# Celebration of the Surprising Stories Behind Your Favorite Holiday Songs

The holidays are a time for joy, family, and of course, music. But have you ever wondered about the stories behind your favorite holiday songs? How did they come to be written? What inspired them? And what do they mean to us today?

In *Celebration of the Surprising Stories Behind Your Favorite Holiday Songs*, author Sarah Lapidus uncovers the fascinating tales behind some of the most beloved holiday tunes. From the heartwarming story of how "Silent Night" came to be written in a small Austrian village, to the surprising inspiration for "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," Lapidus reveals the rich history and cultural significance of these timeless songs.



## The Carols of Christmas: A Celebration of the Surprising Stories Behind Your Favorite Holiday Songs

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Here's a sneak peek at some of the stories you'll find in the book:

- "White Christmas": Did you know that this classic Christmas song was originally written for a musical called *Holiday Inn*? The song was almost cut from the film, but it ended up becoming one of the most popular Christmas songs of all time.
- "Jingle Bells": This catchy tune was actually written for Thanksgiving, not Christmas. It was originally called "One Horse Open Sleigh" and was intended to be a humorous song about a sleigh ride.
- "Deck the Halls": The origins of this traditional Welsh carol are shrouded in mystery, but it is thought to date back to the 16th century. The song is believed to have been originally a pagan song about the winter solstice.
- "The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)": This beloved holiday song was written by Mel Tormé and Robert Wells in 1944. The song was inspired by Tormé's memories of Christmases spent in his childhood home in Indiana.
- "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree": Brenda Lee recorded this iconic Christmas song in 1958 when she was just 13 years old. The song was written by Johnny Marks, who was inspired to write it after seeing children ice skating in Central Park.

These are just a few of the many fascinating stories you'll find in *Celebration of the Surprising Stories Behind Your Favorite Holiday Songs*. This book is a must-read for anyone who loves holiday music and wants to learn more about the history and meaning behind these timeless tunes.

#### Praise for *Celebration of the Surprising Stories Behind Your Favorite Holiday Songs*

"A delightful and informative read that will make you appreciate your favorite holiday songs even more." -Booklist

"Lapidus's writing is engaging and accessible, and she does a great job of weaving together the history of these songs with their cultural significance."

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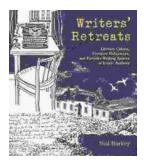
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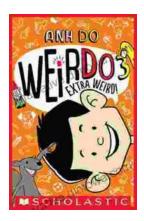
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