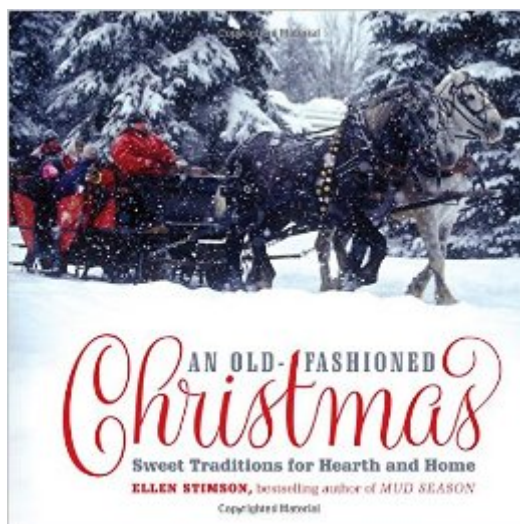


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# An Old-Fashioned Christmas: Sweet Traditions For Hearth And Home



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Celebrate the beauty and charm of the holidays with recipes for traditional food and drink, decorating ideas, and heartwarming stories. With its trademark snow, piney forests, sleigh rides and woodsmoke curling out of village chimneys, New England was practically invented for the Christmas postcard. It's got your Christmas goose and the maple syrup you are gonna use to glaze it. It's most of the reason author Ellen Stimson made Vermont her home. Here she shares recipes that have been in her family for generations, mixes up a cocktail or two, and invites readers to make their own traditions. 75 color photographs

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## Customer Reviews

I hardly know what to say about this book. No review-- at least one from me-- can do it justice. And while I understand that Ellen Stimson may be the high priestess of the English language, selecting Natalie Stultz for her photographer was a stroke of genius on her part. These color photographs of the food, the Christmas ornaments, the winter-wonderland of Vermont, this zany family, their pets-- you want to return to them again and again. Ms. Stimson is a master at making her family's Christmas memories remind you of yours. There is so much that she has to say about the Christmas season that made me homesick. Case in point: I tasted hot buttered rum for the first time so long ago in Kansas City, Missouri; and this family lived in St. Louis before they moved their clan of children, other animals and books to Vermont. My friend with whom I first tasted that heavenly drink has long since left this earth. And I still own the mugs that I bought to drink the rum in on those

frigid Midwestern nights. Ms. Stimson includes the recipe for the drink that Atlanta winters don't welcome as Todd and Natascha's Friend Amy's Hot Buttered Rum. The author includes literally dozens of recipes that she has collected over the years. She says her recipes are simple and easy. (I suspect they are for her.) I'm sure you will find several you want to try, or better still, get someone who loves you to make them for you. I was taken with John's Famous Chili, Decadent Mac & Cheese, and "Guinness Beef Stew." But desserts are what a meal is all about so I moved on to Cardamon Tapioca Pudding, Salted Caramel Turtles, Coffee Cream Puffs, and Maple Pecan Cookies. (Some of us advocate eating dessert first in case the house catches fire.) And Ms.

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