

Chapter 1 : Letter from Santa Claus when u write Santa! Free Santa video reply!

*Never Say No to Santa Claus [Mike Bradford] on racedaydvl.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. It's Christmas Eve in Bardstown, Kentucky and sad people go where sad people go - to escape and forget their sadness.*

Santa Claus discusses Christmas present choices with an angel in this postcard. He already has the long white beard we are familiar with today. Source Who Is Santa Claus? Santa Claus, or Father Christmas, is the iconic figure of the festive season. A form of Santa Claus has existed since early medieval times, but his appearance and habits have changed considerably over the centuries. This French image from the 1500s portrays St. Nicholas as a bringer of gifts and protector of small children Source 1. Odin was a complicated god being associated with wisdom and poetry, as well as death, warfare and the gallows. He sacrificed an eye to gain the wisdom of the world. The pagan Vikings and Anglo Saxons did not have Christmas which is a Christian festival but still celebrated midwinter as Yuletide. During this time many weird and wonderful things were believed to occur. A massive phantom hunting party was thought to fly through the sky, led by Odin wearing his blue cloak and with his long white beard. He would ride his grey horse with eight legs and bring gifts to his followers. Odin clearly has a lot of similarities to Santa Claus the beard, the bringing of gifts, the magical night-time ride through the sky in midwinter. When Christianity began to replace paganism and the old gods, Odin did not entirely disappear, instead, some of his legendary habits became associated with a Christian saint who, in turn, became linked to the Christmas season. He is supposed to have miraculously resurrected three boys who had been murdered by a butcher intent on selling their pickled flesh as pork. A less fantastical legend tells how he saved three sisters from having to work as prostitutes by secretly delivering bags of gold to their home in some versions he dropped the bags down a chimney. Nicholas not only has clear parallels with Santa Claus but also with Odin. He is the patron saint and protector of children, he brings gifts, his feast day is celebrated in December and he is usually portrayed with a white beard. During the middle ages, gifts were given to children on St. Nicholas Day, rather than Christmas Day. Many old images of Santa Claus depict him as a bishop and without his iconic red-suit. It is only in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries that we have removed the religious aspect of his appearance and turned Santa Claus into a secular figure. Nicholas were always portrayed riding horses, yet today we associate Santa Claus with reindeer. The poem itself does not mention reindeer, however, an illustration that accompanied the verse shows a sleigh being pulled by a single reindeer. Two years later, in 1822, Clement C. Moore's poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' was published. The last two names were the Dutch words for thunder and lightning. Today we spell Donder as Donner, which is the modern German word for thunder. It was Moore who gave Santa his reindeer and the idea has stuck ever since. He did not, however, create Rudolph. Rudolph the Reindeer was invented in 1939 by Robert L. May. Rudolph appeared in a poem in an illustrated booklet for the Montgomery Ward department store. That was not always the case. We have to remember that Santa is based on a violent war god who was not opposed to punishing the wicked. For most of his history, Santa brought gifts to the good and punishment to the bad. Many old images of Santa portray him carrying a birch ready to punish the wicked. In earlier centuries this punishment was not exclusive to children, adults who had fallen foul of their neighbours would be accosted and punished at Yuletide as a form of community retribution. They would be beaten and assaulted, the damage-dealers fearing no consequences as this was the time when such things were overlooked. Over the centuries this vigilantism was gradually eradicated and by the Twentieth century, the worst punishment anyone might expect from Santa might be a lump of coal in their stocking instead of a present. British and American Santas are typically accompanied by elves or, sometimes, angels. In the past, these friendly elves were much more sinister. They were demons often chained to Santa then St. Nicholas, who would jump and leap beside him, terrorising people. Occasionally, the Devil himself would join Santa. In the Middle Ages, it was not uncommon for someone to dress up as St. Nicholas and for a second person to dress as the demon. They would walk down the streets, St. Nicholas bestowing gifts, while the demon would lunge at people, maybe flailing a birch or whip. Nicholas was transformed into Santa Father Christmas in Britain so his demon helper was removed. Santa now bestowed rewards and punishments himself. However, in Europe, the demon remains a traditional part of the festive period. Most famous of these demon helpers is

