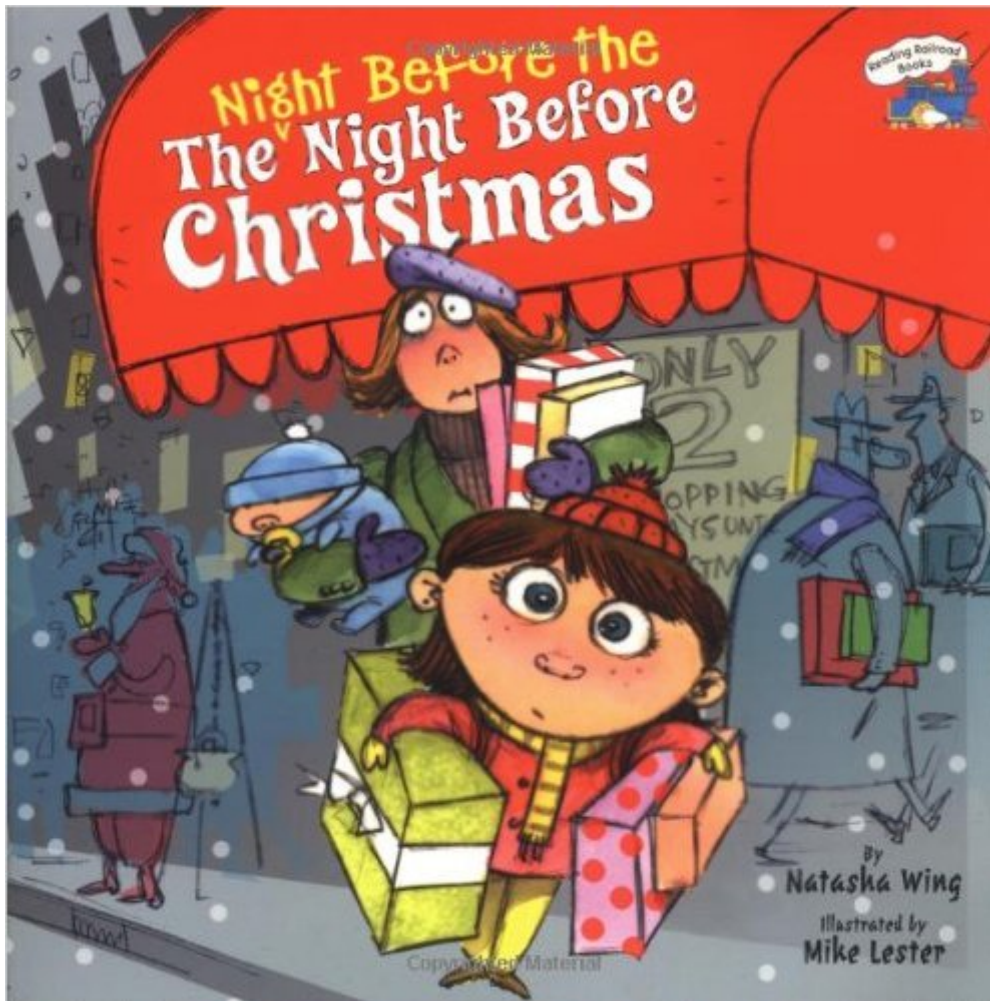


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The Night Before The Night Before Christmas



Synopsis

It's December 23, and Christmas is just around the corner. But one family is having trouble getting its act together. Once again, Natasha Wing follows the rhythms and meter of Clement Moore's classic Christmas poem, yet gives it her own entirely original twist.

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

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Customer Reviews

The old classic Christmas poem, "The Night Before Christmas" is probably one of the most repeated and parodied works ever. The different versions of this poem must number into the hundreds; if not the thousands. I can remember that a group of us wrote our own version when I was in high school which was based on a "Beatnik" theme and included some very good illustrations which alas, was not appreciated one little bit by the folks who ran the school and the local PTA. (Hey, it was their loss). Anyway, this little book is yet another and I have to tell you right now that I love this little version. "Twas the night before the night before Christmas, with too much to do. Our tree wasn't up yet, and Mom had the flu." Let me state right now that the art work in this one is comical in nature and an absolute delight. The artist, Mike Lester has captured the spirit of this little verse and the circumstances perfectly. "Dad tied the tree to our car. 'This will just have to do.' Mom nodded glumly and sneezed, 'Ah-ah0CHOOO!' We dragged in our tree through the front door. It dropped half

its needles all over the floor." I think one of the reasons that this book is so appealing is that there is much truth on each page and children are able to identify with it instantly. I dare say that the sort of situations addressed here are played out in numerous households, to one extent or another, throughout the country each year. "When he plugged in the cord, not a single light lit. Did we have extra bulbs? Yes...but none of them fit." When all is finally ready, the family enters their home only to find that the family cat has pretty well destroyed tree, decorations and all.

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