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Make your holidays even merrier with these entertaining tales
Santa Claus and Chicken Soup for the Soul show you how

COS COB, Conn. – It was the first time that Joyce Laird’s family cut their own tree. They proudly put it up in their living room, and after a fun evening they went to sleep, only to be awakened in the middle of the night by the sounds of a terrified squirrel that had emerged from the tree and was being chased through the house by their dog and cat. The ensuing mayhem ensured that Joyce’s family would never cut their own tree again!

Gail Molsbee Morris tells us about the first time she cooked Christmas dinner for her in-laws. She had planned obsessively—making lists and calculating cooking times—and she was so pleased by how well it was going that she started to relax and enjoy herself, until there was a loud noise in the kitchen. Gail rushed in and saw nothing amiss until she opened the oven and discovered that the turkey had exploded into hundreds of pieces. All Gail could do was laugh and serve the “pre-carved” pieces to her guests.

Christmas mishaps are often our favorite memories of the holidays, and these are just two of the 101 heartwarming, often hilarious, holiday memories recounted in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Merry Christmas!* (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC; Amy Newmark; foreword by Santa Claus; October 20, 2015, 978-1611599534, \$14.95). From exploding turkeys and holiday hijinks to cherished memories and traditions, this collection of entertaining stories about the love, fun, and wonder of the holidays is a great way to get into the spirit of things. You’ll also pick up some great tips about creative, low-cost gifts, stress-free entertaining, and ways to keep your positive attitude while you live through the “happy mess” of the holidays.

You’ll laugh out loud at some stories; others will make you tear up a little. You’ll be reminded of the joy of giving when you read Daryl Wendy Strauss’s story about the instructions her mom left when she died. She asked her kids to continue filling a Christmas stocking for her each year and then give it to a woman in need. Her kids ended up turning this into a charity called Mom’s Stocking that has distributed hundreds of filled Christmas stockings across the U.S.

This collection will leave you smiling and eager to share the holidays, filled with new ideas and enthusiasm for this special time of year. You’ll also find that Chicken Soup for the Soul didn’t forget Hanukkah, with a good ten percent of the stories focused on Hanukkah as well. There’s something for everyone in these joy-filled pages.

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 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, 22 years after it first began sharing happiness, inspiration and wellness through its books, this socially conscious company continues to publish new titles, but has also evolved beyond the bookstore with super premium pet food, a line of high quality soups, and a variety of licensed products and digital offerings, all inspired by stories. Chicken Soup for the Soul has recently expanded into visual storytelling through movies and television, as it continues “changing the world one story at a time®.”

To receive a review copy of *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Merry Christmas!* or to request an interview, please contact Shelby Sledge at (512) 206-0229 or shelby@sheltoninteractive.com.