the Krampus, half-man, half-goat, a sinister figure hovering behind St. Nicholas who is still the traditional figure of Christmas for many Europeans. The Krampus looks like something more suited to Halloween than Christmas and he is used to scared children, though often in a light-hearted fashion. In parts of Switzerland, Father Christmas is accompanied by the Schmutzli, who spansks naughty children with a birch rod. A nicer helper is Black Peter, who is found in the Low Countries. He was created in by a schoolteacher from Amsterdam. Black Peter was originally meant to be a Moor from Spain, who accompanies St. Nicholas to give sweets to children. Black Peter has become a controversial figure in modern times because he is often portrayed by a white person in black make-up. Some believe he is a racist figure with echoes of slavery.

Coca-Cola Did Not Invent the Modern Santa One of the frequently retold stories about Santa is that he did not become a jolly, fat man in a red suit until Coca-Cola used him in their s Christmas advertising campaigns. While there is no doubt Coca-Cola was hugely influential in formalising our modern idea of what Santa should look like, even they admit they did not create his iconic appearance. Coca-Cola first started using Santa in their Christmas adverts in the s. Over the next thirty years, he drew many images of Santa and regularly portrayed him in a red coat. The idea that this is where Santa sprang from might seem obvious, but it is actually not the case. Coca-Cola state that they only helped to shape the image of Santa. One thing is plain, however, the idea of a red-suited Santa is now a mainstay of Christmas. All things that are truly symbolic of Christmas. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Chapter 2 : Santa Claus Quotes (63 quotes)

95% of my friends celebrate Santa Claus and I know I have pretty awesome friends so I can only imagine that this isn't going to be well received.

Share This Post Now! Santa exists here, even in the dead of summer. The jolly fat man is everywhere. The post office, at 45 N. We took a trip down there to find out. The Homeowners Content Square 2. In the living room, lights adorn trees, Santas come in many forms two and three-dimensional and everything has a red-and-green warmness to it. Another way of looking at this: Their house is on the corner of Evergreen Drive and Melchior Drive Melchior being one of the three wise men. The Village is a gated community built in , spreading over 2, acres with three artificial lakes: And there are few families that also exhibit the Christmas spirit as colorfully as the Segers. This raises the question: Does it ever get old? I just get to enjoy it more. This may be true of any postal facility in America, but in Santa Claus, Ind. All return letters include a personalized handwritten P. Postage is covered by donations. She said the T-shirts are big sellers here, as are tree ornaments bearing the town name. Life has taken some adjustment for Alvey, who lived in big cities in California and North Carolina. He and his brother discovered the Super Nerf gun with yellow foam balls-the same present that arrived under the tree on Christmas morning. In other words, not the kind into kiddie make-believe. Last year, the Patriots went to the state semifinals, and he figures the team to do as well this season. When not at football practice, Jochim can be found at Frosty Fun Center, with mini-golf in the back and arcade games inside. When the mostly German townspeople applied for a post office to be built, they discovered another town in Indiana was already called Santa Fe. A new name would have to be chosen. Here is where the legend gets fuzzy. One story has a group of townspeople sitting around a stove on Christmas Eve A burst of wind blew the door open, revealing a wintry landscape, the sound of sleigh bells in the distance. Post Office Department made the name official May 21, The town stayed beneath the national radar for the first half of the 20th century. It was only when Louis J. If the town had a living embodiment today, besides Santa Claus himself, most residents would name Pat Koch, daughter-in-law of Louis J. She is the town ambassador, historian, museum curator, a slight blond woman with an inviting smile. Pat Koch is strolling the paths at Holiday World one afternoon, where carols chime from the loudspeakers on a loop. Her son, Will, is president and general manager of the theme park. He looked the part and was rarely out of character. This is purely coincidental, but a convenient coincidence nevertheless. Smith, a resident of Santa Claus since , is a home builder by trade but supplements his income as a-what else? He owns five jolly red suits, which he breaks out during Christmastime appearances at area elementary schools. He has starred in local television commercials as well. One time while driving in nearby Evansville, Smith was pulled over by a traffic cop. The current Santa was hired two summers ago after an extensive nationwide search. The first Santa was the aforementioned Raymond Joseph Yellig, who played the jolly fat man until The second Santa, who legally changed his name to Santa Claus, retired for health reasons a couple of years ago. We find the current Santa, in his second summer at Holiday World. He is wearing a long-sleeved ruffled shirt with red suspenders and jingling sleigh bells in his left hand. Santa invites people to tug on his beard. Does Santa live in the area? That reminds you to be good boys and good girls. Everyone in town seems to know exactly who the man playing Santa is, but they fiercely protect his identity. A simple check of his Indiana license plate revealed who Santa really is â€ which we would never reveal.

