



An illustrated talk by historian  
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## *A Christmas Story:* The Making of a Modern Holiday Classic

Did you know the holiday film *A Christmas Story* (1983) was filmed in Cleveland during one of the city's warmest winters of the century? That author Jean Shepherd not only narrates the film but also makes a cameo appearance? *A Christmas Story* debuted more than 40 years, but Americans still love to watch 12-year-old Ralphie as he navigates the all-important Christmas season hoping to secure the "holy grail" of Christmas presents. Join historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., for a look at how this movie came to be and why it has become such an enduring seasonal favorite.

