

A photograph of a house and a large Christmas tree at night, both heavily decorated with multi-colored lights and ornaments. The house has a gabled roof and a large arched window, all covered in lights. The tree is a large, dark evergreen, also covered in lights and topped with a star. In the foreground, there are various light decorations including a snowman, reindeer, and other festive figures. The overall scene is vibrant and festive.

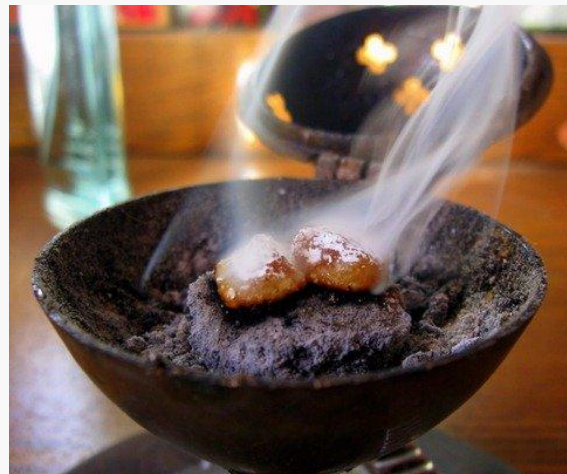
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!

# 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





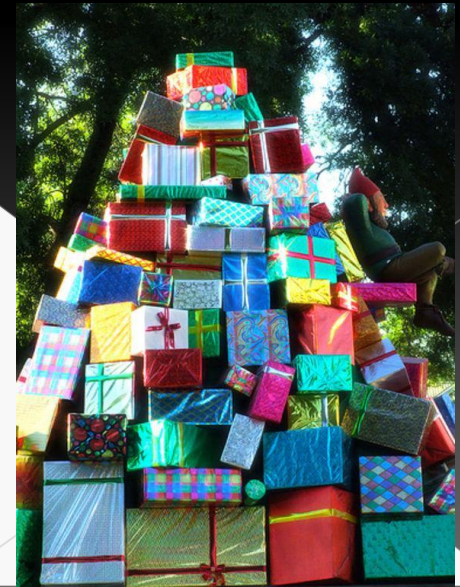
# THE TRADITION OF GIVING PRESENTS

- 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.



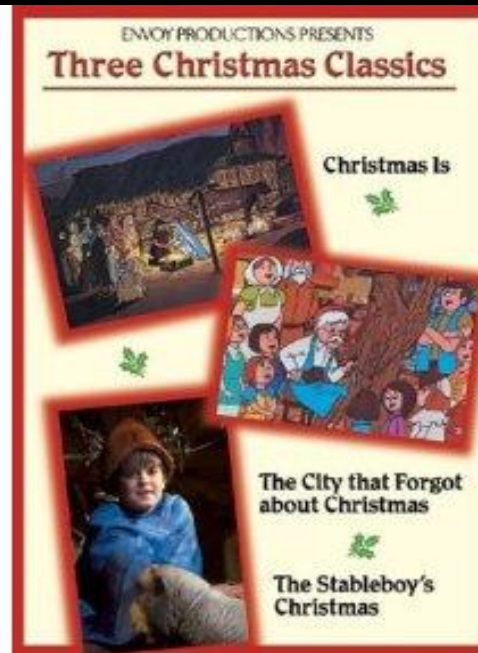
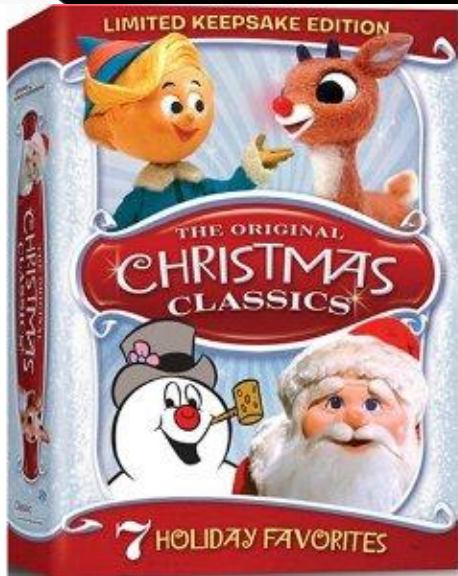


British traditions and  
customs.



