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The Victorian Christmas



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Synopsis

Anna Selby discusses how the Victorians invented many of the Christmas traditions we enjoy today from Christmas trees and cards to carols and Father Christmas himself. Dickens and Prince Albert shaped how many people view the British Christmas, an idea explored in the opening chapter. There is an emphasis on Victorian food, including authentic wassailing recipes and an easy introduction to planning traditional Christmas foods and traditional decorations. It offers readers a chance to enjoy a traditional Christmas, one centred around the home, family and simple decorations made from nature, a far cry from the materialistic Christmases we have today. This lovely book reminds us all just how enjoyable Christmas really is and shows us how to recreate our favourite traditions and recapture the magic of Christmas.

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Customer Reviews

this book is a well-written and entertaining account of Christmas customs, both those of pagan and Christian origin. Topics include things like the wassail bowl, mummers, the "Waits" (professional

carolers), etc. Includes picturesque color illustrations from Victorian times. This book is well worth reading!

Anna Selby had presented her information concisely and yet, in an entertaining manner, which makes this book a treasure. With a combination of sources, she gives a snapshot of Christmas in the 19th Century that is both touching and concrete. I especially love the inclusion of old recipes.

The most interesting part were the recipes. But in general it is a copy/paste book. It does not seem to have deep research. It was not as interesting as I thought it would be.

There is a lot of quoting from other books and recipe books. I would have liked to have more straight info.

For anyone who loves Christmas! If you merely like it, you will be inspired! Charles Dickens' daughter tells of her own family's joyful celebrations.

Great book. Experience a Victorian Christmas through the pages of this book.

Very simple read and quite interesting. Short book, that also has recipes and traditions I never heard of before. Seems to be accurate.

This book was very informative.

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