

# First Gift Of Christmas

College student Christine Bradley grew up in a loving and honest family. So she couldn't have been more surprised when, shortly after her mother's death, her father revealed the startling truth that Christine had been adopted at birth. In search of clues about her biological mother, Christine encounters a family she never knew she had. She digs deeper as Christmas nears and what she finds reveals a shocking lineage. Will Christine be able to come to grips with the past, take hold of the present, and look forward to a brighter future? Carlson's warm tale

of loss, recovery, and acceptance will captivate current fans and create new ones.

If your child or grandchild has ever wondered where Santa fits in with the traditional Christmas story, now you can read them Santa's Birthday Gift. Finally, a book that ties two holiday traditions into one inspirational tale of wonder - as Santa brings gifts to baby Jesus. The cleverly-written, rhyming book reveals Santa's adventure from toymaker to star follower right into the heart of Bethlehem where he meets Baby Jesus in the manger. Delivering toys to a king is a touching experience for both Santa and readers alike, as they discover where the tradition began Santa

makes a promise to Jesus to bring gifts to good boys and girls each year on Jesus' birthday. This delightful story is engaging and delivers meaningful lessons using recognizable nativity characters, and of course, Santa and Jesus. "Of all, clockmakers and morticians should bear the keenest sense of priority-their lives daily spent in observance of the unflagging procession of time... and the end thereof." -DAVID PARKIN'S DIARY. JANUARY 3, 1901 So begins Timepiece, the unforgettable story of hope and the source of the wisdom MaryAnne Parkin shared with Richard in The Christmas Box. With the help of David Parkin's diary, Richard discovers the

mystery of the timepiece and the significance of MaryAnne's request. Nineteen years previous, only eleven days before her death, MaryAnne Parkin had bequeathed a beautiful rose-gold timepiece to my keeping. "The day before you give Jenna away," she had said, her voice trembling as she handed me the heirloom, "give this to her for the gift." I was puzzled by her choice of words. "Her wedding gift?" I asked. She looked at me sadly, then forced a fragile smile. "You will know what I mean." George Pratt, depressed and contemplating suicide, is allowed to see what his community would have been like if he had never been born, in a hardcover reissue of the

story that inspired the film It's a Wonderful Life. 100,000 first printing.

The Very First Christmas Stocking  
& the Gifts of the 7 Coins

All Aboard the Polar Express

The Lost Gift

The Christmas Box

Mouse's Christmas Gift

**Christmas was approaching. I had been asking God to help me tell the Christmas story to my Kindergarten class in a way that they had not heard it before. I was prepared with my illustrations as we sat on the floor together. Suddenly, I realized that I was telling it**

**in poetry form from beginning to end. It was coming from my heart in a Biblical account, but in children's language. God was answering my prayer. The children wanted to hear it again and again. I soon realized I had no way of retrieving the words because they had never been written. Late that evening, when all was quiet, I sat down with paper and pencil, said a quick prayer, and it all came back to me word for word. God had answered my prayer again as I wrote the book entitled**

**“God’s First Christmas Gift”.**  
This Christmas book helps young children understand the true meaning of the Christmas season with clear and simple text. The carefully written story is brought to life by the endearing illustrations of artist Roger Langton. My First Story of Christmas is full of delightful and colourful artwork that joyfully depicts the wondrous story of Jesus’ birth. The Gift of the Magi is a treasured short story written by O. Henry. A

**young and very much in love couple can barely afford their one-room apartment, let alone the extra expense of getting Christmas presents for one another. But each is determined to show their love for the other in this traditional time of giving; each sells a thing they hold most dear in order to afford a present, with poignant and touching results that capture their love for one another. While spending Christmas at their grandparents' farm, Lily becomes convinced that her younger brother Liam is**

**right about White Cow being lonely and helps him seek a companion for her, leaving little time for Christmas preparations or reading.**

