

## Saint Nicholas The Real Story Of The Christmas Legend

Told from the perspective of a cantankerous man named Deidrick Knickerbocker, A Knickerbocker’s History of New York depicts a satirical history spanning from the world’s creation to the end of the Dutch dynasty. Beginning with the start of time itself, Knickerbocker reveals historical anecdotes, both real and imagined featuring social commentary, fresh perspectives on the past, and conversations with powerful historical figures. With humor and intrigue, A Knickerbocker’s History of New York tells the tale of the discovery of New York, and explores the first Dutch settlements. While examining those origins, Knickerbocker muses about the ethics of colonization and the immoral treatment of Native Americans, with biting and brutal honesty. Still under the Dutch “rule”, 1680 New York acted as one of the breeding grounds for many American Christmas traditions, some of which are still alive today. Under a conical microscope, A Knickerbocker’s History of New York explores the effect the early Dutch settlements have on American culture, particularly in New York. Originally published in 1809, Washington Irving’s A Knickerbocker’s History of New York earned acclaim for its innovative genre as one of the first American comedic works. With the mix of specific, inside jokes and universal humor, Irving’s satire invites laughter from both his original audience and contemporary readers. With prose and wit that has remained fresh and hilarious even two-hundred and eleven years later, Washington Irving’s A Knickerbocker’s History of New York contains a narrative that has earned centuries of influence. While playfully mocking both classic literature and historians, Irving was bold enough to even include a list of people, professions and properties that he intended to make fun of. Though Irving mixes fact with fiction, A Knickerbocker’s History of New York provides useful insight on the history of Dutch Americans, as well as contributing thoughtful social commentary that finds itself still applicable to modern society. Now featuring a stunning new cover design and a modern font, this edition of Washington Irving’s A Knickerbocker’s History of New York is both accessible and entertaining.

Its Christmas Eve. A boy and girl set out on a cold night to do a favour for a neighbour. One of the children thinks Santa can help. But the other is far too smart to be taken in by all that kids stuff....

Provides a brief biography of Saint Nicholas, and tells how traditions associated with his name were begun and may have changed throughout the centuries.

"Includes U.S. president's Christmas addresses."

Is Santa Real?

The World Book Encyclopedia
The True Story of St. Nicholas

The Secret of St. Nicholas
Saint Nicholas - The Real Story

*When two children appeal to Saint Nicholas to free their village from the heavy snow that is keeping everyone inside, he sends instead a mysterious parcel.*

*From his very first day of life, when he rises from his bath to pray to God, it is clear that Nicholas is a miraculous child with a spiritual destiny. As he grows he is deeply saddened by the sickness, suffering, and death that he witnesses every day. Looking to use his special gifts to affect change in the often desperate world around him, Nicholas dedicates his life to worshiping the Lord and helping those in need. Through his good works, Nicholas becomes the youngest man to ever become a bishop and the patron saint of seafarers, children, and prisoners. He performs more than twenty miracles, including bringing those wrongly killed back to life and going to people in need as an apparition, providing solace and inspiration. In The Legend of Saint Nicholas, Demi describes pivotal events in the history and life of the saint, weaving a rich tapestry of luminous imagery into the story of his connection with Christmas and our modern-day Santa Claus. Demi's gilded artwork brings Nicholas to life in a way sure to mesmerize readers new to the story of this fascinating and important historical figure.*

*As one of the best loved saints of all time, the image of Saint Nicholas is uniquely celebrated in different countries across the globe. As a bishop, Nicholas was devoted to charitable works by secretly giving gifts to those in need. He continues to inspire us through the act of selfless giving and by spreading the universal gifts of peace, love and good will to all.*

*Combines fact and myth to present the life of Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, who lived during the fourth century and became the inspiration behind the legend of Santa Claus.*

The True Saint Nicholas

The True Life and Trials of Nicholas of Myra

The History of St. Nicholas & Christmas Holiday Traditions

A Generous Spirit

The Real Santa Claus

*A collection of folktales and stories from throughout Europe reveals that the generosity and kindness attributed to Saint Nicholas goes beyond delivering toys to children.*

