

## A Christmas Cracker

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### A Christmas Cracker

Curl up this Christmas with this gorgeous festive story from the No.1 bestselling author of The Christmas Invitation 'A warm-hearted and comforting read. Trisha at her best' Carole Matthews

### The Ultimate Christmas Cracker

In 1969, John Julius Norwich, the legendary popular historian, gathered together the favourite things he'd come across in the last 365 days into one short charming pamphlet. Initially just a treat for his friends, it rapidly turned into a huge word-of-mouth success. And soon the arrival of John Julius Norwich's latest 'Christmas Cracker' became as essential a part of the English Christmas experience as holly and mistletoe. Norwich had a brilliant eye for a story and telling detail, and his Crackers are full of jokes, warmth and wit. Here in one bumper book is his final and 50th Christmas Cracker, alongside all the very best bits as picked out by his daughter Artemis Cooper. This is the perfect Christmas gift.

### Tom Smith's Christmas Crackers

For over 150 years, crackers have been a traditional part of Christmas festivities in the UK, but who was the creator of this wonderful innovation? Little is known about Tom Smith, confectioner and cracker creator, but Peter Kimpton draws on a wealth of archive material to relate the story of Tom Smith and the Christmas Cracker. From humble beginnings as a confectioner, Tom Smith created a highly successful company through the manufacture of crackers. The history of the company is richly illustrated by contemporary trade catalogs and company artwork. Today, the Tom Smith Group is proud to be the official supplier of Christmas crackers to the Royal Household, a tradition long held since the beginning of the 20th century.

### The Illustrated Christmas Cracker

A classic Christmas gift book, reissued with new cover artwork by Quentin Blake For more than 40 years, John Julius Norwich has been sending out his Christmas Crackers—a personal collection of quirky quotes and literary odds and ends—to his friends instead of a Christmas card. Here, Quentin Blake has made his own selection of favorite pieces and has illustrated them in his own trademark style. From curious dictionary definitions ("Carphology. Delirious fumbling with the bedclothes," Concise Oxford Dictionary) and tortuous palindromes ("Live dirt up a side-track carted is a putrid evil") to 18th-century accounts of drunken pigs and Benjamin Franklin's account of inventing bifocals, this cracker is stuffed with surprising, offbeat, often hilarious gems. Enlivened by Quentin Blake's witty illustrations, this book is a perfect stocking-stuffer.

### The Bolds' Christmas Cracker

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas? A mince spy! What happened to the hyena who swallowed an Oxo cube? He made a laughing stock of himself! Merry Christmas! The Bolds, the wildest family in Teddington, are back with a bumper book of jolly japes. It's packed with rib-tickling jokes and puzzles including wordsearches, crosswords, mazes, riddles and spot the difference to keep kids entertained long after the Christmas presents are unwrapped!

### The Jacqueline Wilson Christmas Cracker

The Jacqueline Wilson Christmas Cracker is packed with brilliant Christmas stories, including a brand-new tale from Jacqueline, and classic favourite Starring Tracy Beaker, in which Jacqueline's most famous heroine gets the lead part in her Christmas play! There are tasty Christmas recipes, perfect present tips, and fun facts all about Christmas. Plus, there's a special letter from Jacqueline herself, so you can find out all about her own Christmas memories and traditions! Merry Christmas from Jacqueline Wilson!

### Christmas Cracker Jokes

A cracking collection of hilarious jokes to keep you chuckling not just during Christmas and the festive period, but the whole year round. Stuffed full of over 250 classic silly jokes, just the sort you'd find in a Christmas cracker.

### Macca's Christmas Crackers

It's Christmas time, and Macca has a long list of presents that he would love to buy his friends. But when he checks his piggy bank, he realises that he's spent all of his savings. Oh no! This heartfelt celebration of friendship and kindness is the perfect Christmas story.

### Dave's Christmas Cracker

A brilliantly funny Christmas picture book, from the bestselling author of Supertato. Dave loves Christmas. There are friends, presents and, best of all, an ENORMOUS Christmas meal. Including LOTS of Brussel sprouts... Rumble, rumble goes Dave's tummy. Christmas is going to be EXPLOSIVE! Giggles are guaranteed with this fart-filled festive frolic! Perfect for fans of The Dinosaur That Pooped Christmas and Barry the Fish with Fingers.

