

A Very Russian Christmas Her Russian Protector English Edition

Each 80-page Christmas Around the World Book includes full narratives explaining the customs of the region covered, photography and illustrations, special sections of native songs, recipes, and fun-to-do crafts.

A smorgasbord of Christmas stories by writers from Hans Christian Andersen to August Strindberg to Karl Ove Knausgaard. This collection brings together the best Scandinavian holiday stories, including classics by Hans Christian Andersen of Denmark; Nobel Prize winner Selma Lagerlöf, August Strindberg and Hjalmar Söderberg of Sweden; as well as the popular contemporary Norwegian author Karl Ove Knausgaard. These Nordic tales—coming from the very region where so much of traditional Christmas imagery originates—convey a festive and contemplative spirit laden with lingonberries, elks, gnomes, Sami trolls, candles, church spires, gingerbread, and aquavit in abundance. These unexpected literary gifts are sure to provide plenty of pleasure and hygge, that specifically Scandinavian blend of coziness and contentment.

After a brush with death as a juvenile delinquent, Vivian swore she'd never stray across that line again—but there's just one problem with her plan to stay on the right side of the law. She's completely, irrevocably and unabashedly in love with Nikolai, the Russian mob boss who saved her life. From the moment Vivian appeared in his life on that tragic April night, Nikolai felt himself inextricably bonded to her. She's the bright light in his dark world and the only thing that keeps him from sliding deeper into a life of crime and violence—a mobbed-up life he can't escape no matter how hard he tries. After Vivian is ripped from his arms in a brazen blitz attack, Nikolai will stop at nothing to get her back—but rescuing her and keeping her safe in his arms isn't enough. Suddenly, Nikolai's only chance to protect her is to do the one thing he vowed never to do—he'll drag her deeper into his shadowy world and bind her to him forever. Because their tangled pasts are about to collide and the shockwave threatens to bring Houston's criminal underbelly to its knees... romantic suspense, alpha male, possessive hero, mob romance, mob boss, latina heroine, her Russian protector series, roxie rivera, college romance, new adult

Classic and contemporary Christmas stories by great writers from Boccaccio to Strega Prize winner Anna Maria Ortese to Nobel laureate Grazia Deledda. The third in the very popular Very Christmas series, this volume brings together the best Italian Christmas stories of all time in a vibrant collection featuring classic tales and contemporary works. With writing that dates from the Renaissance to the present day, from Boccaccio to Pirandello, as well as Anna Maria Ortese, Natalia Ginzburg, and Grazia Deledda, these literary gems are filled with ancient churches, trains whistling through the countryside, steaming tureens, plates piled high with pasta, High Mass, dashed hopes, golden crucifixes, flowing wine, shimmering gifts, and plenty of style. Like everything the Italians do, this is Christmas with its very own verve and flair, the perfect literary complement to a Buon Natale italiano. Includes stories by: Luigi Pirandello • Camillo Boito • Matilde Serao • Anna Maria Ortese • Andrea De Carlo • Grazia Deledda • Giovanni Verga • Giovanni Boccaccio • Natalia Ginzburg

Beth Chambers' life is no fairytale, even if she feels like a damsel in distress. After four years in a destructive relationship, Beth has decided enough is enough and leaves her girlfriend, taking with her only her dog Dudley, her broken spirit, and a shattered view of life. At her lowest point, she meets Amy Fletcher, a woman who has it all—and whom she believes would never want more than friendship. But what Beth fails to realize is that there are definitely two sides to every story. Could Amy Fletcher be Beth's Princess Charming? Could her story end with a happily ever after?

Desperate to find her sister, Erin goes to the only man in Houston who can help her: Ivan Markovic. The intimidating, tattooed Russian operates one of the most elite mixed-martial arts training centers in the world but it's his shadowy past and reputed connections with Houston's underworld that interest her most. To find her sister, she'll need the help of her big, scary Russian protector—but asking for help from a man like Ivan carries a steep price, one that might just include her heart. alpha male, fighter romance, mob romance, mixed martial arts, mob enforcer, college romance, new adult romance, her Russian protector series, roxie rivera

This collection of short stories by William Makepeace Thackeray includes: "Mrs. Perkins's Ball", "Our Street", "Dr. Birch and his Young Friends", "The Kickleburys on the Rhine", "The Rose and the Ring; or, The History of Prince Giglio and Prince Bulbo"

"This collection of holiday-themed short stories fits the Her Russian protector series timeline between Yuri (book 3) and the beginning of Nikolai (book 4). It features couples from the first five books in the series as well as glimpses of future couples to come"--P. v.