**A Christmas Tale about the Rockefeller Center Tree**

**The Smallest Gift of Christmas**

**God's First Christmas Gift**

**A Christmas Gift for Santa**

**A Christmas Family Tradition**

***New York Times best seller***

***Ever since Gabrielle Stanley***

***Blair became a parent, she's***

***believed that a thoughtfully designed home is one of the***

***greatest gifts we can give our families, and that the objects***

**and decor we choose to surround ourselves with tell our family's story. In this, her first book, Blair offers a room-by-room guide to keeping things sane, organized, creative, and stylish. She provides advice on getting the most out of even the smallest spaces; simple fixes that make it easy for little ones to help out around the house; ingenious storage solutions for the never-ending stream of kid stuff; rainy-day DIY projects; and much, much more. Family, friendship, and the spirit of giving are at the heart of this inspiring picture book. Opening in Depression-era**

***New York, The Carpenter's Gift tells the story of eight-year-old Henry and his out-of-work father selling Christmas trees in Manhattan. They give one of their leftover trees to construction workers building Rockefeller Center. That tree becomes the first Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree, the finest Henry has seen when adorned with homemade decorations. Henry wishes on the tree for a nice, warm house to replace his family's drafty, one-room shack. Through the kindness of new friends and old neighbors, Henry's wish is granted, and he plants a pinecone to***

**commemorate the event. As an old man, Henry repays the gift by donating to Rockefeller Center the enormous tree that has grown from that pinecone. After bringing joy to thousands as a beautiful Christmas tree, its wood will be used to build a home for a family in need. Written by children's nonfiction author David Rubel, in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity, The Carpenter's Gift features charming, full-color illustrations by Jim LaMarche. Once upon a time on a midnight clear, a big star lit up the night sky like never before ... Three families come**

**together in this never before told story to share joy, gifts and excitement as they celebrate *The Very First Christmas*. Everyone will find a gift of great value in this story as they join in on this truly magical Christmas adventure. A train-shaped board book brings the new holiday movie, *The Polar Express*, to life for the youngest of fans.**

**A Christmas Tale**

**My First Coloring Book of Christmas ( □□□□□□□□ )**

**The Art of the Polar Express**

**Baby's First Christmas**

**The Gift of the Magi**

My First Big Coloring Book Of Christmas For Toddler and Kids

Winter Season Happiness 100  
Simple and Easy Christmas Things  
to Color and Learn Xmas Activity  
for kids with family. A Great Idea  
Stocking Stuffers for Kid, Boys, and  
Girls Coloring Pages about Winter  
clothes, Christmas Card, Santa  
Claus, Reindeer, Snowman, Elf,  
Gingerbread Man, Gingerbread  
House, Candy Cane, Cupcake,  
Holly, Christmas Tree, Christmas  
Carol, Bells, Christmas Gifts,  
Stocking Stuffers & More! A  
coloring book is a great gift. The  
cover is so cute and the coloring  
pages are big. They are both simple  
and some pages require detailed  
information. It is a coloring activity  
that toddlers, kids, and children can

have fun, practice their fingers and relax during Christmas and New Year. Features: ★Cover Glossy Finish ★Size: 8.5 x 11 inches (21.59 x 27.94 cm) ★100 Coloring Pages (High-quality), A book's total pages are 102 pages. ★My First Big Coloring Book Of Christmas, Great Christmas Gift for Toddlers, Kids, Boys, Girls, Daughter, Son, Child, Childrens, Grandchild, Grandson, Granddaughter and for Children this Christmas! ★Suitable as a Christmas gift and New Year for preschool, kindergarten and elementary School Bring more meaning and wonder into the Christmas season and throughout the whole year! Oftentimes we find ourselves so

caught up in the busyness of Christmas that we don't take time to experience the true sense of wonder and awe around us. In *The 12 Ways of Christmas*, New York Times best-selling author, David Jeremiah touches on twelve aspects that make the season more meaningful for everyone: wonder, sacrifice, humility, charity, creativity, simplicity, affection, reflection, giving, children, music, and tradition. They're all perspectives that capture the true spirit of why we celebrate Christmas, and how we can live them out through the next twelve months of the year. Every day can be Christmas. After the unexpected death of her

husband, Joanne Huist Smith had no idea how she would keep herself together and be strong for her three children - especially with the holidays approaching. The cheerfulness of the season made her feel more alone than ever, no matter how much she wanted to reach out to her children and find some way to comfort them. But thirteen days before Christmas, a poinsettia appeared on the Smiths' doorstep. The next day, another gift arrived ... then another, and another. Each present was accompanied by a note with lyrics to the carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas" rewritten to fit the gift and signed, "Your true friends." Although Jo resisted the

intrusion at first, the gifts began to work a kind of magic on her and the kids. As they puzzled over the mystery together - who were the true friends? when would the next delivery arrive? could anyone catch the gift givers in the act? - their grieving hearts began to heal. The 13th Gift is a true story about the everyday miracles that can occur during the holiday season. It is a heartwarming reminder that with love, community, and family, even the most broken of hearts can be mended.

