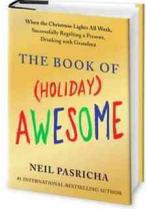


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Happy Holidays

The holidays add joy?and sometimes stress?to life. The Library helps you find the cheer this season with the perfect respite: books and videos that raise your spirits and lift your heart.

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America's Favorite Holidays: Candid Histories

Bruce David Forbes

Adult Nonfiction ? 394.26973 For

Explores how five of America's culturally dominant holidays (Christmas, Valentine?s Day, Easter, Halloween, and Thanksgiving) came to be what they are today: combinations of seasonal and religious celebrations, heavily influenced by modern popular culture.

Children's Music

Holiday and Everyday Songs

Hap Palmer

Children's Music ? J 781.524 Pal

An eclectic CD for all ages, paying tribute to a wide variety of holidays.

Fiction

The Mistletoe Secret

Richard Paul Evans

Adult Fiction ? Evans

A holiday story about two people who brave loneliness and loss to find love.



Nothing with Strings: NPR's Beloved Holiday Stories

Bailey White

Adult Fiction ? White

A holiday collection of short stories that capture the eccentric lives of the inhabitants of a small Southern town.

Movies & Music



Christmas in the Heartland

Movies & Music ? DVD Chr

Seated next to each other on a plane, Kara and Jessie strike up an unlikely friendship. With both girls visiting family they've never met, they devise a plan to switch places for Christmas.

Spirit of Thanksgiving

Movies & Music ? DVD 394.2649 Spi

Sounds, sights and music to create a holiday atmosphere.

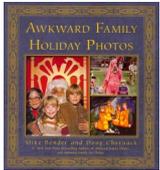
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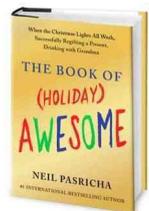


Awkward Family Holiday Photos

Mike Bender

Adult Nonfiction ? 818.602 Ben

Pays homage to the holidays' funniest (and most uncomfortable) moments, as captured by awkward family photos.

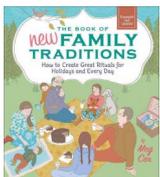


The Book of (Holiday) Awesome

Neil Pasricha

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Describes all the little things that make the holidays great, from successfully regifting a present to knowing that Kwanzaa is worth more Scrabble points than Hanukkah or Christmas.



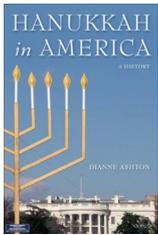
The Book of New Family Traditions: How to Create Great Rituals for Holidays and Every Day

Meg Cox

Adult Nonfiction ? 306.85 Cox

Family traditions provide a sense of home and identity that kids and parents both need. This book

spotlights hundreds of ways to bring fun and ritual back to family life.



Hanukkah in America: A History

Dianne Ashton

Adult Nonfiction ? 296.435 Ash

Reveals how an almost forgotten festival became the most visible of American Jewish holidays.

Humor for the Holidays

Edited by Jennifer Stair

Adult Nonfiction ? 818.54 Hu

Stories, quips and quotes for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.



When Holidays Hurt: Finding Hidden Hope Amid Pain and Loss

Bo Stern

Adult Nonfiction ? 248.866 Ste

Stories and scriptures that offer readers a way to redeem what can be painful days?Thanksgiving, Christmas, birthdays and anniversaries, milestones such as weddings and graduations, and more.

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