imagined by award-winning author Marcus Sedgwick. Set in the rich and atmospheric landscape of Russia during the revolution that sent shockwaves around the world, this is the partly true story of Arthur Ransome - a writer accused of being a spy.

Fictionalising history and blending it with one man's real life, Marcus Sedgwick expertly crafts this innovative and stimulating novel of three parts - a fairy tale full of wise and foolish kings, princesses, wishes and magic; a bleak and threatening spy thriller, and a love story . . .

A Poem Every Winter Day by Allie Esiri

Within the pages of Allie Esiri's gorgeous collection, A Poem for Every Winter Day, you will find verse that will transport you to sparkling winter scenes, taking you from Christmas, to New Years Eve and the joys of Valentines Day.

The poems are selected from Allie Esiri's bestselling poetry anthologies A Poem for Every Day of the Year and A Poem for Every Night of the Year. Perfect for reading aloud and sharing with all the family, this book dazzles with an array of familiar favourites and remarkable new discoveries. These seasonal poems - together with introductory paragraphs - have a link to the date on which they appear.



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A Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig

Father Christmas was not always an old, jolly man with a white beard, he was once just a little boy.

A fond, funny and magical tale from award-winning writer Matt Haig that tells the story of how one little boy from Finland came to become Father Christmas.

Little Nikolas's life was not easy. Rarely receiving any kind of gift at Christmas, he certainly believed in happiness...yet he didn't experience very much of it. Until one day, something magical happened.

Join Nikolas on a life-changing adventure, full of fantastic characters and beautiful moments, and watch how one little boy came to be the very symbol of Christmas itself.

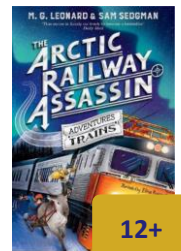


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The Arctic Railway Assassin by M.G Leonard & Sam Sedgman

The bestselling, prize-winning Adventures on Trains series embarks on a thrilling sixth adventure as Harrison Beck and Uncle Nat climb aboard the night train to Narvik, travelling to the Arctic Circle to see the northern lights for Christmas.

But as their train leaves Stockholm, Hal and Uncle Nat realize they're being followed by a sinister figure, and Hal's powers of observation are tested when Uncle Nat's past comes back to haunt him. Journeying into the never ending night of the arctic winter, our railway detectives must outsmart an assassin in their most chilling adventure yet, in which nothing is as it seems.



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Whiteout by a Range of Authors

As the city grinds to a halt, twelve teens band together to help a friend pull off the most epic apology of her life. But will they be able to make it happen, in spite of the storm?

No one is prepared for this whiteout. But then, we can't always prepare for the magical moments that change everything.

From the bestselling, award-winning, all-star authors who brought us Blackout-Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Nic Stone, Angie Thomas, Ashley Woodfolk, and Nicola Yoon-comes another novel of Black teen love, each relationship within as unique and sparkling as Southern snowflakes.



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The Last Of The Spirits by Chris Priestley

Sam and Lizzie are freezing and hungry on the streets of Victorian London. When Sam asks a wealthy man for some coins, he is rudely turned away. Months of struggle suddenly find their focus, and Sam resolves to kill the man. They then embark on a journey of led by terrifying spirits through the past, present and future, after which Sam must decide whether to take the man, Scrooge's, life or not. A perfectly layered, tense and supremely satisfying twist on one of Dickens' most popular books.



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