For many parents, curling up with a book for a bedtime story with their kid is a daily ritual. For others, it is the perfect time to spend time with their children after a busy day, and for some, it is something they should do but are not entirely sure why. Discover these benefits of bedtime stories for kids. Sharpen their brains Research shows that one of the greatest benefit of interacting with children, including reading to them stories, is that children learn a great deal of things- from improved logic skills to lowering their stress levels. Bedtime stories rewire the brain of a child and quicken their mastery of language. Their vocabulary repertoire is expanded and their listening and oral communication skills enhanced. bedtime stories for kids Enhance creativity and Stimulate imagination If you are a good storyteller, then you should teleport your kid to a different realm- from reality to fantasy for the child to learn the difference between these two. This will enhance and stimulate his imagination. children's books kindle Emotion development The kid will learn to experience different emotions while empathizing with the characters of the story. The common emotions of sadness, happiness and anger may be encountered and he will learn to control these in real life. bedtime story for kids

Shay Sandoval has big dreams and works hard to achieve them. But her older sister likes that fast, easy money and finds herself in a hot mess of trouble when she helps her boyfriend scam Houston's underworld. Terrified for her sister and herself, Shay turns to the only man powerful enough to save them—former prize fighter and Russian mob enforcer Alexei Sarnov. Just as ruthless in business as he was on the streets, Alexei has built a new life as a respected, wealthy businessman. When he learns Shay's troubled sister has invoked the wrath of Houston's criminal elite, Alexei rushes to intercept Shay before the city's worst men can get their hands on her. But now that she's under his protection—and under his hands—Alexei realizes that he wants and needs more than he's ever dared to hope for in his harsh life. He wants Shay in his home and in his bed—but not as merely his mistress. Earning Shay's love and trust just might be the hardest deal he's ever sealed...

12 Great Books of Christmas is a wonderful collection of famous works of Christmas. In it you will find classic works of writers from different countries: The Holy Night by Selma Lagerlöf, The Chimes by Charles Dickens, The Elves and the Shoemaker by Brothers Grimm, The Fir Tree by Hans Christian Andersen, A MERRY CHRISTMAS by Louisa May Alcott, A Letter from Santa Claus by Mark Twain, A Russian Christmas Party by Leo Tolstoy?

NALI By Esther Henry In an era of darkness, mystery, tropical jungles and cannibalism, Nali tries to buck the ancient traditions, only to find herself deeply entrenched in them. As a young girl full of dreams, she is given to a tribal elder in marriage and quickly learns that her girlhood dreams could be shattered overnight. The rain forest held a secret refuge that only Nali knew, where she took her dreams and her delusions. Will she be forced to succumb to a subservient role the rest of her life, or can she overcome the hopelessness that comes with isolation, ignorance and tradition? Deep in the heart of New Guinea lies the village of Mendoka, beautifully camouflaged from the rest of the world. Although the village has yet to be discovered, the outside world would soon have an influence on their lives. An interruption to their peaceful simplicity would both terrify them and cause them to search for answers. Readers will be able to follow the lives of those who lived in a much simpler time and become immersed in the culture that controlled their everyday existence.

A collection of short Christmas stories by some of Russia's greatest nineteenth and twentieth century authors—several appearing in English for the first time. Running the gamut from sweet and reverent to twisted and uproarious, this collection offers a holiday feast of Russian fiction. Dostoevsky brings stories of poverty and tragedy; Tolstoy inspires with his fable-like tales; Chekhov's unmatched skills are on full display in his story of a female factory owner and her wretched workers; Klaudivia Lukashévitch delights with a sweet and surprising tale of a childhood in White Russia; and Mikhail Zoshchenko recounts madcap anecdotes of Christmas trees and Christmas thieves in the Soviet Era—a time when it was illegal to celebrate the holiday in Russia. There is no shortage of imagination, wit, or vodka on display in this collection that proves, with its wonderful variety and remarkable human touch, that nobody does Christmas like the Russians.

