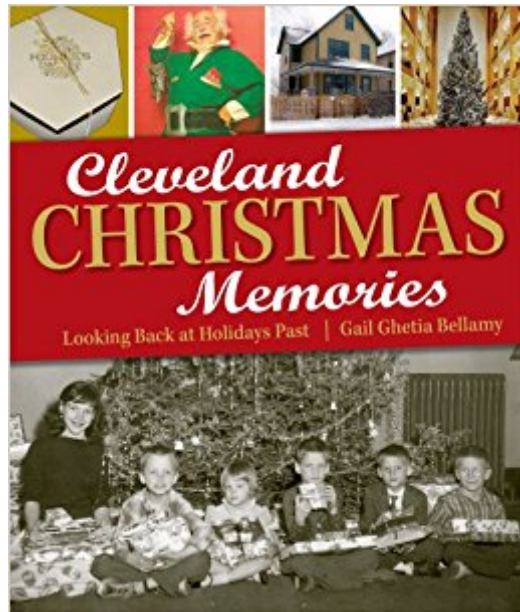




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Cleveland Christmas Memories: Looking Back At Holidays Past



Synopsis

What made Christmas extra-special to a Cleveland kid? Come relive some of your fondest moments . . . Seeing Mr. Jingeling (the keeper of Santa's keys) on TV or in person at Halle's. Gazing at the giant Sterling-Lindner tree. Stopping at Higbee's downstairs Frosty Bar for sweet relief after the long line to see Santa. Ice skating on Public Square. A dazzling and elegant Cleveland Orchestra concert at Severance Hall. Mouthwatering treats from Hough Bakery and traditional ethnic flavors from the local market. The brilliant holiday lighting display at GEAC's Nela Park . . . Join in as dozens of Northeast Ohioans share their personal stories of Christmas past; includes recollections of people who made Christmas happen, too: former Santas, retail window dressers, entertainers, and of course parents.

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Customer Reviews

Gail Ghetia Bellamy crystallizes the memories of Christmas in Cleveland . . . an amazing job . . . the pictures alone are worth the price . . . If you are from Cleveland, this book will be an exciting trip down Memory Lane. I highly, highly recommend it. (Tim Lones ClevelandClassicMedia.com 2012-12-11) Every year that passes, the Christmas memories of our youth grow sweeter and more perfect. A 1965 photograph of holiday shopping at Higbee's or an original Atari 2600 box can momentarily transport us to times as treasured as they are impossible to revisit. That's the emotional territory author Gail Ghetia Bellamy covers in *Cleveland Christmas Memories*. The photo-heavy, 120-page book not only documents the city's bygone retail traditions, but also steps inside our homes to look at how we celebrated the holidays. . . . What resonates are the

photographs of artifacts from Christmases past, be it a kid's shopping bag from the Higbee's Twigbee Shop, a WMMS advertisement with the FM rock station's iconic buzzard pulling the sleigh or Frankie Yankovic's 1964 album Christmas Party. (Jim Vickers Cleveland Magazine 2012-12-01) Filled with great Cleveland holiday nostalgia reference, imagery and stories . . . I would recommend each CLE-lover have a copy on hand for those nights sitting around the fireplace with a mug of hot cocoa and holiday tunes in the air . . . Magical stuff in this book! (Book Reviewer IHeartCleveland.com 2012-12-12) A nostalgic guide to the Christmas experience for the Boomer Generation living in Northeast Ohio. However, the book may have an interest to those beyond Northeast Ohio residents from the 1940s to the 1980s. The many photos in this book will stir Christmas memories whether you've ever lived in Cleveland or not! (Joanna Wilson ChristmasTVHistory.com 2012-12-14)

What made Christmas extra-special to a Cleveland kid? Relive some of your fondest memories: Seeing Mr. Jingeling (the keeper of Santa's keys) on TV or in person at Halle's; gazing at the giant Sterling-Lidner-Davis tree; stopping at Higbee's downstairs Frosty Bar for sweet relief after the long line to see Santa; ice skating on Public Square, a dazzling and elegant Cleveland Orchestra concert at Severance Hall; mouthwatering treats from Hough Bakery and traditional ethnic flavors from the local market; the brilliant display of lights at Nela Park . . . Dozens of Northeast Ohioans share their personal stories of Christmas past; includes recollections of people who made Christmas happen, too: former Santas, retail window dressers, entertainers, and of course parents . . .

Wow, did this bring back memories. I bought one to give to my sister and we stroll down memory lane. A word of caution though...the song about " Mr. Jingaling, how you ringlaling...keeper of the keys. On Hallies seventh floor we'll be looking for you to turn the key." is now stuck in my head. I believe that is called an earworm and so far I have been unable to get it out of my head.

We loved seeing the department stores at Christmas time when we were kids, especially the animated windows, so just had to have this book. Definitely worth the small price (but I recommend getting Cleveland's Department Stores to supplement it). Text and photos of the Big Four in Cleveland, the Christmas Story house, parades, Hough Bakery, even pictures of old toys. This book is perfect for those of us growing up in the 50's and 60's in the Cleveland area.

My grandparents, in their late 80s, grew up in Cleveland and lived there most of their lives. Every

night at dinner, they try to remember the names of all the places where they loved to go. Every now and again I send them another book in this series and they go crazy over them. They tell me over and over how this is the best gift anyone has ever given them. But it's also a huge gift for me, being able to sit on the couch with them and watch them get so excited when they remember a place from the book and then tell me stories about them. Really super books and such a great gift.

Anything about Cleveland is fun. Gave as a gift for a Cleveland person.

So many of the photos in the book looked just like photos we had of our childhood! I gave one book each to my mom and my sister and they couldn't stop reading it--everything else stopped while they kept saying . . . 'Turn to page . . . '---'This looks just like the dresses we both had!'---'Is there a picture of Francis, the Talking Mule?' A truly enjoyable experience of reminiscing!

one of the best books about Cleveland history that I ever bought

Wonderful nostalgic book. Loved it. Great collection piece for all Clevelanders, but I think it's great for all that love Christmas season and nostalgia in general... Put together with love and attention to detail... mostly quotes from different people's remembrances mixed with great old and new photos. Highly recommended.

Even though I didn't grow up in Cleveland, I've lived here a long time and the memories in this book blend nicely with my own in the 50s and early 60s when I was growing up. Seeing my own Christmas past through a Cleveland writer's talented portrayals and pictures was a joy. We've given several copies to family and friends.

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