### A Christmas Cracker

The Bold family seems fairly normal: they live in a nice house, the parents have good jobs, and they all love to have fun. One slight difference: they're hyenas. That's right—they're covered in fur, have tails tucked into their clothes, and really, really like to laugh. For years, the Bolds have kept their true identities under wraps. But now the neighbors are getting suspicious, and the Bolds are getting homesick. During a trip to the local wildlife park, they meet an old hyena who is going to be put down, and the Bolds have to act fast to save him—without revealing their secret!

### The Bolds

Discover this funny book series for kids that boys and girls around the world love to read! Horrid Henry's Christmas is the perfect Christmas chapter book for kids! Horrid Henry sabotages the Christmas play; tries to do all his Christmas shopping without spending any of his allowance; attempts to ambush Santa Claus (to get more presents, of course); and has to endure the worst Christmas dinner ever! Francesca

Simon is one of the world's best-loved children's authors. She is the only American to have ever won the Galaxy Book Award, and her creation, Horrid Henry, is the #1 bestselling chapter book series in the UK—with a hit TV show and over fifteen million copies sold! Each book contains four easy-to-read stories and hilarious illustrations by the one and only Tony Ross, so even the most reluctant of readers won't be able to resist Henry's amazing talent for trouble! Why Readers Love Horrid Henry's Christmas: A fun Christmas story for children and novelty stocking stuffer for preteen boys Screen-free fun for reluctant readers Hilarious middle grade series that will keep you coming back, book after book!

### Horrid Henry's Christmas

Oliver is fed up when he finds out he's going to be spending Christmas with his bullying cousins, Thug and Thugette, and things just go from bad to worse when they play a nasty trick on him. But with a little inspiration from a magical Christmas cracker, he comes up with a plan to save the day.

### Oliver Moon's Christmas Cracker

It's time to be homo for the holidays. Ebenezer Spooze has nothing on the heroes and anti-heroes of these four tales of holiday cheer. In Jazmin Starr's Christmas Carol, the heroine decides to spend the holiday break with her trusty vibrator and a collection of gay porn. Things go horribly wrong and she finds herself inveigled into pretending to be the girlfriend of one side of a hunky gay couple. The price for her compliance is high: she wants to watch the two men make love. Barry Lowe's three stories complete the set. In Fifty Shades of Fey, one of Santa's elves gets himself into all sorts of trouble when he attempts to break into a house to read the Naughty or Nice Meter. He gets a lot more than he bargained for when he falls asleep in the dungeon's leather sling. OMG! Santa's Got a Six-Pack! is a holiday romance in which a twink comic designer falls for Mr. Perfect, an older man whom he believes to be married. This story's happy ending will have you reaching for the tissues. In Christmas on the Rocks, Steve and Billy continue their incredible adventures of raw, hard sex. Billy takes on a pre-Christmas job as a pizza delivery boy but, much to Steve's chagrin, it isn't just pizza that Billy delivers. Will their relationship survive? This one will also have you reaching for the tissues - but for a very different reason. Excerpt from: Fifty Shades of Fey "What am I going to do with you?" he asked as he paced the office. It was a rhetorical question. He wasn't asking my opinion because he would have already made up his mind what punishment was my due. The United Nations talks a lot about Democracy but what we have here is a dictatorship. Nick's an immortal so there's no chance we'll ever be ruled by anyone more benevolent, or that we'll ever get to vote on anything. Hell, we make the Vatican and the Dalai Lama look positively benign politically in comparison. Nick may have believed that his punishment fitted the crime; I found it harsh and unnecessary. Perhaps not unnecessary - someone had to do it. But it was a shit job usually reserved for the intransigent, the criminal or the insane. To give the old miser credit, he was slowly implementing new technology but some areas were still in the grip of the old-fashioned meters which required on-site readings, much like the gas and electricity meters of yore. Most of the world was now hooked up to Santa's mainframe computer that automatically registered each and every human's naughty or nice quotient until, at midnight on December 24, it spat out a list of those who were deemed worthy of Santa's largesse. I pulled my thin coat tighter around my body, fluffed up my wet scarf around my mouth and nose to prevent the cold from penetrating, and yanked my colorful beanie down over my head to protect the pointy tips of my ears. Sighing loudly, I put my head down to strike out against the buffeting flurry of snow. Why the fuck couldn't he have sent me somewhere warm, like Australia? I knew why. This was punishment. Only the worst suburb in the worst city in the world was good enough for me. While my older brother, Rudolph, sat back home in centrally heated comfort sipping his cinnamon-flavored heated red wine in preparation for the wearying Christmas haul, I put my head down to butt against the snow and wind that stung my face, making the fine hairs bristle on my chin. I cursed again, knowing that by the time I got back having send my readings electronically - if only I could transport my body in such a fashion - I'd be so buggered that when the alarm went off the following morning I'd have so much difficulty shifting, Nick would whip me to hurry along my transformation.