Christmas Picture book for Children Read this adorable Santa book with full length color illustrations about a toddler and his pet Reindeer. Full length Christmas picture book for Children Ages 2-6. This is a beautifully illustrated Christmas book. This is a lovely and cheerful Christmas picture book for Toddlers! A sweet little child dressed as Santa and his pet Reindeer experience their very first Christmas. The book begins on the night before Christmas. See the family build up Christmas cheer, and celebrate the joyous occasion. It is a great book to introduce children to the concept of Christmas, tree decoration, white Christmas, treats, gifts and sharing. Bright, humorous and full-length pictures in each page will have your child asking for more! Ask your child to spot Santa(s) hidden in each page. There are other objects related to Christmas to find too! All the illustrations are based on the Christmas theme. Early beginner readers can read the simple, yet, interesting sentences in the book. Play these games with your toddler: Ask your child to point to all the partially hidden Santas Find the snow globe on almost every page Enjoy the various antics of the Reindeer This adorable Christmas picture book hopes to capture the spirit of Christmas and the joy of sharing. Merry Christmas! If this sounds like something you would like to read with your child, scroll up to download your copy. Sujatha Lalgudi is a Best selling children's book author and illustrator. Some of her best sellers in Books are: My Daddy is the best Gifts for you, Mama Jojo's Stinky day Jojo's Easter Surprise Jojo's Christmas day Jojo's Playful day Where is my turkey? A Lovely Day - A Valentine Picture Book for Children Ben and Gwen play the game of Opposites Finger counting fun Shall we play with shapes Alphabet's day out What are you feeling, Dragon? Where is the Turkey?

Is it really better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all? Tara Tremaine is a woman with a mission - to pick up the pieces of a life she turned her back on and win back her estranged husband, Danny. Nothing will stand in Tara's way, least of all the dangerous secret that drove them apart or Danny's growing feelings for another woman... Since arriving in Polwenna Bay hardworking vicar Jules Mathieson has put duty above her own heart. Jules adores her new life by the sea and secretly loves troubled war veteran, Danny Tremaine. When Tara returns Jules knows stepping away from him is the right thing to do, no matter how much it hurts. Danny Tremaine's world has been shattered. With life-changing injuries, a broken marriage and his glittering military career abruptly over, he returns to the family home to rebuild his broken body and heart. Danny knows his friendship with Jules could blossom into more but allowing this to happen will come at a very high price - one that could cost him everything. With Christmas fast approaching Jules, Danny and Tara are not the only people in the village with secrets and long cherished dreams. Maybe with a little seasonal magic, some winter wishes really will come true?

A Russian Christmas Party by Leo Tolstoy is about a generous family on the brink of ruin whose mother pins their hopes for restoring their fortune on their son, Nicolas' marriage to a wealthy bride. Nicolas isn't cooperating, for he loves a poor girl named Sonia. Alas! How will they see it through?

This book will teach you how to draw ships and boats in a fun and unique way step by step.

Joyeux Noël! “[An] endearing collection of Christmas stories from ten of France's most esteemed writers? past and present? skillfully translated.” ?Foreword Reviews This collection brings together the

best French Christmas stories of all time, featuring classics by Guy de Maupassant and Alphonse Daudet, plus stories by the esteemed twentieth century authors Irène Némirovsky and Nobel Prize winner Anatole France and contemporary writers Dominique Fabre and Jean-Philippe Blondel. With a holiday spirit conveyed through sparkling Paris streets, opulent feasts, wandering orphans, kindly monks, homesick soldiers, oysters, crayfish, ham, bonbons, flickering desire, and more than a little wine, this collection encapsulates Christmas à la française—delicious, intense and unexpected.