*Are you looking for an endearing Christmas story that doesn't forget the true meaning of the holiday? The Legend of St. Nicholas tells the story of a man who spent his life secretly helping the poor all over the world, giving gifts on Christmas Eve to remind people of the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. The captivating picture book is illustrated by New York Times bestselling illustrator Richard Cowdrey, written by Dandi Daley Mackall, and features a beautiful cover with foil and glitter. Readers ages 4-8 will learn: How to become cheerful givers by learning about the original St. Nicholas How other countries celebrate Christmas traditions across the world How to embody the spirit of giving all year long With beautiful illustrations and a heartwarming story, The Legend of St. Nicholas is a great read for the Advent and Christmas season.*

*Book of SaintsWho are the saints, why are the lives of saints important for children, and what can children learn from lives and actions? In Loyola Kids Book of Saints, the first in the Loyola Kids series, best-selling author Amy Welborn answers these questions with exciting and inspiring stories, real-life applications, and important information about these heroes of the church. This inspiring collection of saints' stories explains how saints become saints, why we honor them, and how they help us even today. Featuring more than sixty saints from throughout history and from all over the world, Loyola Kids Book of Saints introduces children to these wonderful role models and heroes of the church. Ages 8-12.*

*A poem about the visit that Santa Claus pays to the children of the world during the night before every Christmas.*

The Baker's Dozen

Saint Nicholas and the Nine Gold Coins

The Legend of Saint Nicholas

The Gift from Saint Nicholas

The Real St. Nicholas

When Alex learns from his babuska that a Russian village church has been closed for sixty years, the resourceful young boy decides to prepare it for a Christmas miracle.

The real story of Santa-and why he became a Saint

It all started when Jeff Guinn was assigned to write a piece full of little-known facts about Christmas for his paper, The Fort Worth Star-Telegram. A few months later, he received a call from a gentleman who told him that he showed the story to an important friend who didn't think much of it. And who might that be? asked Jeff. The next thing he knew, he was whisked off to the North Pole to meet with this very important friend and the rest is, well, as they say, history. An enchanting holiday treasure, The Autobiography of Santa Claus combines solid historical fact with legend to deliver the definitive story of Santa Claus. And who better to lead us through seventeen centuries of Christmas magic than good ol' Saint Nick himself? Families will delight in each chapter of this new Christmas classic:one per each cold December night leading up to Christmas!

Are you ready to know the truth? Santa Claus is real-he is a man named St. Nicholas who lived long ago who changed the world because of the secret presents he gave to the young at night which fell into their stockings hung by the fire. A legend is a story told with love meant to teach something true. While the legend of Santa Claus has some parts that are larger than life, it reminds us that goodness and joy are real, and that generosity and hope win in the end.

A Children's Adaptation
Saint Nicholas the Giftgiver

The Immortal Nicholas

Legends of Saint Nicholas

The True Story of Santa Claus

A beautifully illustrated retelling of the story of Saint Nicholas, whose kindness and generosity have inspired the Christmas traditions of Santa Claus.

Retells the story of the life of Saint Nicholas, from his miraculous birth and generous nature to the many miracles he performed during his life and after his death.

Relates the legend of St. Nicholas as Santa Claus.

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More Than Reindeer and a Red Suit

A Saint Nicholas Tale

The Story of the Real Santa Claus

The Saint Who Would Be Santa Claus

The Story of St. Nicholas

*Retells the story of Saint Nicholas, who anonymously gave gold to a needy family in the night and began the tradition of giving gifts to loved ones at Christmas.*