### It's a Cracker

'If I could work my will, ' said Scrooge indignantly, 'Every idiot who goes about with Merry Christmas on his lips, should be boiled with his own pudding, and buried with a stake of holly through his heart.' This year go carol-singing in the Cotswolds with Laurie Lee or attend church with a grumpy Samuel Pepys. Make plum puddings for bemused French villagers with Elizabeth David; go present shopping

with Virginia Woolf or eat far too much with Agatha Christie. Celebrate Christmas at Chatsworth, in the workhouse or marooned in the ice with Shackleton ... For forty-five years, the arrival of John Julius Norwich's latest Christmas Cracker became as essential a part of the Christmas experience as holly and mistletoe. In *An English Christmas* the late legendary popular historian gathered all the best writing about this strangest and most memorable time of year into one book and his brilliant eye for a story is evident on every page. Vividly evoking all the good things about the festive season, this unexpected anthology is just as entertaining about its darker aspects. Eight-year-old Princess Margaret's thank-you list jostles with moving letters home from the trenches. Sherlock Holmes solves his trickiest case. George Orwell writes about indigestion; Jane Austen about reluctant socialising and Thomas Hardy about the old folk belief that all animals kneel at midnight on 24 December. There are ghost stories, games and bizarre recipes. Diary-entries, recipes and letters sit alongside poems and short stories. *An English Christmas* could convert any Scrooge into an instant enthusiast.

### Christmas Cracker

The Christmas tree is decorated and looking beautiful until Slinky Malinki gets involved. And what has happened to the fairy on top of the tree?

### An English Christmas

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### Slinky Malinki's Christmas Crackers

Join Rachel, Kirsty and Konnie the Christmas Cracker Fairy as they help to bring fun, laughter and gifts to everyone's Christmas meal. Kirsty and Rachel are very excited to be spending the Christmas holidays together. But when Jack Frost steals Konnie the Christmas Cracker Fairy's magical objects, festive cheer is at risk! Can the girls help get Konnie's objects back before the magic of Christmas is ruined forever? 'These stories are magic; they turn children into readers!' [ReadingZone.com](#) If you like *Rainbow Magic*, check out Daisy Meadows' other series: *Magic Animal Friends* and *Unicorn Magic*!

### The Illustrated Christmas Cracker

*Christmas Cracker Jokes* is crammed full of the best and the very worst cracker jokes. Guaranteed to provide all the groans and giggles needed to top off the perfect Christmas day. What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? What is the best Christmas present in the world? Find the answers to these and many more inside.

### Konnie the Christmas Cracker Fairy

It's often thought that restyling your space comes with a hefty price tag and unavoidable waste. But in *Resourceful Living*, award-winning interiors blogger Lisa Dawson shows how, with a little creativity, you can revamp your home with existing pieces, vintage finds and key purchases. The clever ideas in this beautiful book cover: - The most important ways we use our homes, from eating to sleeping, living and working. - The Basics of steering clear of interiors 'fast fashion', multi-purposing furniture and making the most of what you have. - Styling Your Home with simple solutions for re-imagining each room, from gallery walls to home bars, repainted storage to retro accessories. Including her top ten key vintage buys and tips for in-store and online thrifting, Lisa's inspiring advice shares the fun of creative sourcing as a more sustainable way to keep your home feeling fresh. 'Resourceful Living feels like reading a recipe book, not only because of the delicious interiors images, but because of the simple ingredients and easy methods that are shared to achieve beautiful living spaces for yourself.' Melanie Sykes 'I've been a long-time fan and follower of Lisa's interiors tips. This book really is super practical as well as beautiful - perfect for anyone looking to be more interiors savvy.' Rachel Khoo

