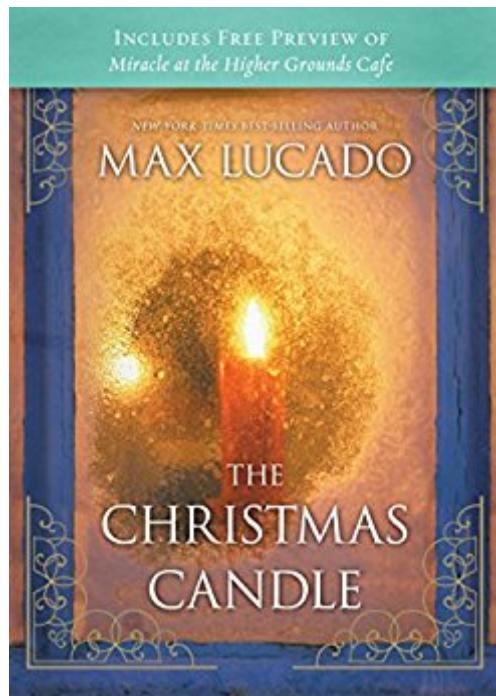


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The Christmas Candle



Synopsis

From New York Times best-selling author Max Lucado comes a timeless message that will warm your heart. Imagine a Victorian England village in the Cotswolds where very little out of the ordinary ever happens . . . except at Christmas time. This year, Edward Haddington, a lowly candle maker, is visited by a mysterious angel. That angel silently imparts a precious gift—“a gift that’s bungled and subsequently lost. The candle maker and his wife, Bea, struggle to find the gift. And when they do, they have to make a difficult choice. Who among their community is most in need of a Christmas miracle? Join inspirational author Max Lucado and experience anew the joy of Christmas. BONUS: Includes a sneak preview of Max’s novel, *Miracle at the Higher Grounds* Cafef!

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book because I have followed Susan Boyle making her debut in the movie to be

released later this year. Samantha Barks stars, and Susan has a role and sings in the movie, which should be a blockbuster over the holiday season. This is a story of The Christmas Candle, and the candle maker in some beautiful countryside settings in England. Max Lucado is a great writer and gives us a beautiful little story in this book. Let your heart be light! I sure won't miss seeing the movie.

I love Max Lucado's books, he is someone who resonates with me and I totally get whatever he writes and I always love it. This is described as a Charles Dickens story and that seems right - this is just better. This is another book about what would you do if you knew that a miracle could and would happen? In the Christmas Candle, since the 17th Century a candle maker has been visited by an angel who touches one candle that he has made and if given to another the candle will create a miracle for that person, the angel visits every 25 years and always the same family of candle makers. Fast-forward to the 19th century and it's time for the Christmas Candle again. Of course everyone knows about it and this has been an unusually difficult for most people, even the candle maker and his wife have a wish. Many of the villagers have come to ask for the candle, the candle maker and his wife really don't know what to do. So who gets the candle?

Miracles can occur but you need to believe that it will. In this story, it was apparent that the whole town did believe as they each wanted a miracle. Did they need it or just wanted it to happen? The vessels was in the form of a candle made by the candle maker. I loved the story as it made you think about the true meaning of XMAS again-- that is of giving and do not expect presents back. I make homemade cookies and give them out as gifts also.

Edit    MY REVIEW Dec 10, 2015 Review of The Christmas Candle (Kindle Edition) Rating liked it Bookshelves read Edit Shelves Status Read in December, 2015 Format Kindle Edition (edit) Review My 18th Christmas book of the season was The Christmas Candle by Max Lucado. Since the 1600s every 25 years, in a certain village, an angel swathed in a bright light visits the candle maker in the middle of the night to "bless", if you will, a candle. At least this is what the villagers believe, because when the chosen candle is given away something wonderful happens to the receiver. Prayers are answered in profound ways. This year in particular something very different happens and lives are changed in a different kind of Christmas miracle. I'm seriously not sure what to think about this one. I've read a lot of Max Lucado stories and generally they are creatively written with lovely language

and well turned phrases. But this was not up to his standard, in my opinion. Normally I'd give anything Mr. Lucado wrote 5-stars, but I can give this one 3.5 at best. The ending was a bit of a mystery to me. Good moral, for sure, not to think of things as magical, but to consider that God answers prayer and blesses at His will to show his power so people can believe.

Like a good contemporary American, I WATCHED the movie first, and then read the book. I discovered, usually quite the opposite in most book-to-movies, that the movie actually fleshed out the plot more than Lucado has done in his book. With that being said though, the DIFFERENCES that the movie did, I think, did the story more injustice. It could be that, like many Christian-made movies, The Christmas Candle is a little too cheesy, but I like Lucado's book more. The biggest reason in particular, is Lucado's treatment and development of the Reverend. The Reverend in the book is much more reticent to come to Gladstone, and his "dark secret" is much more poignant than the "dark tragedy" in the movie that had befall him. The book also is much more simple and "to the point." The character changes and differences the movie did, were, I think unnecessary. The whole subplot in the movie that does not exist in the book; that being the general fear of electricity, seemed rather irrelevant as well. While I will not say the Christmas Candle will maybe be remembered by the general republic as much as Dickens, I would rather look forward to another release of the Christmas Candle done as the book wrote it.

This is a great story of hope and miracles. Very touching. Very encouraging. It emphasizes how God always wants to answer our prayers, and in a beautiful way. An ideal book to read at Christmas time.

This story is very quickly read. It is based in very early England in a very small village. The local candle maker is one of many generations to follow this trade. Every 25 years during the Advent time an angel appears and touches one candle. This candle maker decides who he feels God wants to have the candle and they light it and say a prayer. They always receive a blessing. This is the year for the angel to visit. The village has a new preacher who doesn't really believe in God. An accident happens during the visitation and the exact candle that was touched is lost among a group of candles. The whole village learns a lesson from what happens.

I have stayed up into the wee hours of the morning for two nights reading this book. I could not stop, and the ending has spoken Deeply to me. You see, it is Not the light of the candle thru which God

speaks and work in our life. It is the Faith we place in the Light of His Son that produces the Miracles. Lord Jesus, teach me More of you. Heavenly Father, touch me with Your Light, and send me to your children. "Here am I Lord. SPEAK TO ME AND GUIDE ME. " in Jesus Precious Name, Amen

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