

# A Child's Christmas at St. Nicholas Circle

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A Child's Christmas at St. Nicholas Circle is a fictional story based on one of the Thomas Kinkadee's most popular holiday paintings, St. Nicholas Circle. Young children and families will delight as the painting comes to life and they are immersed in the colors and lights of the holiday season. The story concludes at the church on the circle on Christmas Eve with a warm, heart tugging ending. This book will quickly become a holiday classic and a family tradition.

Douglas Kaine McKelvey, author of the Thomas Kinkadee-illustrated story A Child's Christmas at St. Nicholas Circle, lives in Franklin, Tennessee, with his wife and three daughters. As a songwriter, McKelvey has had ten #1 songs and has received five Dove Award nominations. He has over sixty songs recorded by a diverse group of artists including Jim Brickman, Point of Grace, Avalon, All Star United, Michael W. Smith, and a cut on the recent McCaughey Septuplets lullaby record, Sweet Dreams. An EMI writer for several years, McKelvey started his own independent music publishing company under the name "Songs Only Dogs Can Hear." Born in New Hampshire and raised in Texas, McKelvey has called Tennessee home for the past 10 years.

Thomas Kinkadee, the Painter of Light™, emphasized simple pleasures and inspirational messages through his art - and the branded products created from that art. From textiles, to collectibles, to music and books, Thom believed that both the ability and the inspiration to create his paintings had been given to him as a gift. His goal as an artist was to touch people of all faiths and to bring peace and joy into their lives through the images he had created. Inspired by popular artist Kinkadee's painting Christmas at St. Nicholas Circle, this sentimental story develops in a small town in 1918. When a mysterious telegram announces the arrival of an "Important Guest," young Henry hopes it will be Santa bringing the presents he knows his parents can ill afford. But while everyone in town is attending to a traveling salesman, Henry discovers his own "Important Guest," a lost child--and learns the meaning of Christmas. McKelvey's (The Angel Knew Papa and the Dog) graceful language vivifies Kinkadee's winter landscapes. Old-fashioned sepia-tone photographs of the "characters," printed over some of the paintings, extend the nostalgic reverie. All ages. (Oct.)

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