

The Nutcracker Story Book Set And Advent Calendar

A set of twenty-four miniature books, arranged in sequence, retells the story of the beloved ballet in an Advent calendar format and features front-cover flaps that part like stage curtains.

Thirty-six scenes from beloved classic: Christmas Eve at the Stahlbaums, adventures in Christmas Wood, Candytown, Marzipan Castle, more. Updated translation of original story.

Step inside the classic story of The Nutcracker. With gentle, engaging text, beautiful illustrations, die cut and layered pages, all of which encourage the reader to interact with the book and turn each page to delight in the increasingly expansive spreads.

It's Christmas Eve and young Clara is about to have a magical night-filled with scrumptious sweets, majestic music, and the most beautiful dancing she's ever seen! Make the classic story of the Nutcracker come to life with this book, theater, and paper doll playset. Read along in the storybook as your paper doll characters (more than 35 of them!) dance their way through three different fold-out stages-Clara's living room, the Enchanted Forest, and the Land of Sweets. And when you're done, place the dolls and storybook in the handy storage envelopes for safekeeping until the next performance! Fun for all ages! Available in August.

"An adorable children's book...about the holidays, inclusion, and magic!" —Kristen Bell, award-winning actress from *Frozen* and *The Good Place* "Want to make this holiday more magical? Then get your copy!" —Allison Janney, award-winning actress from *Mom* and *I, Tonya* "Great for kids this holiday season!" —Jessie Tyler Ferguson, award-winning actor from *Modern Family* From *Will & Grace* star Sean Hayes and composer Scott Icenogle comes a modern classic inspired by *The Nutcracker* about how the Sugar Plum Fairy got her wings. Plum will not stay glum. For as long as she can remember, Plum has lived at the Mary Fitzgerald Orphanage, wishing and hoping for a family. When a sudden snowfall threatens a delivery of presents on Christmas Eve, Plum is determined to save Christmas—even for the kids who laugh at her. Plum's pure heart grants her an unexpected reward. When she eats a cake left behind by a mysterious magician, she is transported into the Land of Sweets. But Christmas here is threatened, too—by a sourness that is spreading from the center of the land. Plum's determined to help, and in doing so, she might just find the family she's always dreamed of, thanks to a good heart—and Christmas magic!

Seven brightly illustrated and dynamic spreads of pop-ups and interactive elements present the classic holiday tale as never before. With pop-ups created by award-winning paper engineer Yeretskaya, this version is sure to become a Christmas classic. Full color.

Longlisted for the Joyce Carol Oates Prize An Instant New York Times Bestseller A TODAY Show #ReadWithJenna Book Club Pick New York Times bestselling and award-winning author Megan Abbott's exquisite and disquieting new novel, "dark and juicy and tinged with horror" (*The New York Times Books Review*), set against the hothouse of a family-run ballet studio. With their long necks and matching buns and pink tights, Dara and Marie Durant have been dancers since they can remember. Growing up, they were homeschooled and trained by their glamorous mother, founder of the Durant School of Dance. After their parents' death in a tragic accident nearly a dozen years ago, the sisters began running the school together, along with Charlie, Dara's husband and once their mother's prized student. Marie, warm and soft, teaches the younger students; Dara, with her precision, trains the older ones; and Charlie, sidelined from dancing after years of injuries, rules over the back office. Circling around one another, the three have perfected a dance, six days a week, that keeps the studio thriving. But when a suspicious accident occurs, just at the onset of the school's annual performance of *The Nutcracker*—a season of competition, anxiety, and exhilaration—an interloper arrives and threatens the sisters' delicate balance. Taut and unnerving, *The Turnout* is Megan Abbott at the height of her game. With uncanny insight and hypnotic writing, it is a sharp and strange dissection of family ties and sexuality, femininity and power, and a tale that is both alarming and irresistible.

