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Santa's Kwanzaa



Synopsis

Santa lays the last present beneath the last Christmas tree and returns weary-eyed to the North Pole-to the surprise of a lifetime. From the twenty-sixth day of December to January first, Santa and his family delight in the Kwanzaa tradition, and have a jolly-good time. But as the last day approaches, Santa is still filled with the holiday spirit and wants to do something extra special to show his love for humanity. What more can Santa give? Painfully funny merry-making wraps up sweetly in this risible and enchanting celebration of two holidays under one cover!

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Customer Reviews

I am a children's librarian who reviews children's books hither and thither. Thither and yon. Naturally, this job is awfully enjoyable, but it's also fraught with peril. Some of the peril is connected to the fact that as a WASP I view the books I review from a certain perspective. I sometimes have difficulty seeing things from other points of view. I'm mentioning this, you see, because not so long ago I heard of a challenge to Garein Eileen Thomas's charming, "Santa's Kwanzaa". It seems that someone in the world felt that this book was offensive. When I heard this, I was puzzled. "Santa's Kwanzaa"? Really? Really really? So I checked it out of my library branch, paged through it, showed it to countless librarians like myself, and we all came to the same conclusion. Say what you want about this book. Say it's a teensy bit cheesy or maybe it's rhymes don't always work out perfectly. But do not say that the book is offensive. It's a lovely little combination of two distinct holidays into a single amusing text that all sorts of kids can enjoy. But then, that's just my angle on it. Christmas Eve is almost over and Santa's reaching the end of the night. He's just left the last house, chomped on

the last cookie, and is returning back home to the North Pole at long last. On entering his house, however, something is up. He walks into his living room and SURPRISE!! It's his wife and his elves holding out his kente with a big banner reading, "Welcome Home, Santa Kwaz!". Santa relaxes after all his work and the elves give him some presents for Kwanzaa.

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