Late on Christmas Eve a boy boards a mysterious train that waits for him: the Polar Express bound for the North Pole. When he arrives there,

Santa offers him any gift he desires.  
The boy modestly asks for one bell  
from the reindeer's harness. It turns  
out to be a very special gift, for only  
believers in Santa can hear it ring.

Winter Season Happiness 100

Simple and Easy Christmas Things  
to Color and Learn Xmas Activity.

Christmas Gifts for Toddler, Child,  
Kids Age 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, +up, Stocking  
Stuffers for Kid, Boys, and Girls

Franklin's Christmas Gift

Fun Children's Christmas Gift Or  
Present for Toddlers and Kids - Easy  
and Relaxing Pages - 50 Beautiful  
Pages to Color with Santa Claus,  
Reindeer, Snowmen and More! ... (

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Design Mom

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## The First Gift of Christmas

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

The complete, uncensored history of the award-winning *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart, as told by its correspondents, writers, and host. For almost seventeen years, *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart brilliantly redefined the borders between television comedy, political satire, and opinionated news coverage. It launched the careers of some of today's most significant comedians, highlighted the hypocrisies of the powerful, and garnered 23 Emmys. Now the show's behind-the-scenes gags, controversies, and camaraderie will be chronicled by the players themselves, from legendary host Jon Stewart to the star cast members and writers-including

Samantha Bee, Stephen Colbert, John Oliver, and Steve Carell - plus some of The Daily Show's most prominent guests and adversaries: John and Cindy McCain, Glenn Beck, Tucker Carlson, and many more. This oral history takes the reader behind the curtain for all the show's highlights, from its origins as Comedy Central's underdog late-night program to Trevor Noah's succession, rising from a scrappy jester in the 24-hour political news cycle to become part of the beating heart of politics-a trusted source for not only comedy but also commentary, with a reputation for calling bullshit and an ability to effect real change in the world. Through years of incisive election coverage, passionate debates with President Obama and Hillary Clinton, feuds with

Bill O'Reilly and Fox, and provocative takes on Wall Street and racism, The Daily Show has been a cultural touchstone. Now, for the first time, the people behind the show's seminal moments come together to share their memories of the last-minute rewrites, improvisations, pranks, romances, blow-ups, and moments of Zen both on and off the set of one of America's most groundbreaking shows.

Experience the true meaning of Christmas this year with The Giving Manger--a faith-based, interactive family tradition that encourages acts of kindness, focuses on giving rather than getting, and honors the real reason for Christmas--Jesus' birth. Each Giving Manger Box Set contains a hardcover picture book, a wooden manger, a

bundle of straw, and a sturdy Baby Jesus figure--everything your family needs to start the tradition in your own home. How It WorksThe included picture book, *The Giving Manger*, will help your family understand the tradition and get little ones excited about participating. Once you have read the story, place the empty manger in a prominent spot in your home. In the days leading up to Christmas, family members can place a piece of straw in the manger each time they perform a kind deed or act of service. Filling the manger will become a fun, interactive project for your family, prompting even young children to look for ways to love and serve others. As your family works together to fill the manger with straw, your hearts and

home will fill with the joy and contentment that comes not from wish lists and getting, but from giving and loving others. On Christmas Day, your family can place the Baby Jesus in the manger--now full of the straw that represents the acts of love and service done in honor of Jesus' birth. Each Box Set Includes: The Giving Manger Picture Book a heartwarming story with beautiful cut-paper illustrations that presents the tradition and will get kids excited about participating Wooden Manger to be placed in a visible spot in the home, waiting to be filled Bundle of Straw pieces of straw to be placed in the manger after each act of service Baby Jesus to be placed in the manger on Christmas day Each item in the box is built to last, so your

