

Tomie dePaola's Book Of Christmas Carols

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A selection of more than thirty favorite Christmas carols, highlighted by full-color illustrations and six fold-out pages featuring triptych-like designs. Unlike dePaola's recent *An Early American Christmas*, which shows the dawn of holiday jubilation in a New England village, this book portrays the more serene aspects of Christmas, of reverence and religious imagery. The selections are mostly familiar—"O, Come All Ye Faithful," "I Saw Three Ships," "Good King Wenceslas," "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella!" with some lesser-known songs as well: "The Cherry Tree Carol" and "'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime." But well-known or not, the carols are lovingly placed among pictures with varied settings: Victorian and biblical, some on gatefold pages. DePaola's intense hues—slate blues, rich burgundies and mossy greens—reflect the way colors show up in a wintry background. His Christmas spirit, here of subdued joy, is infectious. All ages.

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On My Way. Tomie is overjoyed because his baby sister, Maureen, is finally strong enough to come home from the hospital. Over the next months, he is in a dance recital and he gets to go to the World's Fair. Soon, the school year is at an end. Summer is full of fun things to do, like going to the beach and celebrating the Fourth of July—but Tomie can't wait for school to start again. He hopes he'll get Miss Kiniry, the first-grade teacher he likes the best. In first grade he will finally—finally—learn to read. And maybe even get a library card of his own! "DePaola's writing and recollective skills are so fresh that kids will feel like he's sitting right next to them, telling his tales in and out of school with disarming charisma and not a hint of nostalgia." (The Horn Book) "More please." (Kirkus Reviews, pointer review)

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