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The Joy of Christmas Multiplied by 101

Chicken Soup for the Soul shares real-life stories that will get you ready for the holidays

COS COB, Conn. – Danielle Kuhn’s five-year-old son was concerned when he learned the fire fighters at his local station weren’t allowed to play with the model fire trucks the chief displayed in a locked glass case. He and his three-year-old sister decided they needed to do something to brighten Christmas for their hometown heroes. That led to a Kuhn family tradition that has endured more than 12 years now and has grown into a large effort every Christmas Eve—bringing candy to all the first responders in their town: the fire fighters, EMTs, emergency room staff, and police. It’s the highlight of the family’s Christmas.

Family traditions prevail throughout this Chicken Soup for the Soul collection, but what do you do when you’re far from home? Joanna Dylan and her husband decided to start a new tradition after they moved and had no family nearby. They invited six guests who were in the same situation and prepared a traditional turkey dinner. They had such a great time that they’ve continued doing it every year. Joanna says, “Throughout the years, my Christmas guest list has changed, but the one thing that hasn’t changed is the magic of Christmas.”

The joy of giving and sharing runs throughout the 101 true, personal stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Joy of Christmas* (Chicken Soup for the Soul, LLC; Amy Newmark; October 18, 2016, 978-1-61159-963-3, \$14.95). You’ll read about communities coming together to make Christmas special for families going through a hard time, the kindness of strangers, and some pay-it-forward stories that will make you tear up. You’ll be awed by stories of unexplainable Christmas miracles. And you’ll laugh too, when you read about holiday hijinks and the funny things that kids say.

You’ll also pick up some great tips for finding the perfect gift, making the holidays less stressful, and decorating. Cinda Findlan, for example, figured out how to make her holiday decorating less stressful. When her husband and son disappeared into the basement to organize their fishing tackle instead of helping with the tree, she hit upon a brilliant idea to get the guys involved. The Findlans have been decorating their tree with fishing lures for sixteen years now!

This collection of heartwarming stories will leave you smiling and eager to share the holidays, filled with new ideas and enthusiasm for this special time of year. As Mrs. Nicholas Claus, the book’s foreword writer, says, “The elves at Chicken Soup for the Soul have done it again!”

ABOUT CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Chicken Soup for the Soul, the world’s favorite and most recognized storyteller, publishes the famous *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series. With well over 100 million books sold to date in the U.S. and Canada alone, more than 250 titles, and translations into more than 40 languages, “chicken soup for the soul” is one of the world’s best-known phrases and is regularly referenced in pop culture. Today, 23 years after it first began sharing happiness, inspiration and hope through its books, this socially conscious company continues to publish a new title a month, but has also evolved beyond the bookstore with super premium pet food, television shows and movies, and a variety of other digital content and licensed products, all inspired by true stories, as it continues “changing the world one story at a time®.”

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