

A photograph of a house and a large Christmas tree at night, both heavily decorated with lights and ornaments. The house has a gabled roof and is covered in warm white lights, with some blue and red lights interspersed. A large snowman figure stands to the left of the house. The Christmas tree is massive and covered in a dense layer of multi-colored lights (red, green, blue, yellow) and various ornaments. In the foreground, there are several light-up figures, including reindeer and a snowman. The overall scene is festive and brightly lit against the dark night sky.

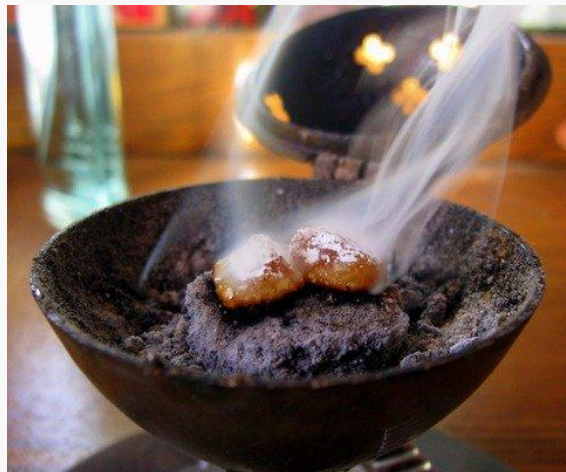
MERRY
CHRISTMAS!

THE HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS



- THE NAME OF THIS HOLIDAY COMES FROM THE NAME CHRIST, GIVEN TO THE SON OF GOD. HE WAS JESUS CHRIST.
- IN THE TIME OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE THE VIRGIN MARY WAS VISITED BY THE ANGEL. SHE WAS CHOSEN TO BEAR THE SON OF GOD.
- SHE GAVE THE BIRTH TO THE CHILD IN THE STABLE (хлев) OF A CAVE. WRAPPED (завернула) HIM IN CLOTHS AND PLACED IN A MANGER (ясли).
- SHEPHERDS (пастухи) WERE THE FIRST TO SEE THE HOLLY CHILD.

- THE THREE WISE MEN BROUGHT HIM GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE (ладан) AND MYRRH (смирна)



- THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM HELPED THEM TO FIND A NEW KING OF JEWS (евреи).
- THIS HOLIDAY IS ENJOYED BY SECULAR (светский) PEOPLE, TOO.



Food traditions



Classical Christmas
pudding. Looks
seductive, doesn't it?





Lovely Mince Pies

Every
American
table's
adornment



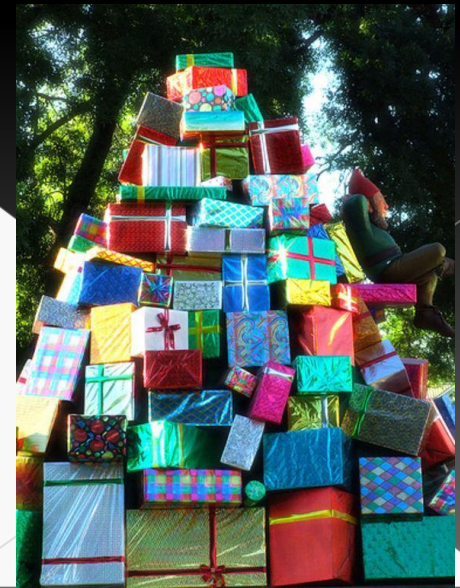
THE TRADITION OF GIVING PRESENTS

- ◉ THE CUSTOM OF GIVING GIFTS TO RELATIVES AND FRIENDS ON A SPECIAL DAY IN WINTER PROBABLY BEGAN IN ANCIENT ROME AND NORTHERN EUROPE.
- ◉ IN THESE REGIONS, PEOPLE GAVE EACH OTHER SMALL PRESENTS AS PART OF THEIR YEAR-END CELEBRATIONS.
- ◉ NO ONE WAS REALLY IN THE HABIT OF EXCHANGING ELABORATE GIFTS UNTIL LATE IN THE 1800S.



GIFT EXCHANGE TODAY

- ◉ IN TODAY'S SOCIETY, THE REAL MEANING AND TRADITIONS OF GIVING GIFTS ARE OFTEN FORGOTTEN.
- ◉ IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU ARE RELIGIOUS OR NOT, BUT SANTA CLAUS HAS BECOME A SECULAR (светский, мирской) SYMBOL OF CHRISTMAS.
- ◉ BY AND LARGE, GIFT GIVING IS SEEN AS A WAY TO SHOW LOVE AND/OR APPRECIATION FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.



