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Victorian Christmas



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 centered 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 favorite 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.

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

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

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