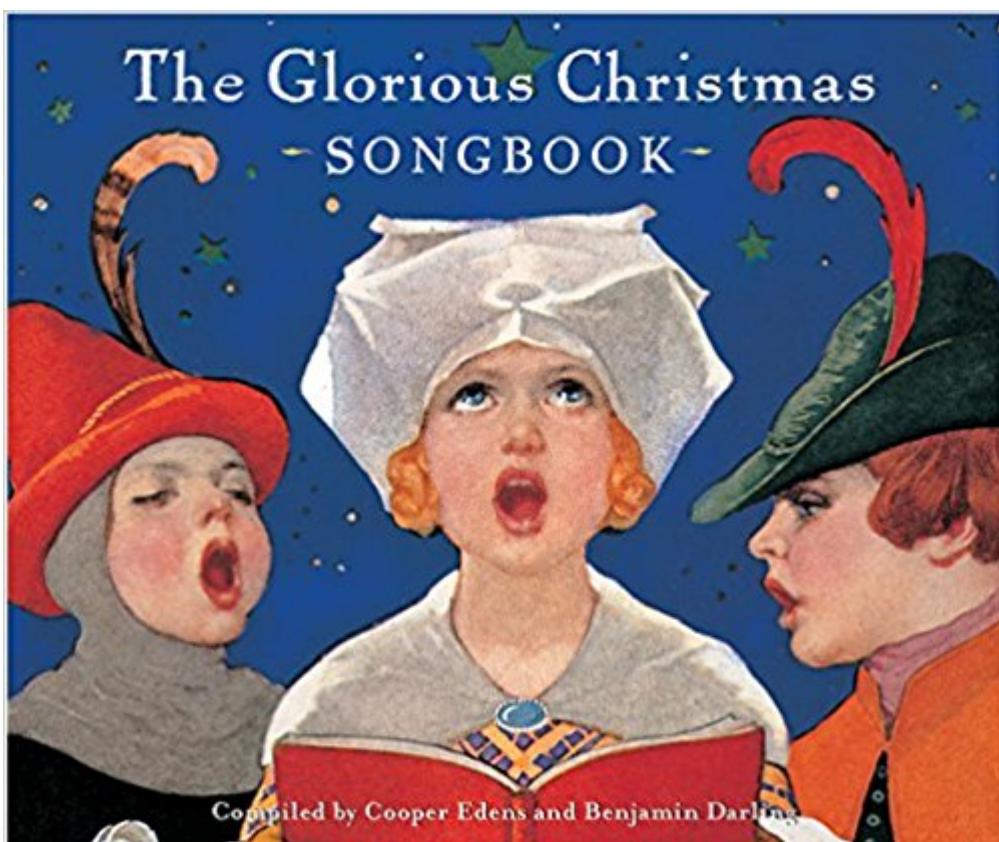


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# The Glorious Christmas Songbook (Classic Illustrated)



## **Synopsis**

Fill the holidays with joyous song! In the tradition of Chronicle Book's Classic Illustrated Edition of The Night Before Christmas comes another charming book to help you sing in the holidays. With illustrations garnered from one of the world's most extensive antique picture book collections, The Glorious Christmas Songbook features over 50 favorite songs, both contemporary and time-honored, from "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth" to "Joy to the World." It is the perfect musical companion for the most glorious season of the year.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 3 Up-A compilation of the lyrics for 52 holiday songs, from "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth" to "Winter Wonderland." However, in most cases, only a fragment of the music is included. For example, for "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," the music is presented for the words, "You better watch out, You better not cry, Better not pout, I'm telling you why"-and then it stops. This is a perplexing and unforgivable failure in an otherwise attractive book. The charming illustrations were culled from books and magazines of the 1800s and early 1900s, and the selection of songs is nicely varied between traditional carols and popular tunes. However, anyone needing the music will want to look elsewhere.-E.M. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Using illustration sources as varied as a seventeenth-century painting The Adoration of the Magi turn-of-the-century postcards, and children's magazines, this songbook combines familiar

carols with classic images. Much care has been taken with the book's design. The alternating buff and white pages have a rich look. Each double spread features the song lyrics, a few bars of the music (not always enough if you want to play the song), and a piece of art. Among the songs included are such traditional carols as "The First Noel," "Good King Wenceslas," and "O Holy Night" and such popular tunes as "It's Beginning to Look like Christmas," "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth," and "Silver Bells." This won't take the place of a book with complete music, but it is an attractive alternative for libraries unable to get enough of Christmas materials. Ilene Cooper

I just ordered my second copy of this as my family has used the first copy so much that the binding is getting a little worn. Don't get me wrong, it's not cheaply made, but it's been well used by small children and after 7 years, we needed another. I love this book. I've never actually paid too much attention to the illustrations, but the lyrics to all the Christmas songs. My family and I LOVE, ADORE, and are OBSESSED with Christmas and Holiday music. My little ones love to sing along to all their favorites, as do I. I know most by heart, but boy oh boy, if The Twelve Days of Christmas doesn't kick my butt every time. You really cannot go wrong with this book. It has most of the songs you could ever want, in fact, I can't think of many that aren't in here, though I might be missing one or two. Great family book to enjoy for years to come!

I purchased this book through based on the lovely cover. It is a welcome addition to my collection of Christmas books, and will rest on my piano during the holiday season. The other reviewer is correct that it is not a music book, and the title can be misleading, but it is a great book in its own right. While short on music, the book is full of beautiful illustrations, some of which I've seen before, though many are new treasures. The art captures the magic of the season, both the sweet and sacred aspects. The lyrics of carols are given prime space - like a kind of poetry book. The size of the book is comfortable, and displays the art very well. It's great to share the art with children (of all ages). I am very happy with the book and recommend it to anyone who loves Christmas, art, and music.

Nice, solid selection of Christmas favorites. But I wish the pictures would have been brighter and/or larger. Some of these seem like an afterthought.

We purchased this book to replace one that we lost a couple of years ago. It is a beautiful book and my daughter loves it. The service was fabulous and the item was delivered sooner than expected .

I bought this for Christmas 2011 and my granddaughter still loves it. She was only 5 at the time but would sing the songs from the book by herself.

This book's title is misleading. This is not a songbook- it's a collection of beautiful illustrations. As in their related publication of "The night before Christmas" the producers have selected absolutely gorgeous Christmas illustrations. If you enjoy these, then the book may provide you with much pleasure. If you are interested in music- as the title here suggests, you are sure to be sadly disappointed. Included are the texts to many Christmas songs, both old and new. Unlike lots of other "Christmas treasury" collections of songs, you'll probably recognize most or all of these. There are texts from the old classics and plenty of new ones too-like "Jingle Bell Rock", or "All I want for Christmas". You will need to recognize all the songs too, since they choose to include only 4-8 MEASURES of melody in most cases! How could anybody call a book with single-note score settings of fragments of songs a "songbook"? I found that scanning through this book made me very angry. Since I own and love their edition of "The night before Christmas", I would have planned to buy this one sight-unseen. I'm glad I didn't- this book has no target audience, it's a pure profit generator. They would have done better to simply call it a collection of classic illustrations and perhaps choose song quotes as a means of organizing the illustrations by theme.

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