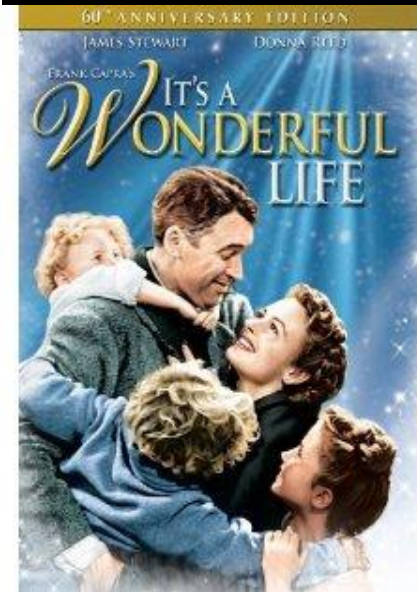
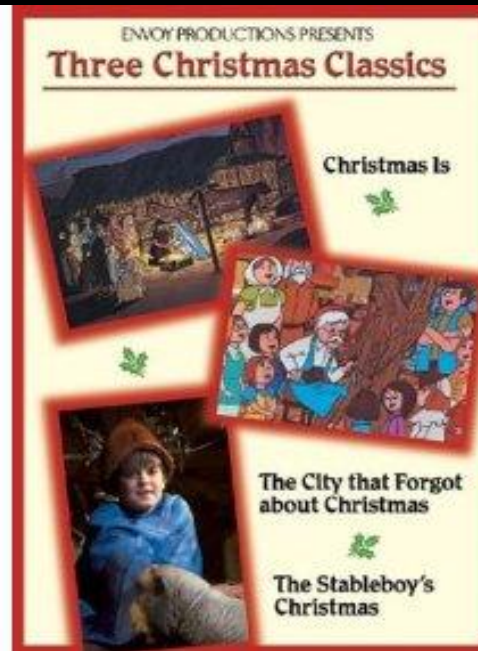
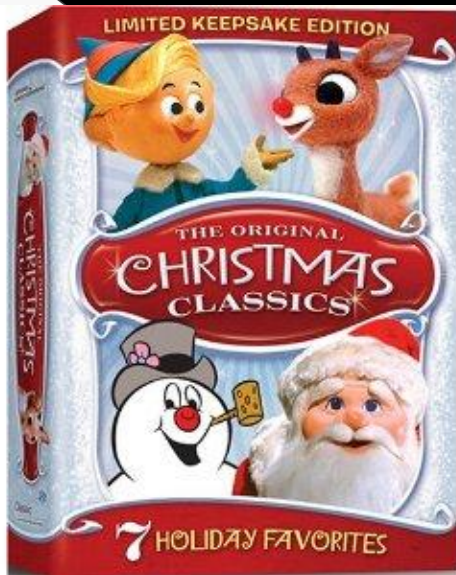


British traditions and
customs.



Santa Claus or Father Christmas

Traditional Christmas Movies.



- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer/Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town/Frosty the Snowman/Frosty Returns/Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol/Little Drummer Boy/Cricket on the Hearth/
- The City That Forgot About Christmas
- It's a wonderful Life



A Kiss under the Mistletoe



Hang up Your Christmas Stocking

*A Happy
Christmas*



CAROL SINGERS

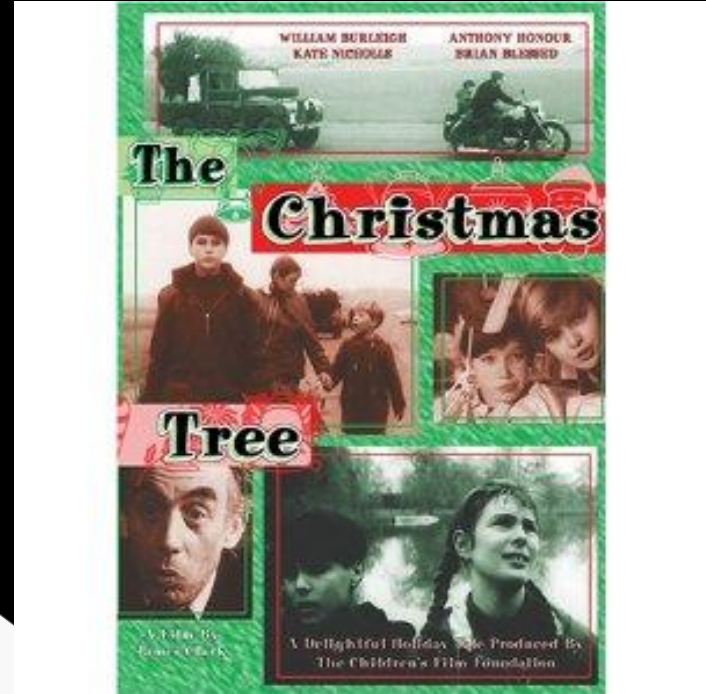
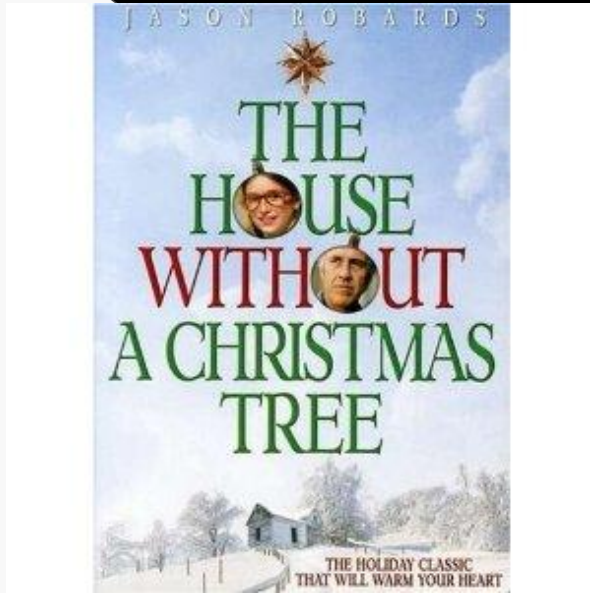
The Queen's Speech



CHRISTMAS TREE



Movies about Christmas Tree



- ◎ The house without Christmas Tree.
- ◎ The Christmas Tree.

