

IT'S CHRISTMAS!

Presents under the tree, snowmen, candy canes and Santa on his sleigh; Christmas is one of our favourite times of the year, so why not snuggle up by the fireside with a good story from our winter selection?

Many people know the nativity story of baby Jesus, where he was born in a stable in Bethlehem and was visited by shepherds, angels and three wise men. But there is a diverse range of Christmas tales and we've been looking through the Calibre library to find you the best ones. From snowstorms to crazy relatives, you'll find a festive story for everyone.

But December 25th hasn't always been a day of festive cheer. In 1647, the English parliament passed a law that made Christmas illegal! Anybody caught celebrating was arrested and this law lasted 50 years. Why don't you check out **SKIPPING CHRISTMAS** by John Grisham (6435) which explores what it might be like to give up Christmas!!!!!!

16733 ANGELS, ARGUMENTS AND A FURRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS By Karen McCombie

Like most children Ally loves Christmas. Unfortunately her family does not have the money to celebrate it properly. In the last week of school there is to be a fashion show and Ally is determined that Alfie will fall in love with her.

Key stage 2

15953 THE CHRISTMAS MYSTERY By Jostein Gaarder,
Joachim opens the 24 doors of a magic advent calendar and pieces together the story of a little girl taken on a journey from Norway to Bethlehem through 2,000 years of history.

Key stage 2

15574 CHIMNEY WITCH CHRISTMAS

By Victoria Whitehead

A story of fun, magic and mischief.

Key stage 1

6435 SKIPPING CHRISTMAS By John Grisham

When their daughter flies to Peru for two years, Luther and Nora Krank decide to skip Christmas. No cards; no presents; no fruit cakes; no rooftop Frostie or Christmas Eve drinks parties - instead Luther and Nora were leaving for a Caribbean cruise. But as time goes on they realize that skipping Christmas isn't as easy as they thought!

Suitable for Key stage 4

15926 CHRISTMAS FAIRY TALES By Neil Philip

A sparkling collection of fairy tales which capture the true spirit of Christmas.

Key stage 2

15732 THE CHRISTMAS GHOST By Robert Westall

A thrilling Christmas ghost story set in Tyneside in 1930.

Key stage 3

15226 CHRISTMAS STORIES FOR CHILDREN

By Mavis Connelly

Collection of short stories on a Christmas theme.

Key stage 1

8225 VILLAGE CHRISTMAS

By Miss Read

Two stories from Miss Read demonstrating her wry wit and light touch. From the rural festivities of a village Christmas, to the poignant tale of a white robin.

Suitable for key stage 4

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! From Hannah, Keira and Victoria, who wrote and recorded this year's Buzzword Newsletter.