



The Wonder 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. – Kathie Leier’s rescue dog Keiko watched as his family exchanged gifts on Christmas Eve. Imagine everyone’s surprise when they pushed back from the dinner table and discovered that Keiko had placed neat little piles of kibble at the feet of each person. He had made multiple trips to and from his bowl, carefully carrying a few morsels at a time. Kathie says, “Gentle and affectionate Keiko had shared the most special thing he had—the only thing he had—the food in his dish. Our little rescue dog was saying thank you.”

The joy of giving and sharing runs throughout the 101 true, personal stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Wonder of Christmas* (Chicken Soup for the Soul, LLC; Amy Newmark; October 16, 2018, 978-1-61159-982-4, \$14.95). You’ll read about communities coming together to make Christmas special for families going through hard times, 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 read about people at their very best—reaching out, forgiving, and forging new connections. Loreen Martin Broderick writes that her husband Tom had to spend every Christmas without his four older children. Loreen could tell how much it bothered him. And then Tom’s first wife, Jackie, called and asked Loreen, Tom, and their daughter Molly to come for Christmas. She said, “Tom and I have been divorced over ten years now,” and she went on to say that she knew he was a great dad and she didn’t want to keep him apart from all his children on Christmas. The two families became close after that first Christmas, and they ended up sharing many holidays and family events.

As always, the stories in this collection are what Chicken Soup for the Soul calls “Santa safe,” meaning that they keep the magic alive, even for precocious readers. And the editors didn’t forget the other winter holidays either, with heartwarming stories about Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and New Year’s. These 101 stories will leave you smiling and eager to share all the holidays, filled with new ideas and enthusiasm for this special time of year.

This book is one of three that Chicken Soup for the Soul earmarked in 2018 as fundraisers for specific nonprofit organizations. Royalties from this book will go to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program, which creates miracles for millions of families every year by providing holiday gifts to children in the U.S. who might not otherwise receive any. The other *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books published in 2018 that have supported specific nonprofits are *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Empowered Woman*, which raises funds for Dress for Success, and *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Canadian Acts of Kindness*, which supports United Way Centraide Canada.

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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, 25 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 through its subsidiary, Chicken Soup for the Soul Entertainment, podcasts, positive journalism from aplus.com, education programs, and licensed products, all revolving around true stories, as the company continues “changing the world one story at a time®.”

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