SANTA CLAUS

ALSO KNOWN AS SAINT NICOLAS, FATHER
CHRISTMAS (MORE OFTEN NAME IN THE UK)
OR SIMPLY SANTA

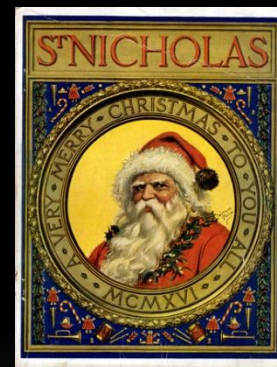


THE APPEARANCE

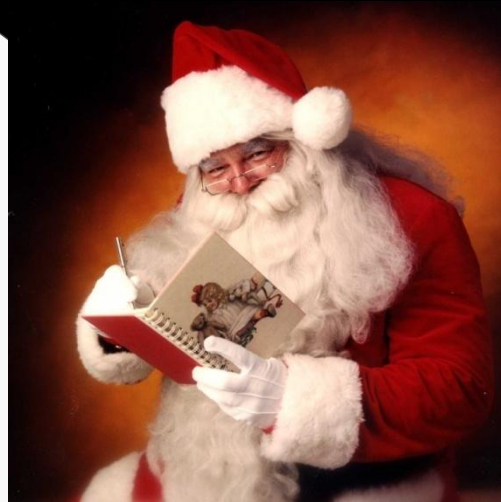
ORIGINALLY SAINT NICOLAS WAS REPRESENTED
WEARING BISHOP'S ROBE (епископская ряса)



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© TODAY SANTA IS GENERALLY DEPICTED
(изображается) AS A PLUMP, JOLLY
(веселый), WHITE-BEARDED MAN.



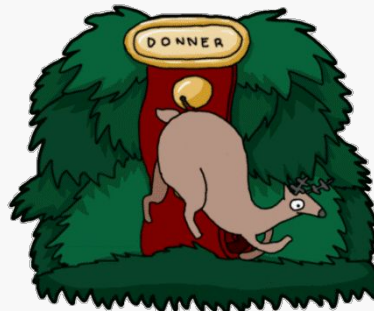
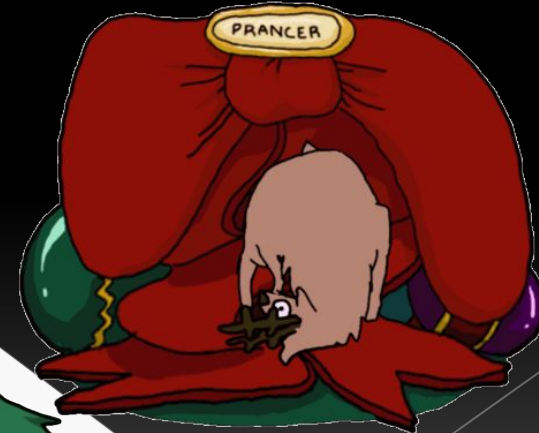
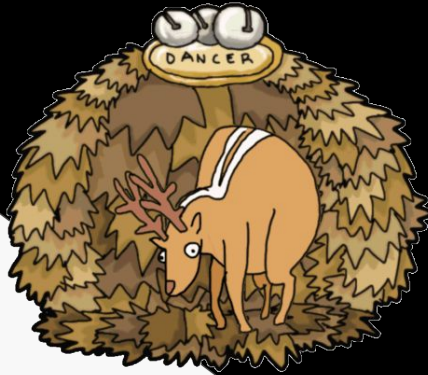
HE WEARS A RED COAT AND RED
TROUSERS, BLACK LEATHER BELT
(ремень) AND BOOTS.

The legends

- ◉ A well-known folk legend associated with Santa Claus says that he lives in the far north, in a land of perpetual (бесконечный) snow.
- ◉ The American version of Santa Claus says that he lives at his house on the North Pole, while Father Christmas is often said to live in the mountains of Lapland in Finland.



- Santa Claus lives with his wife Mrs. Claus, a countless number of magical elves, and eight or nine flying reindeer



Another legend says that he makes a list of children throughout the world, categorizing them according to their behavior ("naughty" or "nice").

And that he delivers presents, including toys, candies (леденцы), and other gifts to all of the good boys and girls in the world, and sometimes coal to the naughty children, on the single night of Christmas Eve.

He makes this feat with the help of the elves who make the toys in the workshop (цех) and the reindeer who pull his sleigh (сани).