Chapter 3 : Santa Claus is real and here's the proof.

"Santa Claus is a good symbolization for Christmas," said Joseph. "Department stores, shopping, the coming of the New Year. "Department stores, shopping, the coming of the New Year. Christmas means better business in the stores."

Content provided on this site is for entertainment or informational purposes only and should not be construed as medical or health, safety, legal or financial advice. Click here for additional information. And I nodded, again with a slight air of disbelief. Another friend of mine has a direct line to Santa. Throughout the day, when my two-year-old son cries, I ask my four-year-old daughter if she can think of a way to make him feel better. The slightest hug or kiss from her is all my son needs to immediately pop back to happiness. You got him to feel good again. My two-year-old was born into the loving and kind family environment my husband and I try to maintain. When he hears a kid cry, he automatically pouts in empathy. He is quick to dole out hugs or kisses to people he knows when he sees them in distress. I am not trying to pretend that my kids are saints, always behaving appropriately out of the sheer joy of being nice. Nor do I posit that children who believe in Santa are not otherwise good people. But how kids think of Santa Claus represents, for me, all that is not Christmas spirited: I want whatever goodness does come out of my children to be for the right reasons. I want them to be people who are simply good and kind and honest, as I try to be well, most of the time: Granted, when I was a child, I believed in Santa, though I realized he was fictitious long before my parents told me. I remember feeling a little embarrassed for my mother when she finally outed the guy. Had I been good? So then when Santa confirmed I was on the nice list and presents were coming my way, I remember feeling "even as a young child how I had gotten one over on the old man. My friend with the ever-watching elf thinks I am cruel. My kids will still wake up on Christmas morning to see a sparkling tree with a modest bounty of presents underneath. But more importantly, they will also give gifts to the less fortunate, say thank you for what gifts they receive and continue to be kind and do the right thing. It will be a magical day because we will have a house full of people plus gifts and music and food. The lights will still twinkle and the decorations still shine. No one needs to sit on a shelf or a keep a list for us. Article Posted 8 years Ago Share this article.

Chapter 4 : How to Write a Letter to Santa Claus (with Sample Letter)

** Say to the child, "That's right, son / sweetie. I'm just a stand-in. The real Santa is busy making toys for all boys and girls in his workshop at the North Pole, so he asked me to come down and visit you." This works pretty well, especially if you have a fake beard because sometimes, that.*

