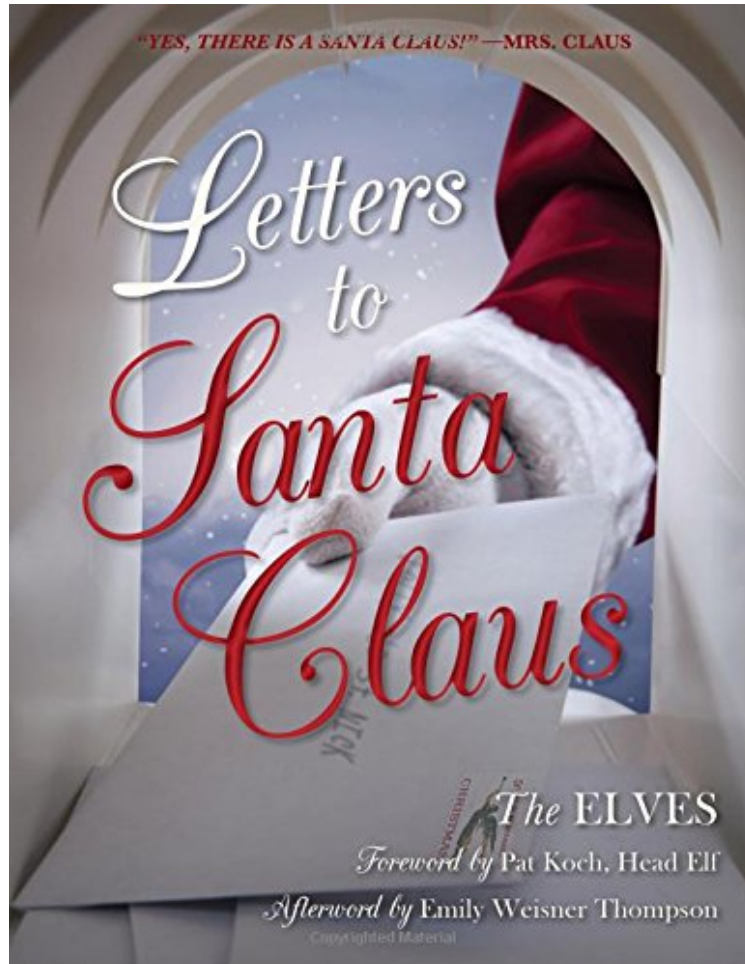


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materialistic letters. A wonderful book and a great read especially at this jolliest time of the year.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great hostess gift or for anyone on your list!By Lindsay6OMG, love this! I am giving it as a gift to my sister and am going to include copies of my own kids letters to Santa!Very heartwarming- some will make you want to cry and many will make you laugh!203 pages- put together SO nicely and sweet pictures. Just love it!Letters from: 1930's thru 2010! Great coffee table book- most would love to pick this up and read the letters!Okay now off to send my letter to Santa- Santa Claus, Indiana!Merry Christmas!

For years, children and adults have stuffed their candid dreams, wishes, and promises into envelopes addressed to Santa Claus. Whether the envelopes come with stamps or without, are addressed to "The Big Red Guy at Jingle Bells Lane" or simply "To Santa," for over 100 years, millions of these letters have poured into Santa Claus, Indiana. Arriving from all corners of the globe, the letters ask for toys, family reunions, snow, and help for the needysometimes the needy being the writers themselves. They are candid, heartfelt, and often blunt. Many children wonder how Santa gets into their chimneyless homes. One child reminds Santa that she has not hit her brothers over 1,350 times that year, and another respectfully requests two million dollars in "cold cash." One child hopes to make his life better with a time machine, an adult woman asks for a man, and one miscreant actually threatens Santas reindeer! Containing more than 250 actual letters and envelopes from the naughty and nice reaching back to the 1930s, this moving book will touch readers hearts and bring back memories of a time in our lives when the man with a white beard and a red suit held out the hope that our wishes might come true.

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