### A Christmas Cracker

Are you ITCS yet? For those who don't know, we're talking about being In The Christmas Spirit here. Before you throw this book out of the window, just remember that this is a state of mind that advertisers and manufacturers try very hard to induce in you, and yet the answer is right here, in this little book. Being 'In The Christmas Spirit' is impossible to define. It's a bit like love, you know it when you're in it. Philip has gathered together a whole bunch of stories he's written about Christmases past and present, some factual, some fictional, over the years. Some of these, if you're a regular reader of his ramblings (and we know there are some of you out there...we can hear you breathing) you may recognise from previous collections, although updates have been made where it was sensible to do so. Interspersed with these familiar stories are others that have never previously seen the light of day, including a story featuring Josiah and Archibald, the two fictitious undertakers, written specifically for this collection. We really hope that you get as much enjoyment from reading these stories as we've had gathering them, and that you're ITCS before you can say "Ho, ho, ho!"

### Christmas Cracker Jokes

Count down to an Aussie Christmas, from 10 Christmas crackers ready to pop, to 1 last present underneath the tree. From the illustrator of *The Night Before Christmas* and *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. 10 Christmas crackers on the table top 10 Christmas crackers on the table top And if one Christmas cracker should accidentally POP There'll be 9 Christmas crackers on the table top. Sing along to the tune of '10 Green Bottles' as a typical Aussie family counts down to the most exciting day of the year! From decorating the tree, performing in a Christmas pageant, making presents for Mum and Dad, and laying out the stockings, this book includes everyone's favourite things about Christmas. Karen Erasmus is an illustrator and artist who lives on the Mornington Peninsula south of Melbourne. Her other books with Lothian are *The Night Before Christmas*, *The Twelve Days of Christmas* and *Five Little Platypuses*.

### Resourceful Living

The fourth hilarious story about the irrepressible penguins of City Zoo, from award-winning author Jeanne Willis. An *Awesome Animals* title – meet the world's funniest animals!

### A Christmas Cracker

Get Set! Piano Christmas Crackers contains over 30 carols for the beginner pianist, featuring a range of techniques and quizzes to support musical development from the very first lessons to Grade 2. Full of festive favourites such as Jingle bells, Silent night and Deck the halls, with a few lesser known carols included for good measure, many of the pieces have simple but effective teacher duet parts to encourage ensemble playing from the start. The book is illustrated throughout in the charming Get Set! style, and students are encouraged to decorate and colour in the drawings to reflect their progress. Packed with fantastic, tried-and-tested arrangements and a variety of fun activities to reinforce learning, this is the ultimate beginner piano Christmas book!

### Ten Christmas Crackers

Early Readers are stepping stones from picture books to reading books. A blue Early Reader is perfect for sharing and reading together. A red Early Reader is the next step on your reading journey. It is Book Week at Horrid Henry's school, and TJ Fizz, Henry's favourite author in the whole world, is coming in to talk to his class. So he can't believe his rotten luck when he is sent to listen to the Happy Nappy song with the Infants instead. He has to escape - but how?

### Penguin Pandemonium - Christmas Crackers (Awesome Animals)

Updated with a brand-new selection of desserts and treats, the *Sally's Baking Addiction Cookbook* is fully illustrated and offers more than 80 scrumptious recipes for indulging your sweet tooth—featuring a chapter of healthier dessert options, including some vegan and gluten-free recipes. It's no secret that Sally McKenney loves to bake. Her popular blog, *Sally's Baking Addiction*, has become a trusted source for fellow dessert lovers who are also eager to bake from scratch. Sally's famous recipes include award-winning Salted Caramel Dark Chocolate Cookies, No-Bake Peanut Butter Banana Pie, delectable Dark Chocolate Butterscotch Cupcakes, and yummy Marshmallow Swirl S'mores Fudge. Find tried-and-true sweet recipes for all kinds of delicious: Breads & Muffins Breakfasts Brownies &

Bars Cakes, Pies & Crisps Candy & Sweet Snacks Cookies Cupcakes Healthier Choices With tons of simple, easy-to-follow recipes, you get all of the sweet with none of the fuss!