After all, childhood is a time of discovery and learning for children and the existence of the unseen and unexplainable add spice to the mystery and wonder of life. What is to be gained by spoiling this? Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Myths and stories have been a part of the human experience since the dawn of time and have often been a means of transmitting values and culture to children. What better way to instill the idea of generosity and selfless giving than by the example of a stranger from the distant North coming in the night and leaving gifts for children who have been good while asking for nothing of material value in return? This is not only a perfect example of sharing and generosity but also an opportunity for children to reflect on their behavior and incentive to actively strive to practice good behavior for a few days or weeks. Nicholas Was a Real Person Technically, Santa Claus is not entirely a myth as he is the modern American personification of the real life fourth century Bishop Nicholas of Myra located in modern Turkey who has long been recognized as a saint in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches and whose feast day is celebrated on December 6th. As a bishop Nicholas was known for his kindness and generosity and, following his death, numerous stories sprung up about him reappearing and helping those in need. Nicholas Day has been a holiday in much of Europe and other parts of the world. It has also been a day in which St. Nicholas appears, sometimes in the form of an adult dressing as a 4th century bishop and dispensing little gifts to children and sometimes secretly in the night, leaving gifts for children. As very young children my brothers and sisters and I were strong believers of the existence of both Santa Claus as well as the Easter Bunny and the tooth fairy. As I got older I began to see some logical inconsistencies in the stories about these characters. I questioned in my mind why it took my grandmother hours to fly from New York to Florida and this was before the airlines used jets while Santa Claus was able to get around the entire world in one evening on reindeer power and the Easter Bunny was able make the trip on his own by hopping? Also, if Santa and his elves made his own toys in his North Pole workshop, why did he feel it necessary to put them in the same packages as similar toys in the stores? For a while, as reason and logic caused me to doubt the existence of Santa Claus, et al, I continued to believe on the basis faith alone. My Mother confirmed my discovery but encouraged me to continue to play along for the benefit of my younger siblings I was the oldest which I did. Upon learning the truth about Santa and the others I was neither devastated nor felt that I had been deceived by my parents with what I now knew to be a myth. I realized that my Christmases and Easters past had been richer and more enjoyable as a result of Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. Further, I realized that, in using my intellect to see the truth behind this myth, I was becoming more mature. Even after my youngest sister, learned the truth about Santa Claus all of us continued to hang our stockings on Christmas Eve and to not only receive an orange and some candy in the stocking but also an age appropriate gift from Santa Claus under the tree on Christmas morning. Nicholas Day as well. Like me, my oldest son eventually figured out that Santa Claus and the others were not real but continued to enjoy the candy and gifts and helped to keep the myth alive for his younger brother. When my youngest figured out what was going on he simply switched from being the surprised little boy to my helper in keeping the custom alive in our home right down to the leaving of a plate with Christmas cookies and a glass of milk out for Santa who continued to consume each year after filling the stockings on Christmas Eve. When I remarried 4 years ago and brought my new Russian wife and her two teenage children to our home, we introduced them to our St. Nicholas Day, Christmas and Easter customs which included St. Nicholas, Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. My two new children and wife enjoyed finding candy in their shoes on St. Nicholas morning, candy

and an orange in their stockings on Christmas morning and a hidden basket of candy for each on Easter morning. While my two new children knew that Santa Claus and the others were not real, they were wrong in their assumption that I was the one who left the candy in their shoes and stockings and hid their Easter baskets. With a new wife awaiting me in the bedroom I was not about to stay up late to fill stockings and indulge in Christmas cookies and milk. Instead I choose to retire at my usual time and left the job of filling stockings and consuming the cookies and milk he had left out earlier to my, then seventeen year old, youngest son who a few years before had made the smooth transition from believer in Santa Claus to accomplice in keeping the tradition and myths alive.

Chapter 5 : Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town (TV Movie) - Quotes - IMDb