In *The Nutcracker's Night Before Christmas* preparations for a doomed stage production of the classic ballet goes from terribly bad to ridiculously worse. Sick stagehands, renegade cats, and crashing Christmas trees have everyone sure that the show won't go on. But it's Christmas Eve and help is on the way! Told in verse with wonderful whimsical illustrations, this story hits all the right notes for holiday reading.

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"For the first time, this beloved holiday story is told based on George Balanchine's quintessential production. The storyline mimics the choreography of the famous ballet and the illustrations are inspired by the backdrops and scenery from the actual New York City Ballet production"--

Discover the spellbinding magic of *Swan Lake* in this musical retelling of the ballet – push the button on each beautiful scene to hear the vivid sound of an orchestra playing from Tchaikovsky's score. This tale of a prince, a beautiful swan princess and an evil sorcerer begins in a woodland clearing far, far away. It is Prince Siegfried's 21st birthday. He is playing games with his friends when his mother, the Queen, arrives to tell him he needs to stop having fun and start looking after the kingdom. Prince Siegfried dreams of running away. He follows an enchanting flock of swans to a clearing by a lake, where four of the little cygnets begin to dance. The most beautiful swan transforms into the Princess Odette, who tells him that she has been cursed to turn into a swan by day and return to her natural form at night by the evil sorcerer Von Rothbart. As the prince and Odette dance, they begin to fall in love. The story follows Prince Siegfried as he attends his birthday party, is tricked into proposing to Von Rothbart's daughter Odile and returns to the lake to battle the evil sorcerer. Will the prince be reunited with his swan princess? As you and your little one journey through the magical scenes, you will press the buttons to hear 10 excerpts from the ballet's music. At the back of the book, find a short biography of the composer, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, with details about his composition of *Swan Lake*. Next to this,

you can replay the musical excerpts and, for each of them, read a discussion of the instruments, rhythms and musical techniques that make them so powerful. A glossary defines musical terms. The Story Orchestra series brings classical music to life for children through gorgeously illustrated retellings of classic ballet stories paired with 10-second sound clips of orchestras playing from their musical scores. Manufacturer's note: please pull the white tab out of the back of the book before use. Sound buttons require a firm push in exact location to work, which may be hard for young children. All sound clips are 10 seconds long.

Natalie Andrewson brings E.T.A. Hoffmann's surreal and fantastical story to life like never before in this vibrant graphic novel adaptation of the beloved Christmas classic, *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*. Of all the gifts under the tree on Christmas Eve, only one captures Marie Stahlbaum's heart: a humble nutcracker. He's a curious little man, with kind eyes, sweet red cheeks, and a friendly appearance. And as midnight nears, he comes to life, revealing a fairy-tale world of magic and wonder, wicked princesses and fierce battles . . . and an ancient curse that can only be broken with the help of a true friend. With the evil Mouse King looming and her dream world threatened, Marie will have to find the strength to stand up for her nutcracker—no matter what it takes.

Ten-year-old Johnny eagerly plays at war with the army of nutcracker soldiers his toymaker father whittles for him. He demolishes imaginary foes. But in 1914 Germany looms as the real enemy of Europe, and all too soon Johnny's father is swept up in the war to end all wars. He proudly enlists with his British countrymen to fight at the front in France. The war, though, is nothing like what any soldier or person at home expected. The letters that arrive from Johnny's dad reveal the ugly realities of combat — and the soldiers he carves and encloses begin to bear its scars. Still, Johnny adds these soldiers to his armies of Huns, Tommies, and Frenchmen, engaging them in furious fights. But when these games seem to foretell his dad's real battles, Johnny thinks he possesses godlike powers over his wooden men. He fears he controls his father's fate, the lives of all the soldiers in no-man's land, and the outcome of the war itself.