### A Christmas Cracker,

Macca the Alpaca is the alpaca-llama mashup of the year! Perfect for fans of Oi, Frog! and You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus. Macca is an alpaca. He loves splashing in puddles, and he gives the very best cuddles. Harmer is a llama. He's tall, strong and woolly, but he's also a BIG BULLY. When a friendly alpaca comes face-to-face with a meanie llama, he soon realises that LLAMA DRAMA lies ahead. But, who knows, perhaps the differences that separate the two will be exactly what brings them together in the end. A heartwarming story of friendship, acceptance and the value of being yourself.

### Christmas Crackers

Count down to Christmas Horrid Henry-style with this totally awesome and great value festive gift book, packed with six favourite festive Horrid Henry stories, a Christmas survival guide and a hilarious advent joke countdown to the big day. Featuring: Horrid Henry's Christmas Play Horrid Henry and the Abominable Snowman Horrid Henry's Christmas Presents Horrid Henry's Ambush Horrid Henry's Christmas Horrid Henry's Christmas Lunch Plus How to Survive Christmas Chaos with Horrid Henry. The perfect festive gift book for Horrid Henry fans and mischievous children everywhere!

### Horrid Henry's Author Visit

From December 1st, right up to the big day itself, follow the pair as they prepare for the festivities amongst a jamboree of Santa Claus outfits, Maccarena dance moves and Nativity plays. If you've ever run around during those last few days before Xmas, wondering what to buy, how much food to prepare (and when to start cooking) then this is the book for you.

### Sally's Baking Addiction

Number One for Fiendish Fun! This book contains a school play, some stolen sweets, a visit from Father Christmas and a HELLISH dinner! Four utterly hilarious and totally brilliant Horrid Henry stories by Francesca Simon, with illustrations by Tony Ross. An irresistible introduction to reading for pleasure.

### Macca the Alpaca

A reissue of this hilarious picture book with a stunning glittery cover. Written by Sue Hendra, the creator of the bestselling Barry the Fish with Fingers (88,000 copies sold in the UK alone) and Norman the Slug with a Silly Shell (83,000 copies sold in the UK alone), and illustrated by Liz Pichon, the creator of the Tom Gates series. Dave is a great big ol' greedy guts. He loves his dinners. One unfortunate day, after eating a bit too much, he gets stuck in his cat flap. How will he escape? The answer will have you rolling around the floor with laughter. 'A simple story brilliantly told, with a hilarious conclusion.' The Bookbag 'I laughed so much I farted!' Edward, aged 6

### Horrid Henry's Cracking Christmas

Magic, elves, Christmas cheer, and a little mayhem. What happens when something unexpected falls out of a Christmas cracker? What happens when an elf goes missing and doesn't want to come home? What happens when an elf can't control his magic? What happens when an elf grows tired of Christmas and her magic becomes tainted? What happens when a magical Christmas realm is in danger of being discovered by humans? If you love uplifting and heartwarming Christmas stories, you'll love this collection of short stories packed with magic and Christmas cheer.

### Wallace and Gromit's Christmas Crackers

MiniEco is the sensational craft blog of Kate Lilley. With over 250,000 followers it has taken on cult status in the international craft community, and that is purely down to Kates fresh, contemporary and beautifully explained and executed craft projects. With a book for children already under her belt, this publication focuses more on adults with 33 pieces including paper gems, an origami lampshade, macrame hangings, pop-up pixel cards, hama bead candle holders, and tie-dyed furoshiki cloths. The ideas range in complexity from the simple to the advanced, but each one is totally unique and has never before been published. The look of the book will reflect the immaculate, Japanese-inflected minimalism

of the MiniEco website, with some high-end production finishes including a die-cut, dust-jacketed paperback binding and boldly pared-back photography. QR codes will link to animated gifs of the craft being made.

## Christmas Cracker

What do monkeys sing at Christmas time? Jungle Bells! What do elves learn at school? The elfabet! What is Santa's dog called? Santa Paws! An illustrated book of Christmas jokes for all young comedians!

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Dave