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Content provided on this site is for entertainment or informational purposes only and should not be construed as medical or health, safety, legal or financial advice. Click here for additional information. I mean, what gives, you guys? Do you seriously refuse to believe that there is even a remote possibility that a robust, ageless, elfin-man with super magical powers and the ability to travel at the speed of light to deliver happiness to the children of the world exists? What exactly is so hard to fathom about deer that fly anyway? You think elves are something someone just happened to make up? To each his own. Why do we reach an age like 10 or 12 and all of the sudden question maybe the greatest tale we have ever been told? Is it some sort of twisted rite of passage? So listen up, people of Earth! Read the truth here today and then decided for yourselves! Santa Claus is real: Why do we think this? Because Bobby, now a respected brat salesman in Sheboygan, WI swears it. However, in , at a yard sale in suburban Reykjavik, Iceland, a woman bought a shoebox full of pictures that contained this stunning find. In it, what appears to be a very young Santa Claus darts through a room with swiftness. Experts all agree that the distinct scoobyish hat he is wearing is found only in distinct pockets of the North Pole, giving further proof that the boy in the picture really is a very young Santa Claus! Less than a week before Christmas, while feeling dejected and blue from his unanswered letter, young Pierre received a candy-striped envelope in the mail that was postmarked in the North Pole. Inside, there was just one thing: The Pierre Ribolet photo is hard to argue with, no? Upon turning on the living room lights, these folks were stunned to find themselves face-to-face with a very shocked overgrown elfin man with a toy train in his hand and cookie crumbs in his long flowing white beard. It is, one must admit, a truly candid and miraculous shot. Marley had an argument with his wife Marigold about how much wine he had had to drink and ended up being forced to sleep on the sofa in the front room. As the story goes, sometime in the night, Marley was awakened by the sound of someone out by the tree. Thinking it one of his five children, he sat up to reproach them but instead witnessed something astounding. Luckily, his camera was on a shelf behind him. A blurry yet intriguing capture of what seems to most certainly be one Mr. Santa Claus hard at work. Could Santa Claus have been visiting with a Sasquatch on that very afternoon? And neither do guys called Grizz. The account was named kkringle and there were only three other posts on it when this incredible photograph was floated out to the world. Those posts were all recipes for fruitcake. The woman could reportedly hear him clearly speaking on a cellphone with someone, and he was flustered and kept repeating that this was "the very last house on Earth," and that he "had to drop off this X-box and that he would be home as soon as he figured out how to get in. With her own smartphone she snapped this sensational picture, which appears to be one of the very few we have of the real Santa Claus dealing with REAL life. Incidentally, she did call the police, but by then the man had jimmed the window open and disappeared inside where he then vanished into thin air. Typical for NYC, actually. Stunned by what was happening, the shutterbug woman quickly turned her lense on what must be one of the most revealing proofs of the existence of Santa ever. Was this a test run gone a little astray just a few days before the big night? It certainly seems plausible given the circumstances. The Crossing 11 of 16 In a grainy photo taken in a small village in Labrador, an elderly man trying to capture a few images of local winter birds from his perch on a small hill by a typical elf crossing sign was overjoyed when he got home and looked through his many pictures from the day. For there in one of his images, was something he had not noticed And right next to the crossing sign itself! After long and careful scrutiny by over a hundred experts in documenting truth amongst elves, it was wholeheartedly determined that Santa Claus was the spirited runner in the photo. It takes my breath away and sends goosebumps shooting across the curve of my neck as if I was being tickled by the very fingers of fortune herself. Oh yeah, of course. On December 24th, at approximately 3: Upon entering the kitchen, Wilanko heard a jingling of bells and deep quiet chuckles emanating from the den. Young Serge ran and fetched his camera from his bedroom and fearing the jolly old elf would be gone, he promised to himself and whoever was out there listening to his thoughts that if he could

just snap one picture of the man in the red suit that he would never doubt the existence of Santa again. And sure enough, when he peered back in the room, Santa was still there for just long enough to hear the camera click before he touched his nose and disappeared up the chimney in a burst of dust and slashing light. A true classic in Believer circles. In the middle of nowhere, far from any villages, the jet pilots saw what appeared to be a man dressed like Santa Claus repelling down a vertical cliff some feet in the air. Was this Santa entering his secret world of workshops and candy cane gardens? Many believe it was, the two honorable soldiers chief among them. The next morning, when he sat down with his three sons and daughter to have a laugh and see what they saw Looking like a plane or helicopter at first glance, when experts zoomed in on the image, they found themselves face-to-face with what really does appear to be a sleigh and reindeer soaring through the sky. It was a monumental capture in the search to prove that Santa is indeed very real. Do you see what I see? Yeah, the proof is in the pudding, as they say.