A young mouse must save her production of *The Nutcracker* in a charming holiday tale from the author of *The Gingerbread Pirates* and the illustrator of *A Series of Unfortunate Events*. Hidden in Saint Petersburg's famed Mariinsky Theater are the world's tiniest ballet fans: the Mariinsky mice, including Esmeralda, a rising dancer in the Russian Mouse Ballet Company. Despite being unable to control her tail, Esmeralda has just been assigned the lead role of Clara in a new ballet debuting at Christmas: *The Nutcracker*. But when she learns that the new ballet features mice as villains, her excitement turns to horror: the mice of Saint Petersburg will never come to see such a production. Meanwhile, nine-year-old Irina is convinced that the mice she's seen in the Mariinsky — the mice her father, the custodian, is supposed to exterminate — are not only fans of the ballet, but dancers themselves. No one will believe her, so it falls to Irina to help save the mice everyone else considers vermin . . . and perhaps to help Esmeralda ensure the future of the mouse company. Sweet and inventive, Kristin Kladstrup's ballet fantasy features artwork by beloved illustrator Brett Helquist, old-fashioned drama, and just a touch of holiday magic.

Set in wintry Russia, this classic Christmas fantasy features young Marie experiencing the magic of toys and animals and the Snow Princess coming to life.

An abridged version of the tale in which a toy nutcracker becomes a handsome prince after Clara, a young girl, rescues him from the mouse king.

Give the gift of one of the most beloved holiday stories of all-time, the *Nutcracker*! Featuring glorious illustrations by Caldecott Honor-winner, Diane Goode, this beautiful and adventurous classic tale will dance its way into your family's holiday traditions for years to come.

New York Times bestselling artist and Caldecott Honor winner Susan Jeffers has created a *Nutcracker* as only she can—with lavish illustrations, magnificent detail, and enchanting holiday scenes on every page. This is *The Nutcracker* as you've never seen it before! Join Marie, Fritz, and the intriguing *Nutcracker* himself on a magical Christmas Eve adventure. Behold the frightful Mouse King, the elegant Sugar Plum fairies, and the entire Land of Sweets in this dazzling, gorgeously illustrated holiday classic. With spare text based on the story in the ballet, this book offers a front-row seat to the enthralling tale that is a perennial favorite of adults and children alike. And for Susan Jeffers fans looking for extra content, an author's note is included at the end of the book, in which she explains what inspired her to turn this holiday tradition into a show-stopping picture book.

After hearing how her toy nutcracker got his ugly face, a little girl helps break the spell and watches him change into a handsome prince.

Delightful tale of a little girl's love for an enchanted nutcracker, with all the wonderful scenes. Large, easy-to-read type, 30 new illustrations.

Follow along in this captivating Read-Along Storybook and journey to a strange and magical world where a young girl named Clara meets a soldier named Phillip, a gang of mice, and regents who preside over the Realms. Complete with word-for-word narration, original character voices, sound effects, and enchanting stills from the film itself, there's no better way to revisit *The Nutcracker and the Four Realms*. Transport back into a world alive with song, dance, and the magic of storytelling!

Barbie stars as Clara in this simple, gorgeously illustrated retelling of the classic ballet. Girls will feel as though they have front-row seats to this Christmas favorite!

Bedtime Classics: charmingly illustrated board book editions of perennial favorites, simplified for the youngest readers! Bedtime Classics introduce classic works of fiction to little literary scholars through character-driven narratives and colorful illustration. Designed to be the perfect one minute bedtime story (or five minutes--if you're begged to read it over and over) parents can feel good about exposing their children to some of the most iconic pieces of literature, while building their child's bookshelf with these trendy editions! On Christmas Eve, Clara is given a special gift from her Godfather--a beautiful nutcracker doll. But when Clara awakes in the middle of the night, she finds her beloved nutcracker has transformed into a handsome prince, and together, they set off for the Land of Sweets.

Add *The Advent Storybook* to your family holiday traditions and enjoy the rich images and thoughtful retellings of ancient stories that feature God's recurring, faithful promise to rescue us. A simple question at the end of each story helps readers engage in

understanding the bigger story God wants us all to know—the good news of Jesus coming to save us. Parents and children alike will delight in the biblical messages of joy, hope, and peace every day as they look forward to celebrating Jesus' birth.