*Why not give more? Von Amsterdam the baker was well known for his honesty as well as for his fine Saint Nicholas cookies. He always gave his customers exactly what they paid for -- not more and not less. So, he was not about to give in when a mysterious old woman comes to him on Saint Nicholas Day and insists that a dozen is thirteen! The woman's curse puts an end to the baker's business, and he believes it would take Saint Nicholas to help him. But if he receives that help, will it be exactly what he imagined? Find out in this inspiring legend from Dutch colonial New York about the birth of an honored American custom. TEACHERS AND LIBRARIANS -- A READER'S THEATER SCRIPT OF THIS BOOK IS AVAILBLE IN AARON'S BOOK "FOLKTALES ON STAGE." OR FREE ON AARON'S WEB SITE. ##### Aaron Shepard is the award-winning author of "The Legend of Lightning Larry," "The Sea King's Daughter," and many more children's books. Once a professional storyteller, Aaron specializes in lively retellings of folktales and other traditional literature, which have won him honors from the American Library Association, the New York Public Library, the Bank Street College of Education, the National Council for the Social Studies, and the American Folklore Society. Wendy Eleeson has applied her award-winning skills to a wide range of illustration projects, including picture books, pet portraits, posters, and puzzles. Among her clients have been Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo, the Seattle Aquarium, Pacific Northwest Ballet, the U.S. Postal Service, Cricket Magazine, McGraw-Hill Education, and the American Library Association. ##### HONORS American Bookseller Pick of the Lists Trumpet Book Club selection Valerie and Walter's Best Books for Children "The good will of legendary Saint Nick resonates in this tale about the origin of the term 'baker's dozen.' . . . Shepard's easy-to-follow retelling has an appropriate Old World flavor." -- Publishers Weekly, Sept. 18, 1995 "A particularly nice holiday story accented by paintings full of detail. . . . Well-paced and a good length for groups or individuals, this is right on target for audiences. Edelson's artwork is filled with marvelously-alive characters who almost step from the pages." -- Ilene Cooper, Booklist, Sept. 15, 1995 "A lush new version of a traditional tale. . . . Well-chosen words and a nicely-paced text that begs to be told aloud. A treat for the holiday season." -- School Library Journal, Oct. 1995 "Aaron Shepard retells a favorite colonial legend with the voice of the storyteller." -- Jan Lieberman, TNT, Fall 1995 "A fine tale of generosity for St. Nicholas Day or any day." -- Marilyn McPhee, Storybug, Special Review Issue 1997 "A story with a message to be heard during the holidays and all year long." -- Children's Book Review*

*A retelling of the legend in which Saint Nicholas generously supplies the dowries for three girls from a poor family.*

*"Bestselling author Glenn Beck re-tells the story of Santa Claus, imagining him at the first Christmas and casting him as a guardian for the infant and adult Jesus"--*

A Knickerbocker's History of New York

The Saint Nick Story

The True History of Santa Claus

A Biography

Around Christmas we think a lot about presents, but have you ever wondered why we give gifts? Learn about the life of Saint Nicholas and discover why he became known as one of the greatest giftgivers of all time. Told as a delightful poem, this colorfully illustrated children's book also includes tools to help parents engage in conversation about the content. Emphasizes the biblical accounts of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus while providing children with an understanding of the origins of Santa Claus. On board pages. This is a book for kids (and their parents) who are heartbroken about Santa Claus. "You might think there is no more magic in the world. But the truth is much more interesting." You see, Saint Nicholas didn't HAVE magic-- he was an opening for magic. But he was never supposed to be the only one.The story got twisted, you see. Real magic was never about presents or a man in a red suit-- real magic is wilder and deeper than that. You might call it love, or kindness, or human goodness. The question is, will you become part of true magic? Will you bring more kindness and courage into the world? Will you join the Secret Society of Saint Nicholas?

Former secretary of education and New York Times bestselling author William Bennett blends his historical expertise with his gift for storytelling into a heartwarming book about the man who ultimately became known as Santa Claus. Beloved writer and speaker William Bennett brings the legendary Saint Nicholas to life in this fascinating and faith-affirming book that will change the way you think about Santa Claus and the meaning of Christmas. Bennett reflects on Saint Nicholas 's storied life, which has spanned seventeen centuries across Europe, Asia, and Africa, and reveals an inspiring tale of devotion to God and an example of eternal goodness. The True Saint Nicholas: Why He Matters to Christmas focuses on three aspects of Saint Nicholas--historical facts from his life, his legacy in the centuries following his death, and the legendary status that transformed his likeness into the present-day jolly, toy-bearing Santa Claus. The book vividly captures the heart and life of someone who lived long ago—and yet whose life remains an inspiration for everyone to aspire to a higher order of generosity, giving, and devotion to others. An instant classic by one of America ’ s most respected thinkers, The True Saint Nicholas is a memorable keepsake to be shared with family and friends every year to evoke the true spirit of Christmas.

