

## BOOK CORNER



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Once again the joyful Christmas season is here. It is truly a time for rejoicing . . . renewing old friendships and enjoying new. What finer friends have you than books?

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In keeping with the Yule season, we remind you of Christmas books available in the Library. One of our favorites is Kate Douglas Wiggin's heart-warming story, *THE BIRDS' CHRISTMAS CAROL*.

Delightfully illustrated in brilliant colors is *THE CHRISTMAS PUPPY*. Other charming stories for children are: *THE DOLL'S CHRISTMAS*, *THE LITTLE PRINCE*, *THE OTHER WISE MAN*, *THE FIRST CHRISTMAS*, and *THE ANIMALS' MERRY CHRISTMAS*.

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Christmas belongs to everyone and in *THE FIRESIDE BOOK OF CHRISTMAS STORIES*, we find stories and legends reminding us what Christmas means to us and how people of many lands have celebrated it. The first part is devoted to the birth and infancy of the Christ child, with these famous writers contributing: Henry Van Dyke, Elizabeth Hart and Frances Hodgson Burnett. Selections by Dickens, Walter de la Mare, Daphne du Maurier, Christopher Morley and Louisa Mae Alcott complete this volume that makes entertaining and inspirational reading for the holidays.

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Santa has made a premature visit to the Library and emptied a portion of his Christmas

treasures with us.

One of the most unusual and valuable books of our day is a pictorial history of presidential elections from George Washington to Harry Truman. Compiled by Stefan Lorant, *THE PRESIDENCY* contains over 1000 pictures illustrating the drama, heroism, scandal, conflict, and the ballyhoo of our American elections.

The forty-two chapters, one for each presidential election, are preceded by portraits of each major candidate for the presidency and vice-presidency from 1789 to 1948. Never before has the history of the presidency been so graphically told as in this interesting volume.

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You "whodunit" fans will welcome these new additions — *MURDER IN THE FAMILY* by Mary Hastings Bradley; *DARK JOURNEY*, Freeman Wells Crafts; and "ANNA, WHERE ARE YOU?" by Patricia Wentworth.

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Authoritative authors have given us these books, designed to improve mind, soul, and body: *YOU'RE AS YOUNG AS YOU ACT*, Margery Wilson; *LIVE AND HELP LIVE*, Kraines and Thetford; *GOOD FOOD WITHOUT SALT*, Margaret Vaughn.

Other best-sellers are: *WASHINGTON CONFIDENTIAL*, Jack Lait and Lee Mortimer; *CRIME IN AMERICA*, Estes Kefauver; *DOCTOR OF MERCY*, Elizabeth Seifert; *THE VOICE OF ASIA*, James Michener; *THE FORTUNE TELLERS*, Berry Fleming; *SEVEN LEAGUES TO PARADISE*, Richard Tregaskis; *BIRTH OF A WORLD*, Waldo Frank; *THE HARPER HISTORY OF PAINTING*, David Robb; and *STRANGE LANDS AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE*, William O. Douglas.