On Christmas Eve, a little girl helps break the spell on her wooden nutcracker and watches him turn into a handsome prince, who takes her to his kingdom in the Land of Sweets.

One of six beloved Christmas classics in collectible hardcover editions Written in 1816 by one of the leaders of German Romanticism for his children, nephews, and nieces, *The Nutcracker* captures better than any other story a child's wonder at Christmas. The gift of a handsomely decorated nutcracker from a mysterious uncle sets the stage for a Christmas Eve like no other for the little girl Marie. That night, Marie's extraordinary present comes to life, defends her from the taunting Mouse King, and whisks her off to the Kingdom of Dolls. The inspiration for the classic ballet, E. T. A. Hoffmann's irresistible tale of magic and childhood adventure continues to captivate readers of all ages. Today, many of the most enchanting symbols of Christmas, from nutcrackers to sugar plums to mistletoe, are still imbued with the power of this story. Penguin Christmas Classics Give the gift of literature this Christmas. Penguin Christmas Classics honor the power of literature to keep on giving through the ages. The six volumes in the series are not only our most beloved Christmas tales, they also have given us much of what we love about the holiday itself. A Christmas Carol revived in Victorian England such Christmas hallmarks as the Christmas tree, holiday cards, and caroling. The Yuletide yarns of Anthony Trollope popularized throughout the British Empire and around the world the trappings of Christmas in London. *The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus* created the origin story for the presiding spirit of Christmas as we know it. The holiday tales of Louisa May Alcott shaped the ideal of an American Christmas. *The Night Before Christmas* brought forth some of our earliest Christmas traditions as passed down through folk tales. And *The Nutcracker* inspired the most famous ballet in history, one seen by millions in the twilight of every year. Beautifully designed hardcovers—with foil-stamped jackets, decorative endpapers, and nameplates for personalization—in a small trim size that makes them perfect stocking stuffers, Penguin Christmas Classics embody the spirit of giving that is at the heart of our most time-honored stories about the holiday. Collect all six Penguin Christmas Classics: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens *Christmas at Thompson Hall: And Other Christmas Stories* by Anthony Trollope *The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus* by L. Frank Baum *A Merry Christmas: And Other Christmas Stories* by Louisa May Alcott *The Night Before Christmas* by Nikolai Gogol *The Nutcracker* by E. T. A. Hoffmann For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

A set of 24 numbered miniature books arranged in sequence, retells the story of the beloved ballet in a delightful advent calendar.

Introduce your little one to six of the most iconic musical pieces from Tchaikovsky's Christmas classic in *I Love the Nutcracker!*

Let the holiday revelry begin with *The Nutcracker and Other Christmas Tales*, a deluxe treasury that celebrates the Christmas season and the warm tidings that we associate with it. It features 10 heartwarming holiday stories including the title tale, Alexander Dumas's renowned rendering of the E.T.A. Hoffmann original that inspired the beloved ballet. The contents also includes works by Louisa May Alcott, L. M. Montgomery, Kate Douglas Wiggin, and L. Frank Baum, as well as the full text of Charles Dickens's classic *A Christmas Carol*, which helped to establish the Christmas holiday as we celebrate it today.

The next title in this best-selling sound series reimagines *Carnival of the Animals*, one of the most famous suites of music for children, by Camille Saint-Saens.

This enchanting collection of lavishly illustrated storybooks include three classic tales for the modern ballet lover, as told and reimagined by the New York City Ballet. In the first holiday classic, based on the New York City Ballet production of George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*, readers are invited to join Marie and her Nutcracker Prince on a magical journey. Then in the second tale, *The Sleeping Beauty*, little ones will get swept away to a beautiful kingdom where a princess falls into a deep sleep. And finally, in the third story, ballet lovers can dive into the dramatic and stunning story of *Swan Lake*. This classic picture book collection includes: *The Nutcracker* *The Sleeping Beauty* *Swan Lake*