First Taste: A Series Starter Collection Savor your first taste of dirty, sexy, dangerous underworld romances from NYT and USA Today Bestselling Author Roxie Rivera. IVAN (Her Russian Protector #1) To find her sister, Erin will need the help of her big, scary Russian protector—but asking for help from a man like Ivan carries a steep price, one that might just include her heart. DIMITRI (Her Russian Protector #2) Threatened from all sides, Benny finds safety in Dimitri's strong arms—and in his bed. Her big, sexy Russian has no intention of ever letting her go—and he'll brave the fires of hell before he lets anyone harm her. YURI (Her Russian Protector #3) When Lena's father and cousin blunder into an international art theft operation, Yuri seizes his chance to be her protector. But when past misdeeds catch up with him and threaten Lena's safety, Yuri puts her love and trust in him to the test. A Very Russian Christmas (Her Russian Protector #3.5) It's Christmas in Houston, and the Russians are ready to spoil—and protect—the women they love. Featuring nine sexy, flirty stories, this holiday-themed collection from the Her Russian Protector series allows readers to revisit favorite couples and meet new love interests. In Kelly's Corner (The Fighting Connollys #1) With the family gym on the line, there's only one way for Kelly to make everything right. He agrees to fight for the Albanian mob in an underground bare-knuckle fighting tournament. But winning the tournament and saving his family's legacy comes at a high price—one that just might cost Bee her life. Seduced by the Loan Shark Gathering her courage and the four thousand dollars she has in savings, college co-ed Cassie bravely enters the bar where Hagen, Houston's most feared loan shark, operates his criminal empire. Her brother is in deep trouble and she's his last hope. Left breathless with pleasure after their encounter, Cassie discovers she can't walk away from Hagen. But she's flirting with danger now—and someone is bound to get hurt. Collateral (Debt Collection #1) Ben's plans to have a little fun with a girl way out of his league are shot to hell after one taste of sweet, beguiling Aston. When her stepbrother's shady dealings are revealed, Ben will do anything to protect her from the seedy underworld he inhabits—even if it means crossing the only family he's ever known. Step When Jem's brother is kidnapped, Step vows to get him back, even if that means knocking on the door of Russian mob boss Nikolai and calling in favors from his cousin Ten, the infamous mob enforcer. Because Step has finally tasted happiness, and he'll fight like hell to keep Jem in his life... Zel (Markovic MMA) When Sara's past threatens everything Zel has worked so hard to achieve, she has to make a painful choice. She can sacrifice her love for Zel and let him go—or she can fight for him, facing the secret that nearly buried her back in Houston and the loan shark who owns them both. Her Cowboy Protector Cruz Montes can't believe her DEA Agent brother is abandoning her on a dusty, isolated ranch in West Texas with a cowboy she's never met. Carlos swears Niall is the only man who can keep Cruz and her unborn baby safe but she isn't so sure. One look at the rough ex-soldier and Cruz wonders if she wouldn't be safer on her own... Close Quarters When Navy SEAL Leland Gates runs off to his family's secluded cabin to lick his wounds, he never expects to find makeup heiress Jamie Pearson hiding out there. His sister's best friend swears she's only there for a weekend of relaxation, but his well-honed instincts tell him that she's in big trouble. Getting tangled up in Jamie's latest hot mess—or her sheets—is the very last thing he needs, but in close quarters like these, there's no denying the white-hot passion blazing between them.

This book is based on the true story of Natasha, a beautiful little girl with Down syndrome who lives in an orphanage in Russia, and the American family who hopes to adopt her. It is the story of a very special Christmas wish, and the strength of a mother's love. Proceeds from sales will benefit Downside Up, a Russian organization dedicated to helping families to care for children with Down syndrome. Additional proceeds will be donated to a fund to support Natasha's continued care.

Elf coloring book full of holiday fun and Christmas cheer. These Holiday elves are preparing for Christmas and the holidays by decorating the tree, preparing Santa's sleigh and hanging tree ornaments. These Gnome elves are excited for Christmas. They are checking the list and helping St Nick with all of the Christmas preparations. These Elves and Gnomes are beautiful art illustrations for kids. This book will inspire your creative thinking. Buy a copy today! Special thanks to the illustrator Julie Tuft. Designs and ideas by Sadie Lewis.