Chapter 6 : Santa Claus Quotes - BrainyQuote

Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. Mostly favours travel books, science kits. Strict ban on hair products. Why did you stop? I grew out of fairy tales. I know what this is. But I promise, before this Christmas Day is done, you will be glad of my help. Be sure to save some room for a tangerine, Doctor. Nobody likes the tangerines. Just one Santa delivery team? How could there be? There are ,, children, all expecting presents before tomorrow morning. Obviously, I got a second sled. That is why I feed mine magic carrots. Bigger on the inside. I can commit several million housebreaks in one night dressed in a red suit with jingle bells, so, of course, I can get back into the infirmary. I think you just defined me. I have watched over you all your lives. And yet, that never stopped me.

Chapter 7 : Never Say No To Santa! on Vimeo

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Santa Claus, I almost forgot to add these comments! Tell Santa things like: What funny things you think Mrs. Claus likes to do; What present would you give to someone and why; and anything else you want to say! Santa Claus likes to spread the Christmas spirit by sharing some of the wonderful comments Mr. Claus receive with others. Is it okay if Santa Claus shares your comments? OK, as long as you promise to be good! Now just click a button below to send your letter! Choose between seeing Santa live at the North Pole but it takes a bit longer or a regular reply by letter fast as reindeer fly! The Original way to email Santa since ! Santa writes back immediately! Connect to the North Pole to see live Santa by video! Best with fast computers and Mobile devices on WiFi. Or clear this letter and write it over again Santa Claus will reply to you personally!! Just wait in front of your computer for a few seconds and your reply will magically appear of course, it might take a bit longer if Santa Claus is really busy or taking a "cookie break"!! If you have problems sending your letter, please go to the. The elves promise to do everything they can to help you get your letter to Santa Claus! How do I write a letter to Santa? Just go to this page and send your Christmas wishes to Santa Claus! No email or home address, phone number or last name required! Then hit the send button to get a safe, free reply fast as reindeer fly! Can I email Santa Claus and get a reply? Can I write Santa? Hey, if a grumpy elf like me can do it, you can too! And he does give me cookies when I email him, so, HA! Can I write a letter to Santa Claus? Can I get a letter from Santa back? You almost made this grumpy elf laugh with that one! Of course, you can write Santa as many times as you want at emailSanta. Can I get a letter from Santa Claus? What letter would you like? Oh, for a grumpy old elf, I sure am funny! I know he uses those letters quite a bit when he replies back to emails at emailSanta. So, if you want a letter from Santa you could always send him one there. Now THAT is funny! There are many different ways Santa gets those Christmas letters but I think the easiest way is to just email Santa. Write Your Letter to Santa.

Chapter 8 : Five Fun Facts You Didn't Know About Santa Claus | Holidappy

That excitement and magic I felt growing up is exactly what I want my children to feel, and I will never, ever, take that away from them, no matter how old they get.

