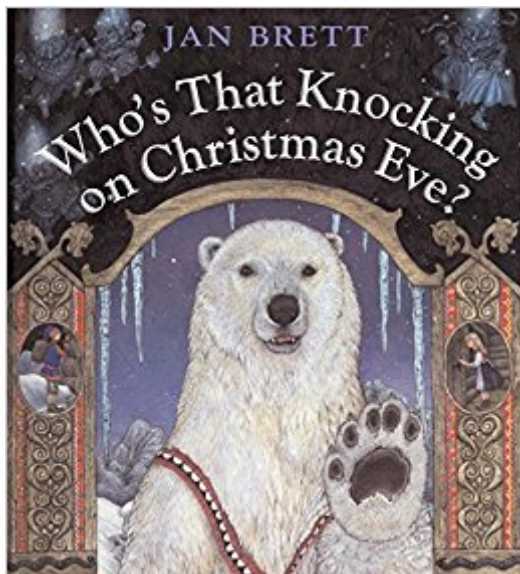


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# Who's That Knocking On Christmas Eve?



## Synopsis

Every year, trolls knock down Kyri's door and gobble up her Christmas feast. But this year, the trolls are in for a surprise: a boy and his pet ice bear on their way to Oslo have come in from the cold. And once the ice bear is finished with the trolls, you can bet they won't come knocking next Christmas Eve! Once again, Jan Brett creates an original Christmas story full of warmth and magic. Featuring beautiful borders, intricate illustrations, and a stunning display of the Northern Lights, *Who's That Knocking on Christmas Eve?* will rightfully take its place among Jan's Christmas favorites with the whole family.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Knock knock. Who's there? More trolls to add to Brett's (*Christmas Trolls*; *Trouble with Trolls*) canon. Apparently, the trouble with trolls is that they're always making trouble. Luckily, they never get any smarter. In this Arctic story, a shy Finnmark girl fends off lurking trolls with help from a traveling boy and his pet polar bear. An icy landscape shimmers under the northern lights while bright Scandinavian frocks and household items give the scenery a kicky dash of color. Brett simultaneously reveals another angle of her tale via intricately designed side panels that frame the main event. The lifelike polar bear, both hulking and docile, is a scene-stealer. Ages 4-8. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Kindergarten-Grade 2-In this story based on a traditional Norwegian folktale, a boy traveling from Finnmark to Oslo with his pet polar bear stops by Kyri's hut on Christmas Eve. The guests help to frighten away the trolls who come to wreak havoc and steal all of the holiday treats. The pleasure here lies mostly in the lush, richly textured illustrations, with Brett's distinctive borders that incorporate Norwegian folk motifs and trolls romping through skies lit by the Northern lights. Scenery aside, the children are rather one-dimensional, but the bear is handsome and heroic and the trolls satisfyingly ugly and naughty.-V. W. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I really enjoy this book! The most noteworthy thing is the illustrations, Jan Brett is a master. They're just beautiful and so detailed. The story is nice as well. It doesn't necessarily flow perfectly and isn't completely logical. These are things that usually bug me, but I'm okay with it, in part because the story is so charming overall and in part because I know it's based on an old folktale and folktales don't always make perfect sense. I also agree that the name of the book combined with the cover illustration are misleading in regards to what the story is actually about. To those who are a bit worried the book could be too scary for kids since it involves trolls breaking into a house, the trolls don't hurt anyone or destroy the house. They just gobble up the Christmas feast. Spoiler alert- does anyone understand why the father, who is supposed to be keeping his eyes open for trolls, turns around and crawls into a little cave in one of the illustrations, an action that results in the trolls getting into the house? My husband and I can't figure that one out!

Love Jan Brett and her illustrations. Great Christmas story.

Mom thought it was weird, but daughter (who tends to scare easily) just said it was "funny" and that we should give it "definitely five stars." She thought it was funny that the bad trolls got scared away, that they bounced off the walls and windows, and that the littlest troll thought that the polar bear was a kitty.

Great Christmas gifts

perfect

I taught Pre K and Kindergarten in a public school for 34 years. This book was among my students' favorites. There was enough action and drama to capture the attention of the most street-wise boys.

The story was fast-paced and the kids didn't know what might happen next. Kids who would never dream of misbehaving love to hear about "bad characters"! I just bought this book for my four-year-old grandson who adores super hero stories, because I just know he'll love those trolls. It will present a good opportunity to discuss kind treatment of pets and good manners.

Jan Brett illustrates children's books like no other! The intricate details in the pictures will be fun for little ones to see, even before they can read. I highly recommend this book.

I love the story it is sweet and charming. I first got it when I was little and recently replaced it. I am glad I did, and I plan on keeping it till I can read it to my kids someday. For now I take it to the day care where I work and read it to them and they love it.

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