After a stalker breaks into her home, internet entrepreneur Bee Langston decides Kelly Connolly is the only man who can help her—but seeking help from the former Marine isn't easy, especially after she made a spectacular fool of herself trying to kiss the sinfully sexy bodyguard. When Kelly spots Bee weaving her way through the Houston nightspot where he's working security, all those feelings he's desperately tried to deny for his best friend's sister come flooding to the surface. He'll do anything to keep her safe, even if it means getting up close and personal with the one woman he simply can't have. Soon, Bee's stalker isn't his only problem. His gambling addict father is tangled in a mess of debts to two of Houston's toughest loan sharks. With the family gym on the line, there's only one way for Kelly to make everything right. He agrees to fight for the Albanian mob in an underground bare-knuckle tournament. But winning the tournament and saving his family's legacy comes at a high price—one that just might cost Bee her life. keywords: alpha male, fighter romance, underground fighting, mixed martial arts, geek heroine, tech romance, mob, Marine romance, bodyguard romance, roxie rivera, her russian protector series, fighting connollys series

This fine book from the turn of the 19th Century contains 35 wonderful and inspiring Christmas stories for children. These stories were already well-received before they were pulled together to make this book. Included are excerpts from "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens and the Christian Bible, stories from Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales, from Ireland, Germany, the American West, and from the big cities in England and the United States. * * * * Written in easy-to-read 13-point type, and divided between stories for little kids, intermediate kids, and the older set, each of the stories has already won the approval of thousands of children, and each is packed with the true Christmas spirit: that small thoughtful actions can have big, and happy, consequences. Some stories will bring a tear to your eyes, other will make you laugh. All are enjoyable. This book will become a cherished addition to your library for years to come. * * * * The stories in this book are: Christmas at Fezziwig's Warehouse (Charles Dickens), The Fir-Tree (Hans Christian Andersen), The Christmas Masquerade (Mary E. Wilkins Freeman), The Shepherds and the Angels (Adapted from the Bible), The Telltale Tile (Olive Thorne Miller), Little Girl's Christmas (Winnifred E. Lincoln), A Christmas Matinee (M. A. L. Lane), Toinette and the Elves (Susan Coolidge), The Voyage of the Wee Red Cap (Ruth Sawyer Durand), A Story of the Christ-Child (a German Legend for Christmas Eve told by Elizabeth Harrison), Jimmy Scarecrow's Christmas (Mary E. Wilkins Freeman), Why the Chimes Rang (Raymond McAlden), The Birds' Christmas (founded on fact-F. E. Mann), The Little Sister's Vacation (Winifred M. Kirkland), Little Wolff's Wooden Shoes (François Coppée, adapted and translated Alma J. Foster), Christmas in the Alley (Olive Thorne Miller), A Christmas Star (Katherine Pyle), The Queerest Christmas (Grace Margaret Gallaher), Old

Father Christmas (J. H. Ewing), The Golden Cobwebs (Sara Cone Bryant), How Christmas Came to the Santa Maria Flats (Elia W. Peattie), The Legend of Babouscka (From the Russian Folk Tale), Christmas in the Barn (F. Arnstein), The Philanthropist's Christmas (James Weber Linn), The First Christmas-Tree (Lucy Wheelock), The First New England Christmas (G. L. Stone and M. G. Fickett), The Cratchits' Christmas Dinner (Charles Dickens), Christmas in Seventeen Seventy-Six (Anne Hollingsworth Wharton), Christmas Under the Snow (Olive Thorne Miller), Mr. Bluff's Experience of Holidays, (Oliver Bell Bunce), Master Sandy's Snapdragon (Elbridge S. Brooks), A Christmas Fairy), John Strange Winter), The Greatest of These (Joseph Mills Hanson), Little Gretchen and the Wooden Shoe (Elizabeth Harrison), and Christmas on Big Rattle (Theodore Goodridge Roberts). * * * * In making this volume, we discovered that the Gutenberg eBook versions are missing a story - "The Golden Cobwebs" - instead having a short excerpt from "A Christmas Carol" that is duplicated by the longer excerpt "The Cratchit's Christmas Dinner" later in this book. This edition restores the missing story. This volume contains the full text of the original book published in 1913. * * * * Check our other Children's, Juvenile, and Adult books at www.FlyingChipmunkPublishing.com, or Like us on Facebook for our latest releases.

