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## Make your Christmas even merrier

*Chicken Soup for the Soul celebrates the love, fun and wonder of the holidays*

**COS COB, Conn.** – Joyce Laird had left her Christmas turkey to brine in the sink as usual. But when she went to rotate it, she was horrified to find her supposedly dead turkey hopping around on the kitchen floor! Her children started screaming, and her husband rushed in to bravely conquer the zombie turkey. The mystery was solved when their cat poked his little head out of the turkey’s body.

Joyce’s family started a new tradition that year with an emergency Christmas rib roast. Their story is a great way to put Christmas mishaps in perspective, and is just one of the many funny and heartwarming holiday memories recounted in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: It’s Christmas! (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, Oct. 8, 2013, 978-1611599251)*. From dancing turkeys and other holiday hijinks to cherished memories and traditions, this collection of 101 stories about the love, fun, and wonder of the holidays is a great way to jumpstart your own Christmas spirit.

Christmas can be quite suspenseful too. Monika LaPlante shares a startling story in the book about how she was awakened on Christmas Eve by her sister’s terrified pleas to an intruder in her room. Monika then realized there was a man standing in the dark in her room, too. The brave teen reached for her glasses and turned on the light, ready to defend herself, only to discover that she and her sister were the recipients of the elves’ best work, which had been intended for Christmas morning. Standing at the foot of their beds were life-size cardboard cutouts of teen heartthrobs Edward Cullen and Justin Bieber.

You may be one of those people who take Christmas very seriously, with long to-do lists, a lot of stress, and an attic full of decorations. These stories will remind you to have fun while you’re at it. Dawn Byrne’s husband competed with his sister every year to see who had the best decorated yard, so one year, right after Christmas, Dawn suggested they steal his sister’s Baby Jesus from her outdoor nativity scene. Dawn and her husband spent the next year taking pictures of the kidnapped baby in various locations and sending them to his sister. She played along and even taped a picture of her missing Baby Jesus to a milk carton.

Whether these stories make you laugh out loud or bring a tear to your eye, you’ll want to share them with friends and relatives. This is a gift that will keep on giving, keeping the spirit of Christmas alive all year.

### ABOUT CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, publishes the famous Chicken Soup for the Soul book series. In 2007, *USA Today* named *Chicken Soup for the Soul* one of the five most memorable books in the last quarter-century. With over 100 million books sold to date in the U.S. and Canada alone, almost 250 titles in print and translations into more than 40 languages, “chicken soup for the soul” is one of the world’s best-known phrases. Today, 20 years after it first began sharing happiness, inspiration and wellness through its books, Chicken Soup for the Soul continues to delight its readers with new titles, but has also evolved beyond the bookstore. Its high quality products include wholesome and balanced pet food that recognizes the unique relationship between pets and people and a new line of delicious nutritious comfort food inspired by the connection between food and feelings. Chicken Soup for the Soul is “always there for you™.” For more information visit [www.chickensoup.com](http://www.chickensoup.com).

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