

Holiday Picture Books Around the World

The holidays are a special time, and this wonderful collection of picture books celebrates the rich diversity of holiday traditions practiced by people all around the world. After all, no matter where you live or how you celebrate, this is the most wonderful time of the year!

Library Checklist

- Little Red Ruthie* by Gloria Koster (Hanukkah)
- The Ninth Night of Hanukkah* by Erica Perl (Hanukkah)
- Hanukkah Haiku* by Harriet Ziefert (Hanukkah)
- Tree of Cranes* by Allen Say (Japan)
- Together for Kwanzaa* by Juwanda G. Ford (Kwanzaa)
- Li'l Rabbit's Kwanzaa* by Donna L. Washington (Kwanzaa)
- The Night of Las Posadas* by Tomie dePaola (Mexico)
- 'Twas Nochebuena* by Rosanne Greenfield Thong (Mexico)
- Bringing in the New Year* by Grace Lin (New Year/Chinese)
- The Baker's Dozen* by Aaron Shepard (St. Nicholas)
- Lucia Morning in Sweden* by Ewa Rydaker (Swedish)
- The Tomten* by Astrid Lindgren (Swedish)
- The Shortest Day* by Susan Cooper (Winter Solstice)
- The Twelve Days o Yule* by Susan Rennie (Yule/Scotland)
- Who's That Knocking on Christmas Eve?*
by Jan Brett (Norwegian/Arctic)
- Native American Night Before Christmas*
adapted and written by Gary Robinson

Picture Book Spotlight



'Twas Nochebuena
by Roseanne Greenfield
Thong (Central America)

Everyone knows the traditional "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" poem, so why not enjoy a delightful new version that celebrates Hispanic culture and holiday traditions? Take a seat at the table and join the family fiesta with fun, food, and festivities—and learn a little bit of Spanish along the way!

- The Legend of Old Befana: An Italian Christmas Story* by Tomie dePaola (Italy)
- Christmas Around the World* by Mary D. Lankford (Multicultural)
- A World of Cookies for Santa* by M.E. Furman (Multicultural)
- Shanté Keys and the New Year's Peas* by Gail Piernas-Davenport (New Year/Multicultural)

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The Legend of Old Befana: An Italian Christmas Story by Tomie dePaola (Italy)

Every day, cranky Old Befana works hard, sweeping her house, her steps, and her walkway. But no one seems to know why. That is, not until three kings arrive at Befana's house enroute to Bethlehem to see a newborn king. Old Befana wants to take gifts to the baby, too—but how will she get there?