family can keep the tradition going  
year after year. p.p1 {margin: 0.0px  
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The Art of The Polar Express  
celebrates the transformation of Chris  
Van Allsburg's celebrated children's  
book The Polar Express into a full-  
length, animated feature film through a  
fascinating collection of concept art,  
production storyboards, and computer-  
generated renderings. Production  
designer Doug Chiang shares his  
original, never-before-seen artwork  
that evolved into the final motion  
picture. Weaving these pieces together  
are candid interviews with the star-  
studded cast and crew, including  
Robert Zemeckis and his team of  
filmmaking visionaries, that deliver

rare insight into the film as they divulge the secrets behind their creative process.

Richard, a busy and preoccupied father, discovers a Christmas box full of love letters from an old woman to her dead daughter and, with the help of an angel, begins to learn the true meaning of Christmas.

The Gift of Christmas

In the Spirit of...Christmas

The Daily Show (The Book)

My First Christmas Coloring Book For Kids

The 13th Gift

Disappointed when a gift he wished for all year seems quite puny on Christmas morning, young Roland wishes for bigger and bigger gifts before learning

a valuable lesson about being careful what you wish for. By the creator of Rose's Garden.

PEACE ON EARTH... And good will to men. Especially one man-Cooper Masters. But Ashley Robbins would like to be the recipient of more than good will from him.... This year Ashley has finished her education, launched her career and affirmed her faith. And she's now in a position to pay Cooper back the money he lent her for college. She's achieved all her goals-except one, and it has to do with Cooper, the man she fell in love with years ago. The man whose love she craves. Cooper gave her

the gift of her education and Ashley would like to return the favor-and offer him her love. But the greatest gift she can give him this Christmas is her own knowledge of God's love....

One tiny church mouse must find a way to bring Christmas spirit to his little town. When the Parson gets sick and Christmas services are canceled, it ' s up to Mouse and his super-sized faith to bring the townspeople together on Christmas Eve in Mouse ' s Christmas Gift! This darling holiday picture book features: Read-aloud text perfect for children ages 4-8 The true meaning of Christmas—love and

hope Is the perfect holiday read-aloud for families on Christmas Eve Mouse ' s Christmas Gift is great for families to read during the holiday season and on Christmas Eve. Children will learn that the smallest gestures can make a big difference.

Scott becomes friends with Ben, a bully at their middle school, after Scott feels guilty for seeking revenge against Ben, but their friendship is tested when Scott learns the real reason behind Ben's behavior.

A True Story of a Christmas Miracle

The 13th Gift of Christmas

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## 20th Anniversary Edition How to Live with Kids: A Room- by-Room Guide

Are you and your child excited for the Holiday season? Are you looking for exciting activities that your child can enjoy while you prepare for the festivities? Or are you looking for the perfect gift to give your little ones to get them in the Christmas spirit? Your First Coloring Book for Toddlers! Full of beautiful drawings of Christmas elements, perfect for your first coloring book. The perfect gift for the little ones and why not for you too. Christmas-themed

pictures with full-page designs to capture and hold your children's attention. Coloring is not only fun, but it's also great for stimulating imagination, creativity, hand-eye coordination, and cognitive development! Book specifications Large 8 1/2 x 11-inch pages Printed on high-quality, pure white paper Printed single-side for no bleed through Simple yet cute designs for kids to color Durable cover

The cheer of a crackling hearth fire. Colorful cards from friends and loved ones. An evergreen tree festooned with ornaments. The golden traditions of

Christmas—gifts, wreaths, stockings, carols, mistletoe, and more—infuse our celebration of the season with meaning and glowing memories. And, in ways you may not realize, they point us to the birth of Christ. *Stories Behind the Great Traditions of Christmas* reveals the people, places, and events that shaped the best-loved customs of this merriest of holidays. Here are spiritual insights, true-life tales, and captivating legends to intrigue you and your family and bring new luster and depth to your celebration of Jesus' birth. Discover how • after eighteen centuries of

all but ignoring the event, churches began to open the door for believers to commemorate Jesus' incarnation. • the evergreen tree, once a central theme in the worship practices of pagan cultures, came to represent the everlasting love of God. • the magi's three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—are filled with spiritual symbolism. The traditions of Christmas lend beauty, awe, and hope to the holiday, causing people all over the world to anticipate it with joy. The stories in this book will warm your heart as you rediscover the true and eternal significance of

Christmas.