Kersti and Saint Nicholas

The Miracle of Saint Nicholas

The True Story of Saint Nicholas

The Autobiography of Santa Claus

The Cure for the Christmas Crazies

**An entertaining, often surprising look at the life of the world’s most influential fictional character. He is the embodiment of charity and generosity, a creation of mythology, a tool of clever capitalists. The very idea of him is enduring and powerful. Santa Claus was born in early-nineteenth-century America, but his family tree goes back seven hundred years to Saint Nicholas, patron saint of children. Intervening generations were shaggy and strange — whip-wielding menaces to naughty boys and girls. Yet as the raucous, outdoor, alcohol-fuelled holiday gave way to a more domestic, sentimental model, a new kind of gift-bringer was called for — a loveable elf, still judgmental but far less threatening. In this engaging social and cultural history, Gerry Bowler examines the place of Santa Claus in history, literature, advertising, and art. He traces his metamorphosis from a beardless youth into a red-suited peddler. He reveals the lesser-known aspects of the gift-bringer’s life — Santa’s involvement with social and political causes of all stripes (he enlisted on the Union side in the American Civil War), his starring role in the movies and as adman for gun-makers and insurance companies. And he demolishes the myths surrounding Santa Claus and Coca-Cola. Santa Claus: A Biography will stand as the classic work on the long-lived and multifarious Mr. Claus.**

**Saint Nick loved and cared for the least fortunate and most vulnerable. Just like Jesus! The Saint Nick Story provides one more way to share the truth with your child during the Christmas Season, and remind them that the love of God transcends lists of naughty and nice.**

**"Dear Santa, I know you get lots of letters asking for toys, but I need your help!" Something strange is happening at the North Pole. Norbert the elf notices that everyone around him is going crazy with Christmas decorating, baking, and shopping. So he writes to the local expert, Santa Claus. How can Norbert help his family remember the true meaning of Christmas-the birth of Jesus-but still enjoy these fun family traditions? Santa's advice to Norbert is patient, loving, and full of Christian teachings. But things get even crazier as Christmas Day approaches. Will the true light of Christmas shine through all the craziness? The playful artwork and silly expressions will capture the attention of even the littlest listeners. Adults and kids alike will be on the lookout for the Christmas Crazies all season long, creating a fun way to keep Christ in Christmas.**

**Saint NicholasThe Real Story of the Christmas Legend**

**Tales of Generosity and Hope from around the World**

**The Real Story of the Christmas Legend**

**A Visit from St. Nicholas**

**How Saint Nicholas Became Santa Claus**

**Santa Claus**

Everybody knows the story of Santa Claus, the red-suited figure who lives at the North Pole and distributes gifts to good children every Christmas eve. But is there any historical evidence on which this jolly old character is based? Was there a real Santa Claus? To answer that question, host Mark Wilson, a distinguished historian and archeologist travels not to the North Pole but to modern day Turkey and Italy. There he uncovers clues that lead to the truth about the man behind the legend.

A beautifully illustrated book for the Holidays about Kersti, a mischievous little girl who is always misbehaving, much to the dismay of her six older sisters and parents. As St. Nicholas Day approaches, Kersti worries that she won't receive any gifts and sets out on an adventure.

How did St. Nicholas begin? What does Santa Claus have to do with Jesus? The secret of St. Nicholas, a true heroic tale for Christmas.

For most of us, young and old, Santa Claus is a jolly old man, as described in the classic poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas." In fact, few people realize that there was a real St. Nicholas. He was the Bishop of Myra and lived during the fourth century. In this beautifully illustrated and richly designed book, Mayer creates an inviting portrait of the man who became legendary for his generosity and miraculous acts of kindness. There Really Is a Santa Claus

The Legend of St. Nicholas

The Story of Saint Nicholas

Loyola Kids Book of Saints

Retells the story of the man behind the legend of Santa Claus.

Have you ever wondered where the legend of Saint Nicholas comes from? Or have you tried to explain his story to your children, but always seem a bit fuzzy on the details? Historical accounts of Saint Nicholas differ in many ways from the man we generally hear about during Christmastime, but his generous spirit is what created his legacy. This book holds only a short, poetic glimpse of the man who truly lived, as well as his inspiration for giving- a tradition that has continued for over 1,500 years!

A child learns that Santa Claus is really Saint Nicholas, a bishop who lived long ago and taught people about Jesus. Includes information about the evolution of the gift-giving Santa Claus.

An encyclopedia designed especially to meet the needs of elementary, junior high, and senior high school students.

Santa, Are You for Real?

Saint Nicholas

A Story of Christmas Giving

Why He Matters to Christmas