

# ON THE BOOKSHELF

For all of the young readers, Candlewick Press and Nosy Crow, a division of Candlewick, have published some very unique Christmas books:

## **“Fa La La/Tra-la-la”**

By Leslie Patricelli

It’s a bilingual board book for ages 0-3 with charming illustrations and a sweet story!

## **“Make & Play Nativity” and “Make & Play Christmas”**

Both by Joey Chou

Each has 20 punch-out play pieces plus songs, recipes and activities. (From Nosy Crow)

## **“Panorama Pops: The 12 Days of Christmas”**

Illustrated by Grahame Baker-Smith

Each scene of the beloved Christmas carol is beautifully illustrated by a Kate Greenway Medal winner in this charming child-sized fold-out book (age 5-9)

## **“Elf in the House”**

By Ammi-Joan Paquette, art by Adam Record

With minimal text and delightful illustrations, it’s the story of a little girl who discovers a new friend in her house on a snowy Christmas Eve.

## **“The Winter Fox”**

By Timothy Knapman

Art by Rebecca Harry

Fox doesn’t look forward to winter, even though all his fellow forest friends are preparing. Rabbit, Owl and Squirrel tried, but he was having nothing of it. When the cold winds began blowing, Fox realizes his folly. He wishes on a star until a box full of toys and food falls on his head! He wisely shares it with his friends, and they invite him to stay with them through the winter.

## **"The Princess and the Christmas Rescue"**

By Caryl Hart

Illustrated by Sarah Warburton

Princess Eliza loves to make things, but her parents don't like the mess. She asks Santa for advice on how to make friends. When she stumbles onto Santa's Workshop and discovers he is sick, Eliza will become the heroine of Christmas by inventing all sorts of machines to help the elves!

## **"The Christmas Fairy"**

By Anne Booth

Art by Rosalind Beardshaw

Clara is a talkative, fun-loving fairy who sings and dances. Her teacher wants her to learn how to stand very, very still, but Clara can't. Then Santa asks for her help: so many of the actors are injured or sick that he wants to play every role in the Christmas program at the North Pole. Santa explains, "Not every fairy has to be on a tree!"

For middle school or teen reads at Christmas:

## **"Stubby Pringles's Christmas"**

By Jack Schaeffer

Art by Lorence Bjorkland

(University of New Mexico Press)

The scruffy, tough cowpoke Stubby plans to go to the Christmas dance, 27 miles of snow-dumped distance. On the way, he runs up on the Hendersons, good folks but having a hard patch, with Mr. Henderson bad sick and Christmas a'comin'.

Jack Schaeffer is also the bestselling author of "Shane", the classic 1949 Western story.