Nicholas was famous for his generous gifts to the poor, in particular presenting the three impoverished daughters of a pious Christian with dowries so that they would not have to become prostitutes. In continental Europe more precisely the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, the Czech Republic and Germany he is usually portrayed as a bearded bishop in canonical robes. The remains of Saint Nicholas are in Italy. In , the Italian city of Bari mounted an expedition to locate the tomb of the Saint. The reliquary of St. Nicholas was conquered by Italian sailors and his relics were taken to Bari [8] [9] where they are kept to this day. A basilica was constructed the same year to store the loot and the area became a pilgrimage site for the devout. These were collected by Venetian sailors during the First Crusade and taken to Venice , where a church to St. This tradition was confirmed in two important scientific investigations of the relics in Bari and Venice , which revealed that the relics in the two Italian cities belong to the same skeleton. Saint Nicholas was later claimed as a patron saint of many diverse groups, from archers , sailors, and children to pawnbrokers. This date was earlier than the original day of gifts for the children, which moved in the course of the Reformation and its opposition to the veneration of saints in many countries on the 24th and 25 December. So Saint Nicholas changed to Santa Claus. The custom of gifting to children at Christmas has been propagated by Martin Luther as an alternative to the previous very popular gift custom on St. Nicholas, to focus the interest of the children to Christ instead of the veneration of saints. Martin Luther first suggested the Christkind as the bringer of gifts. But Nicholas remained popular as gifts bearer for the people. Father Christmas dates back as far as 16th century in England during the reign of Henry VIII , when he was pictured as a large man in green or scarlet robes lined with fur. Schmutzli carries a twig broom to spank the naughty children. History Origins Pre-modern representations of the gift-giver from Church history and folklore, notably St Nicholas known in Dutch as Sinterklaas , merged with the English character Father Christmas to create the character known to Americans and the rest of the English-speaking world as "Santa Claus" a phonetic derivation of "Sinterklaas". In the English and later British colonies of North America, and later in the United States, British and Dutch versions of the gift-giver merged further. This has usually been a very busy day with me, preparing for Christmas not only for my own tables, but for gifts for my servants. No confectionary, cakes, or pies can I have. We are all sad; no loud, jovial laugh from our boys is heard. How disappointed she will be in the morning, though I have explained to her why he cannot come. Why must the innocent suffer with the guilty? This entry from Mrs. Army mop-up companies and stragglers during those intervening weeks continued to "forage", loot, burn, and liberate slaves, hence, the concern of Mrs. Burge and her household. It contained Old Santeclaus with Much Delight , an anonymous poem describing Santeclaus on a reindeer sleigh, bringing presents to children. Nick is described as being "chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf" with "a little round belly", that "shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly", in spite of which the "miniature sleigh" and "tiny reindeer" still indicate that he is physically diminutive. The reindeer were also named: Santa was dressed in an American flag , and had a puppet with the name " Jeff " written on it, reflecting its Civil War context. In , the poet Katharine Lee Bates popularized Mrs. The editorial, which included the famous reply " Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus ", has become an indelible part of popular Christmas lore in the United States and Canada. When Ak, Master Woodsman of the World, exposes him to the misery and poverty of children in the outside world, Santa strives to find a way to bring joy into the lives of all children, and eventually invents toys as a principal means. He is wearing a mask with a beard attached. The image of Santa Claus as a benevolent character became reinforced with its association with charity and philanthropy, particularly by organizations such as the Salvation Army. Volunteers dressed as Santa Claus typically became part of fundraising drives to aid needy families at Christmas time. In , Charles W. Howard , who played Santa Claus in department stores and parades, established the Charles W. Howard Santa School, the oldest continuously-run such school in the world. Eventually, the idea emerged that he had numerous elves responsible for making the toys, but the toys