This shiny baby book of first words will help your little one learn all about the magic of Christmas. With colorful, clear pictures, this book encourages early learning and makes the perfect Christmas gift for babies and toddlers. You and your baby will enjoy reading the words aloud and pointing at the delightful photographs together. Part of an exciting new series of baby books, Baby's First Christmas will build your child's vocabulary as they discover the fun of Christmas, meeting new friends along the way, such as a snowman, an angel, and

Santa. Each page has a vivid Christmassy image that will engage your child and help make learning fun. Baby's First Christmas is perfect for children to learn more about the winter holiday and will become a favorite. This bright, bold baby book will fulfill your baby's thirst for discovering the snowy world around them.

Holidays are filled with traditions, perhaps none quite as much as Christmas. Whether decorating the Christmas tree and the house, watching a holiday TV show or movie, singing carols, exchanging gifts, baking special treats, or going to church,

Christmastime is filled with memories built on traditions. Edmund and Beth Ann Shanks's Santa's First Gift will become one of those holiday rituals. The two major themes of Christmas-Santa and Jesus's birth-are woven together into a whimsical Christmas story. Much like The Night Before Christmas, Santa's First Gift may be read aloud by families gathered for the holiday season. While keeping alive all the characteristics of our love for Santa, this story also infuses the beauty and solemnity of the Christ Child's birth-the true meaning of Christmas-into

its creative tale. Santa's First Gift offers the opportunity to go on a wondrous adventure and begin a new read-a-long tradition. Like other much-loved holiday customs, reading Santa's First Gift will be passed down through generations.

Fun Children's Christmas Gift. 50 Beautiful Pictures to Color with Santa Claus, Easy Designs Pages for Christmas, Reindeer, Snowmen, Elves, Christmas Tree, Presents, and More  
The Polar Express  
The 12 Ways of Christmas  
My First Story of Christmas  
An Oral History as Told by Jon Stewart, the

## Correspondents, Staff and Guests

Since leaving her troubled past behind, Lindsey Mitchell relished living in the small Christian community of Winding Stair, Oklahoma. But as December approached, she knew she'd need help to run her tree farm. So she hired new arrival Jesse Slater. The widower and his little girl fit right in...except when it came to celebrating the spirit of the season. As the town banded together and introduced the newcomers to the local festivities, Lindsey sensed there were deeply rooted reasons for Jesse's lack of faith. Could she help him find his way back home and teach him and his adorable

daughter the true meaning of Christmas?

A reminiscence of a Christmas shared by a seven-year-old boy and a sixtyish childlike woman, with enormous love and friendship between them.

The Christmas story you haven't read: What happens after Santa Claus delivers all the Christmas presents to boys and girls around the world? Is there a gift waiting for Santa at the North Pole? Has Mrs. Claus forgotten Santa on Christmas Eve? Cuddle up with your little ones and follow the journey through Santa's Workshop in search of Santa's Christmas present. With bright and whimsical illustrations, this take on the Christmas story is

sure to become a holiday reading tradition—especially at bedtime!  
Written by John T. Elkins and illustrated by Ag Jatkowska, *A Christmas Gift for Santa* is: A great holiday season read for ages 4 to 8  
A wonderful story filled with love and gratitude Filled with delightful rhyming text that the little ones in your life will want to read again and again Follow Santa as he searches his cozy North Pole home until he finds homemade gifts waiting for him next to a beautiful handwritten note. *A Christmas Gift for Santa* is great choice for any family to read together during the holiday season. This Christmas-themed picture book about four animals delivering a lost package for Santa already

feels like a classic, and makes the perfect gift this holiday season! It's Christmas Eve, and Bird, Rabbit, Deer, and Squirrel are eagerly waiting for Santa to fly overhead. When he does, a gift tumbles out of his sleigh, landing in the woods. The friends find the gift and read the tag: "For the new baby at the farm. Love, Santa." And so, in spite of Squirrel's grumbling—"It's not our baby"—they set off on a long journey to deliver it. Sweet, poignant, and starring a cast of truly adorable characters, this is a story sure to be shared year after year at Christmastime.