She emerged as innocent as any newborn. The party of starbursts and sparkles came to a standstill. In awe, millions of heavenly beings paused. Shine Star, Princess of the Universe, was the most precious and rare of all creations. As an expression of perfect happiness, thus was the king's daughter born. A magical love story unfolds in Vikrant Malhotra's wondrous debut, *The Stories of Goom'pa: Book One. Meet Goom'pa*. He is a Poofy, a small furry creature who resides on Earth in a place called Palidon, on the edge of the Miron National Forest. His world is a quiet one-until he spies Shine Star, a glorious star in the sky and the daughter of Prime Ray, the king of the universe. Enchanted by her elegance, Goom'pa knows he is willing to do anything to win the love of this celestial beauty. As the two meet and fall in love, Shine Star's father worries about his only daughter. Exploiting that concern is the Star Lord, Rath, who wants nothing more than to wrestle control of the universe away from Prime Ray. Will Goom'pa and Shine Star find a way to be together? Or will Rath's evil plan doom them all?

A Very Russian Christmas
The Greatest Russian Holiday Stories of All Time
New Vessel Press

Get set for the continuation of the *Deepest Darkness* series with this sequel to *Running into the Darkness* by D. A. Bale. Samantha Bartlett is running for her life. Haunted by her past actions and with nearly every government agency on the manhunt, Samantha lives alone and off the grid. But those who have come under her care won't let her simply shove them aside. Surrounded by the unlikeliest of humanity, Samantha still feels the sharp sting of loneliness, but for the first time in years she also tastes the sweetness of freedom – for the moment. For FBI Agent Joe Roberts, Washington D.C. has become too dicey since President Warner's murder – and a constant reminder of his encounter with their primary suspect. An opportunity arises to continue investigating Oleander Enterprises and what has become known as the Hitler Survival Conspiracy. Key documents are making their way from classified vaults back to where experiments first took place. Joe stops at nothing to intercept them, even when his actions place him on the Elite's short list – and the FBI's. Debrille's plans for an Elite Empire are nearing fruition, but without the brilliant Dr. Marcus, his life's work threatens to crumble. The Bartlett woman needs to be silenced before ruining his carefully devised schemes. Debrille is tired of games with mere jokers, but the ace is in position – and only waiting to be played. The search for the truth brings the participants to a breaking point collision. The battle lines are redrawn as reality pierces a lifetime of lies – and freedom can only be found in truth.

A young woman purchases four unique Christmas ornaments that have a sentimental meaning only to her. Follow her and these four lovable characters over a span of seventy years. Listen as their life of joy turns into hardship and loneliness, only to be recovered by a young artist in the twentieth century.

The sixth volume in our popular *Very Christmas* series, this collection transports readers to the Emerald Isle with stories and poems sure to bring holiday cheer. This anthology is packed with beloved classics, forgotten treasures, and modern masterpieces. You'll find wondrous works by James Joyce, W. B. Yeats, Elizabeth Bowen, Anne Enright, William Trevor, Colm Tóibín, Bernard MacLaverty and many more. See how Christmas is done in snowy Dublin and on the mean streets of Belfast, from west coast to east, and even across sea and ocean to Irish communities in London and New York City. Put a flickering candle in the window and a steaming dinner on the table, and celebrate the Irish way—*Nollaig Shona Daoibh*—and Merry Christmas!

When Aislinn Amon's father disappears, her mother drags her from New York to Indiana where she is to attend a new boarding school - Source High. At Source High, Aislinn finds herself in a whole other world than what she knew. Everyone has something supernatural about them, including her. Soon, she finds that she's not the normal, rebel, messed up teenage girl she thought she was. Her friends try to help her along the way when trouble comes knocking on her door. People die, she finds herself falling in love with, something she swore she'd never do, and secrets start to form. Can Aislinn cope with everything that's happening? Can she handle the life she's been forced to deal with? Or will she crack under the heavy pressures laid upon her seventeen-year-old shoulders?

A continuation of the very popular *Very Christmas* series conveying a festive spirit from the place where many Christmas traditions were invented. A delightful and unpredictable collection redolent of candle-lit trees, St. Nikolaus, gingerbread, the Christkindl, roast goose and red cabbage, Gugelhopf and stollen cakes, accompanied by plenty of schnapps.