This 1816 story is perhaps best known as the basis for Tchaikovsky's popular ballet, but Hoffmann's holiday legend is where the spell begins. Here is the original tale of seven-year-old Marie and her beloved Nutcracker, beset by a dark mystery that surrounds this story within a story. Godpapa Drosselmeier, who once served as the royal court's inventor, recounts to Marie a tale of the trickery of Dame Mouserink, the Queen of Mice. The vengeful queen casts a curse on an innocent princess, forcing Drosselmeier to undertake an arduous quest to break the spell. His mixed success leads to the lasting enmity between the Nutcracker and seven-headed Mouse-King — Dame Mouserink's son — a conflict that only Marie can help resolve. One of the world's greatest fantasy writers and a major figure in late German Romanticism, Ernst Theodor Amadeus Hoffmann (1776–1822) created extraordinary works of poetry and supernatural fiction. In tales like *The Nutcracker*, Hoffmann's characters come to vivid life in settings that move from the firm ground of reality to a world of enchantment, mystery, and romance.

This is no ordinary Nutcracker! This time, it's Fritz's story. The traditional Nutcracker tale gets turned on its head in this rollicking Christmas adventure, based on the hit musical *A Nutty Nutcracker Christmas* by the popular family music rock star Ralph Covert and playwright G. Riley Mills.

Hello Kitty, one of the world's most recognized and enduring characters, stars in her first-ever fairytale series! HELLO KITTY PRESENTS: THE STORYBOOK COLLECTION features Hello Kitty in a supercute retelling of "The Nutcracker and The Mouse King." Hello Kitty's grandfather has been tinkering in his workshop, making a very special toy for Hello Kitty. Hello Kitty loves her new nutcracker, and her friends

want to play with it, too! But they handle it too roughly, and the nutcracker breaks. Sadly, Grandpa puts the broken toy on a high shelf to be fixed later. Devastated, Hello Kitty visits her new toy after everyone has gone to sleep. Imagine her surprise when she sees all of the toys in Grandpa's workshop come to life, including her beloved nutcracker! Now in paperback, the books in the HELLO KITTY PRESENTS: THE STORYBOOK COLLECTION are a must-have for Hello Kitty fans young and old! Also available: The Little Mermaid, Thumbelina and Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

A reimagined and modern take on the holiday favorite, this picture book weaves together the classic Christmas tale of The Nutcracker and the true-life story of 12-year-old ballerina Charlotte Nebres, the first Black girl to play Marie in the New York City Ballet's production. The only thing Charlotte loves as much as ballet is Christmas. So, when she gets the opportunity to play Marie in the New York City Ballet's The Nutcracker, she leaps at the chance. Dancing takes practice-hours of adjusting her arms and perfecting her jumps. With the help of her Trinidadian and Filipino families, encouragement from her sister, and a view of her mom and dad in the audience, Charlotte finds the strength to never give up. In this spectacular debut full of fluid, dynamic illustrations, Charlotte provides youngsters with a multicultural tale of family, dance, and holiday cheer.

A Bank Street College of Education Best Children's Book of the Year! This jazz-inspired reinvention of The Nutcracker is a worthy tribute to the dreamlike wonder and magic of the Christmas season. In this original retelling, set in New York City during the height of the Harlem Renaissance, one little girl finds her voice as a musician thanks to her enchanting adventures with a magical toy. This quintessential holiday tale is brought to vivid life by debut picture book author T. E. McMorrow and Coretta Scott King Award-winning illustrator James Ransome. An author's note at the end provides additional information about the history of the Harlem Renaissance, and about the author's inspiration for this musical retelling.

Photographs taken during the film production, capture all the elegant and rich movement of George Balanchine's ballet.

The Ballerina of the Realms dances on every page of this magical book! From Disney's all-new live action film The Nutcracker and the Four Realms, follow the elegant Ballerina of the Realms as she dances center stage in this artistic pop-up book, celebrating each of the unique and picturesque Four Realms. This beautiful format is a perfect holiday gift for fans of this classic tale, full of colorful characters and no shortage of surprises.

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