were still handmade by each individual elf working in the traditional manner. The popular song by George Melachrino , "Mrs. Claus in the popular imagination. Other modern additions to the "story" of Santa include Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer , the 9th and lead reindeer immortalized in a Gene Autry song, written by a Montgomery Ward copywriter. In popular culture See also: SantaCon By the end of the 20th century, the reality of mass mechanized production became more fully accepted by the Western public. Claus as executives or managers. A real-time warehouse management system WMS is of course required to run such a complex. The facility makes extensive use of task interleaving, literally combining dozens of DC activities putaway, replenishing, order picking, sleigh loading, cycle counting in a dynamic queue The WMS and transportation system are fully integrated, allowing the elves to make optimal decisions that balance transportation and order picking and other DC costs. Unbeknownst to many, Santa actually has to use many sleighs and fake Santa drivers to get the job done Christmas Eve, and the transportation management system TMS optimally builds thousands of consolidated sacks that maximize cube utilization and minimize total air miles. Santa has been described as a positive male cultural icon: Santa is much more organic, integral, connected to the past, and therefore connected to the future. Claus were running a sweatshop over there In the Kyrgyz capital, Bishkek , a Santa Claus Festival was held on 30 December , with government officials attending. The events are seen as moves to boost tourism in Kyrgyzstan. In pre-Christian Norse tradition, Odin would often enter through chimneys and fire holes on the solstice. In the tale of Saint Nicholas, the saint tossed coins through a window, and, in a later version of the tale, down a chimney when he finds the window locked. The hearth was held sacred in primitive belief as a source of beneficence, and popular belief had elves and fairies bringing gifts to the house through this portal. Nicholas" where the author described him as an elf. In the United States and Canada, children traditionally leave Santa a glass of milk and a plate of cookies ; in Britain and Australia, he is sometimes given sherry or beer, and mince pies instead. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, it is common for children to leave him rice porridge with cinnamon sugar instead. In Ireland it is popular to give him Guinness or milk, along with Christmas pudding or mince pies. They get sweets in a bag if they were good, and a golden colored birch switch if not. On Christmas Eve "Little Jesus" comes and gives gifts for everyone. Children following the Dutch custom for sinterklaas will "put out their shoe" leave hay and a carrot for his horse in a shoe before going to bed, sometimes weeks before the sinterklaas avond. The next morning they will find the hay and carrot replaced by a gift; often, this is a marzipan figurine. Naughty children were once told that they would be left a roe a bundle of sticks instead of sweets, but this practice has been discontinued. Tags on gifts for children are sometimes signed by their parents "From Santa Claus" before the gifts are laid beneath the tree. A classic American image of Santa Claus. Ho, ho, ho Ho ho ho is the way that many languages write out how Santa Claus laughs. The laughter of Santa Claus has long been an important attribute by which the character is identified, but it also does not appear in many non- English -speaking countries. The traditional Christmas poem A Visit from St. Nicholas relates that Santa has: Some stories and legends include a village, inhabited by his helpers, surrounding his home and shop. In Denmark, he is said to live in Greenland near Uummanaq. In Sweden, the town of Mora has a theme park named Tomteland. You may improve this article , discuss the issue on the talk page , or create a new article , as appropriate. Giant Santa Claus, Philippines Santa Claus appears in the weeks before Christmas in department stores or shopping malls, or at parties. The practice of this has been credited[dubious â€” discuss] to James Edgar , as he started doing this in in his Brockton, Massachusetts department store. Sometimes a photograph of the child and Santa are taken. Having a Santa set up to take pictures with children is a ritual that dates back at least to Quite often the Santa, if and when he is detected to be fake, explains that he is not the real Santa and is helping him at this time of year. Most young children accept this explanation. At family parties, Santa is sometimes impersonated by the male head of the household or other adult male family member. In Canada, malls operated by Oxford Properties established a process by which autistic children could visit Santa Claus at the mall without having to contend with crowds. In , the Southcentre Mall in Calgary was the first mall to offer this service. It blossomed into a second career for him, and after appearing in parades and malls, [63] he appeared on the cover of the American monthly Boston Magazine as Santa. Meath was a board member of the international organization called Fraternal Order of Real Bearded Santas. For the Muppet television film, see A Muppets Christmas: For

the Polish film, see Letters to Santa film. Writing letters to Santa Claus has been a Christmas tradition for children for many years. These letters normally contain a wishlist of toys and assertions of good behavior. Some social scientists have found that boys and girls write different types of letters. Girls generally write longer but more polite lists and express the nature of Christmas more in their letters than in letters written by boys. Girls also more often request gifts for other people. These letters may be answered by postal workers or outside volunteers. Written and sent with the help of a parent or teacher, children learn about the structure of a letter, salutations, and the use of an address and postcode.

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In Our House, There's No Santa Claus - Why we don't tell our kids. Krista Pfeiffer. knowing we'd never say that in my home. My husband didn't understand the reference, so I explained.