Walt Johnson has been a rolling stone most of his life, moving from town to town and living on the edges of homelessness. Now he has run out of time as lung cancer has left him only months to live. Walt then begins a quest to find the son with whom he lost contact decades earlier. Out of money, he lands a job at a small-town restaurant in an attempt to save enough to buy a bus ticket to the last known whereabouts of his son. The friends Walt makes at his new job soon become family for him, especially 14-year-old Danny who is emotionally paralyzed at the loss of his own father in Iraq. Faced with Danny's struggles to grow up and the struggles of his other new friends, Walt comes to realize he is not only on a journey to find his own son, but he is on a journey to find himself worthy of being a father. After a year filled with drama and danger, Erin and Ivan are ready to focus on the one thing they want the most--starting a family. When she has yet another negative test, Erin worries there's something

wrong with her. Ivan urges his wife not to worry because it will happen when it's meant to happen. He hates seeing her stressed out and does whatever he can to make her happy. But, when Erin's wayward sister is released from jail, he hesitates to allow Ruby to live in their home. He's worried she hasn't changed and that Erin will only end up getting hurt again. Trouble follows Ruby from the cell block to their front door, and Ivan finds himself faced with an insurmountable problem. If he can't save Ruby's life, he'll lose everything--Erin, the family they desperately want and his freedom.

Jess has been in love with her best friend, Kate, for seven years, but her feelings have never been returned. One night they sleep together, and Jess finds out how much it is possible to be hurt by someone close. Jess and Kate struggle to redefine their friendship. They spend a week at Jess's family holiday house in a small seaside town, Awatangi, intending to make the time to talk things through, but the conversations never happen. Kate makes vague promises, but begins to have second thoughts. Jess wants Kate, and nothing else, and is heartbroken that isn't enough. Jess decides – while everything is changing in her life – that she doesn't want to go on living in the city, that she wants to return to Awatangi. Part of her hopes some physical distance between them may help things with Kate, and part of her – frustrated and upset – simply wants to leave Kate behind. In Awatangi, Jess meets Keri, a local lawyer who has also recently returned home. Like Jess, Keri surfs, and like Jess, she seems to feel some attachment to her family roots in Awatangi. Jess is drawn to Keri, but forces herself not to let anything happen. Despite everything, Kate is still Jess's closest friend, and she has loved Kate all her life. She feels she has to give the situation with Kate as long as she can to work itself out. Awatangi is about coping with feelings for a close friend that are not returned, set in a small holiday township on the West Coast of the South Island of New Zealand. It is an exploration of getting what you've always wanted and it not being enough, of being in love with one person and wanting another, and of finding out that life doesn't always turn out as expected.

He was famous for telling stories. He could always make the story interesting. He had a way of seeing the best or funniest of every situation. He wrote down over 180 of his best stories in his last few years for all his family and friends. You will laugh, and relate to the stories of childhood, school years, and growing up during the depression. From his northern New Jersey, small town home he shares what it was like growing up in the 20's and 30's. From logging to working with horses, the stories provide a great view of the life style from that time period.

The most beloved winter Russian Fairy Tale is here! SNEGUROCHKA (Snow Maiden) story is retold with some extra magic, a good ending, and lessons about love and the power of believing. Unbelievably stunning winter scenes illustrations will make you feel a part of this New Year's (Noviy God/ Christmas) magic. Parallel BILINGUAL text will help your children and you learn RUSSIAN and ENGLISH languages. The absolute BEST PRESENT for your young readers! Meet Snegurochka (Snow Maiden), her parents, and Ded Moroz (Santa Claus/Grandfather Frost/Father Christmas) on their New Year's adventure. The older couple has everything but children of their own and one magical New Year's Eve, Santa Claus decides to help. They finally have a beautiful daughter - the Snow Maiden (Snegurochka). Let's find out what happens next...This SPECIAL CHRISTMAS edition children's book makes a PERFECT GIFT to put under a Christmas tree. Enjoy reading this folk tale in either Russian or English during story time with your whole family. S Novim Godom & Happy Holidays!

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