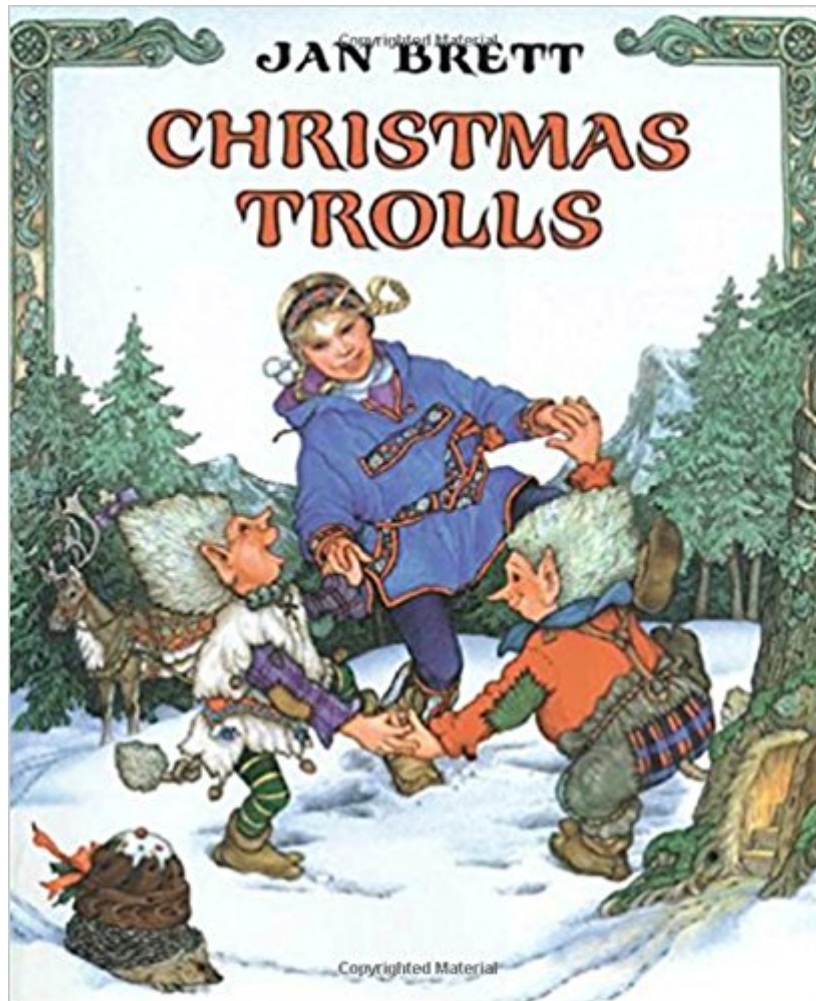




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Christmas Trolls



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Synopsis

Christmas is Treva's favorite time of year, especially the preparations -- finding the perfect tree, decorating the house, and making presents for her family. But this year is different. Small things are disappearing, then some of the presents themselves. Treva is mystified, until early one morning she sees a small creature scurrying across the snow, carrying the Christmas pudding. Treva races after it into the forest where her adventures are just beginning. . . Christmas Trolls is a glorious celebration of the season as Treva confronts two irresistible trolls who don't understand Christmas. Jan Brett's exquisite paintings set against beautiful, intricate borders give readers a magical Christmas full of surprises. (Look closely at the borders for glimpses of the trolls' special little helper -- and he's not an elf!)

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Customer Reviews

Blond, blue-eyed Treva (The Trouble with Trolls, 1992) teaches a pair of greedy little trolls how to celebrate Christmas: following them in order to find the gifts and ornaments they've snatched from her house, she helps them decorate their home, shows them how to share, and offers them a gift--a gesture they make in return on Christmas morning. The story is predictable but related with appealing directness; and fans will be enchanted, once again, with the lovingly detailed

folk/Scandinavian details in Brett's bright, crisply delineated art, especially in the intriguing borders--where the trolls' charming pet hedgehogs are busy with their own related pursuits. (Picture book. 4-8) -- Copyright ©1993, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

With over thirty four million books in print, Jan Brett is one of the nation's foremost author illustrators of children's books. Jan lives in a seacoast town in Massachusetts, close to where she grew up. During the summer her family moves to a home in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts. As a child, Jan Brett decided to be an illustrator and spent many hours reading and drawing. She says, "I remember the special quiet of rainy days when I felt that I could enter the pages of my beautiful picture books. Now I try to recreate that feeling of believing that the imaginary place I'm drawing really exists. The detail in my work helps to convince me, and I hope others as well, that such places might be real." As a student at the Boston Museum School, she spent hours in the Museum of Fine Arts. "It was overwhelming to see the room-size landscapes and towering stone sculptures, and then moments later to refocus on delicately embroidered kimonos and ancient porcelain," she says. "I'm delighted and surprised when fragments of these beautiful images come back to me in my painting." Travel is also a constant inspiration. Together with her husband, Joe Hearne, who is a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Jan visits many different countries where she researches the architecture and costumes that appear in her work. "From cave paintings to Norwegian sleighs, to Japanese gardens, I study the traditions of the many countries I visit and use them as a starting point for my children's books."

Great story and grandkids favorite. Lots of little things to look for in Trolls below ground house. Beautiful pictures.

Well written, fun illustrations.

I bought the books because it is rare to find my name in a book. The illustrations in the book are excellent. My granddaughter was so excited to have the book for her daughter because the little girl likes to see full illustrations in her books.

So much fun to read and look at for all ages. I read this as a bedtime story for a 2-3 year old I was nannying for who loved it. The images are complex and rich, fun to look at for a while. The story is cute and has a nice message of generosity and understanding. A fine book for any time of year.

I happen to have read this book to my daughter last night. We save it for the Christmas season and it is one she repeatedly chooses. It is funny and whimsical and offers much opportunity for voice change-ups. It is beautifully illustrated with drawings that do much to enhance the already well told story. My son who just turned 15 years old enjoys the story. Not to say he that he ask me to read it to him, but if he happens to be in the room when we are reading it I noticed he sticks around and gets quite comfortable (I hope he doesn't read this!). I recommend it to all ages because even though the trolls are a little naughty, they are also funny and cute!

Oh how we loved this book! My boys are grown now, but Jan Brett's books were a 'staple' in our house! If we didn't own them, we'd borrow them from the library. I have recently sent this top rated book to a friend's grandson to celebrate his little sister being born. The illustrations are BEAUTIFUL and always a 'side story' in most all of Jan Brett's books. This one was a particular favorite of my boys. We all loved it!

Jan Brett books never get old! My pre-K students loved the story of the Christmas Troll! It was a wonderful story about generosity and kindness at Christmas. The beautiful illustrations kept their eyes glued to the pages. I am really glad I bought this for my classroom and to share with my grandson at home!

If you aren't familiar with Jan Brett's work, Christmas is a good time to start with this book. The artwork is superb, with a wealth of small details that will delight younger readers and adults alike. I have my own copy, and bought one for my 8 year old Grandniece. Her mother says she is 'advanced' beyond this reading level, but I say that is undervaluing Jan Brett's inspirational quality.

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