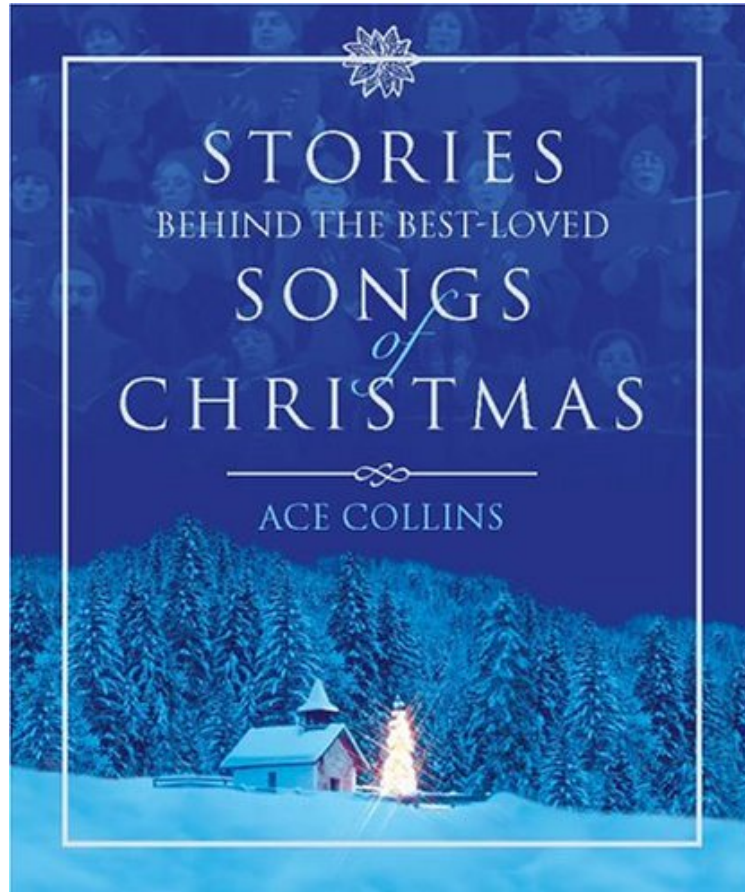


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Christmas carol in history. These last two carols are among the stories in the book. For the Sunday after Christmas, we did the story of The Twelve Days of Christmas which is also in this book. I showed the book to our priest and to my 95 year old mother, and they wanted the book so I purchased two more as Christmas gifts, which they are also avidly reading! Thank you for making such a wonderful book available!

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From Publishers Weekly This year, at least three different titles explore the origins of well-known Christmas carols. Ace Collins's *Stories Behind the Best-Loved Songs of Christmas* takes on more than 30 popular songs and hymns, from classics such as "O Holy Night" and "Angels We Have Heard on High" to the contemporary Christian hit "Mary, Did You Know?" Secular numbers such as "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" also get their due in this attractively designed gift book. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Collins is an ace at song history, dispensing compendiums of song backstories that are nothing if not tasty--quite a feat, given the saccharinity of popular-music commentators in general. His custom is to tell how a song came to be written and popularized, capping the resultant article with a snippet about its commercial track record, if appropriate; quite often in this book, it isn't. Many a Christmas song peaked in popularity long before Bing Crosby or Judy Garland could have had a first-time chart-topper with them. Of course, Bing did make "Silver Bells" a hit, Judy scored with "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and Collins is fully in his element with those and other twentieth-century entrants into the Christmas canon. Not that he doesn't tell a good tale about each of the 31 entries in this book. It's just that, with the old songs, he can't impart facts such as the one he drops about "Silver Bells"--to wit, as Der Bingle moaned about many other things, Hope did it first. Ray Olson Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved From the Back Cover Following in the successful footsteps of our Christmas Carols Miniature Edition (more than 300,000 sold), this lovely little adaption of a popular book about the origins of more than 30 of the most beloved Christmas songs, both secular and religious, promises to be a strong seller as well. "Collins is an ace at song history" notes booklist.