# 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**



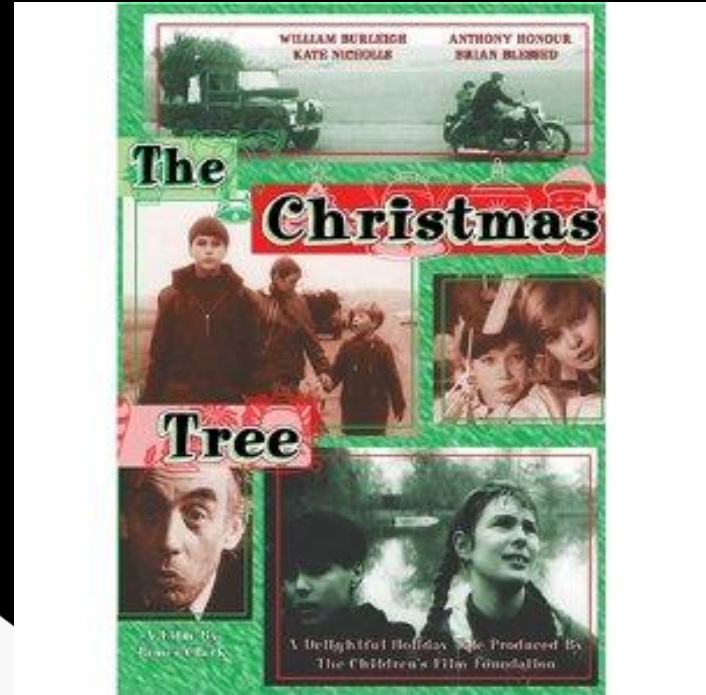
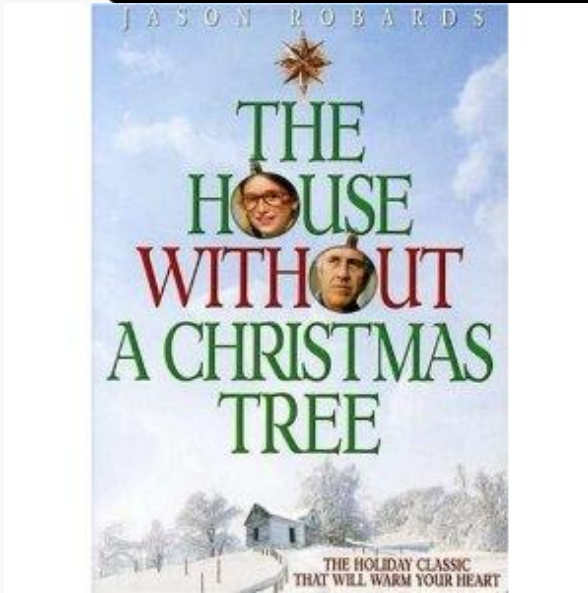
# The Queen's Speech



# 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

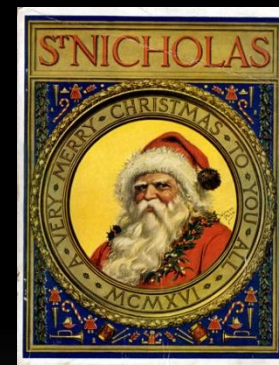


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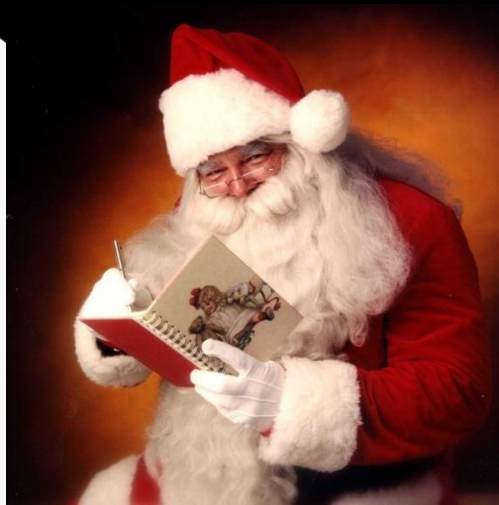
ORIGINALLY SAINT NICOLAS WAS REPRESENTED WEARING BISHOP'S ROBE (епископская ряса)



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



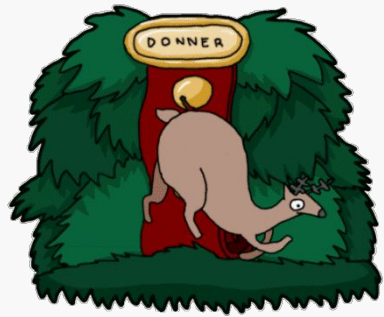
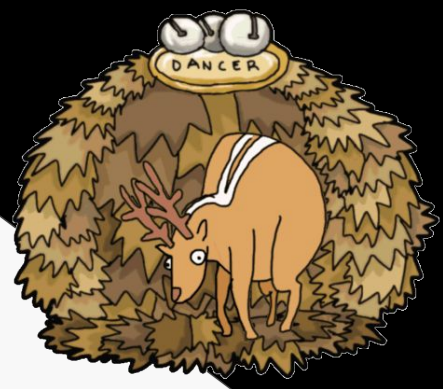
HE WEARS A RED COAT AND RED TROUSERS, BLACK LEATHER BELT (ремень) AND BOOTS.

# 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).