The Giving Manger  
My First Big Coloring Book of  
Christmas for Toddler

## A Christmas Memory

### The Gift of Christmas Present

### The Greatest Gift

Explores the meaning of Christmas in reflections and introspections centered on the four seasons of Christmas--the Advent, Christmas Eve, Christmas morning, and Christmas night

Franklin the turtle cannot decide what to donate to the annual Christmas toy drive, but with some inspiration from his Great Aunt Harriet, he finally comes up with the perfect gift.

The greatest joy is giving joy to others. Being the daughter of THE big man in red, Nicolette knows the power of faith and magic. The power of believing.

But according to her father, when that faith is lost, there ' s no hope left. She doesn ' t believe that, though. When Nika encounters a soul so dark and depressed it breaks her heart, she ' s

determined to fill him with Christmas cheer once again. What she didn't expect was to fall for the human along the way. Terry Janssen's life has been a lonely struggle. Raising his sick sister alone and working two jobs to pay the bills, the holiday season just isn't looking too bright for him. But a chance meeting with a beautiful soul has helped lift his spirits. There's just something about her... Is Nika part of the Christmas magic, or a Christmas miracle?

Rachel's about to have her most exciting Christmas yet? Or will it be a disappointment like the past three years? Christmas rolls around faster than Rachel, a mid-30s mom of two, can say 'Put down the nerf gun, Noah'. It's her fourth year as a single mom, and she seems to be failing at it. Her third-grade son, Noah, is starting

to act out in school, and she's become strapped for cash and energy. Still, she's determined to give her kids the best Christmas ever. But even with the extra effort, she's afraid she will sabotage the Christmas she's trying to save. Regardless, Santa doesn't put Rachel's name on the naughty list, and Rachel is shocked when she finds herself on the receiving end this Christmas. And it's not just one gift that she gets, but three life-altering proposals that can lead her down three unique paths. What will Rachel decide? How will these decisions impact her children? Join Rachel as she explores what it means to be a mother, daughter, and partner during the holidays while trying to believe in her own dreams as much as her children believe in Santa and flying reindeer.

A Christmas Story

The True Gift

Stories Behind the Great Traditions of  
Christmas

Santa's Birthday Gift

The Gifts of Christmas

**It's Christmas and Molly Mouse is out in the woods looking for Christmas decorations. It seems that everything she finds belongs to someone else. However because it's Christmas, every animal is feeling generous and helps Molly out.**

**All the best holiday traditions are here in this wordless picture book by Caldecott-winning illustrator and writer, Emily Arnold McCully. The decorated tree, singing carols with papa, and all the many mouse children's going up to bed, dreaming about the presents they will find on**

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**Christmas morning. Everyone finds something marvelous under the tree, especially the remote control airplane that really flies. It's the best present EVER, until the special surprise that comes when the family visits Grandma and Grandpa. This Christmas Coloring Book is the PERFECT Christmas gift or present for someone you love. Christmas for kids is one of the most special times of the year, and we know it! This is a great gift for children who love to enjoy Christmas celebration! Watch your child bring Santa Claus, Ornament, Sleigh, Bell, Stocking, Reindeer, Wreath, Gift, Gingerbread to life with this fun book. ? What you will find inside this book: ? +50 coloring sheets ? lots of silly**

**snowman, Christmas trees,  
snowflakes, lights, candles, holly,  
stockings, stars, and candy canes ?  
100 pages ? No issues with markers  
bleeding through the page and  
ruining an image underneath. ?  
hours of toddler holiday fun! ?  
MERRY CHRISTMAS ? We have  
created something special which we  
are very proud of. This lovingly  
created coloring book also makes  
thoughtful Christmas gifts or  
presents for friends or family. Who  
do you know who might also enjoy  
this kids Christmas coloring book?  
Your little one will love this! Grab it  
today - Happy Holidays everyone!  
Timepiece  
The Christmas Gift  
The Carpenter's Gift**

# **Santa's First Gift**

## **A Bedtime Book**