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## *A Family Christmas*

**Selected and Introduced by Caroline Kennedy**

In **A FAMILY CHRISTMAS** (published by Hyperion; November 1, 2007; \$26.95 **hardcover**), Caroline Kennedy shares poetry, prose, scriptural passages, and lyrics in the spirit of the holiday, drawing on writers as diverse as Truman Capote, Groucho Marx, Martin Luther King, Jr., John Lennon and Yoko Ono, and Charles Dickens.

The book includes an introduction written by Caroline about the origins of Christmas celebrations and the importance of family traditions around the holiday. She writes, “In our family, with the exception of a few Christmas cookies, preparations tended to the literary rather than the culinary. My mother used to write poems for her mother, and my brother and I illustrated Bible verses, wrote poems, and decorated cards for her. She collected them in a special scrapbook or framed them, just as her mother had done.”

There are many treasures throughout, including young Caroline’s Christmas list to Santa Claus and a letter from President John F. Kennedy to a child concerned about Santa’s well-being. A painting of an angel by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis from 1963 appears on the book cover. Martha Washington’s “Great Cake” recipe, which is traditionally served

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for Twelfth Night (January 6), also known as Epiphany, is detailed in the book. And George Washington's letter to John Hancock describes crossing the Delaware River on Christmas in 1776.

Other notables featured in **A FAMILY CHRISTMAS** include:

- **Pearl S. Buck**
- **Sandra Cisneros**
- **Billy Collins**
- **Gabriela Mistral**
- **Ogden Nash**
- **David Sedaris**
- **Calvin Trillin**
- **Mark Twain**
- **E.B. White**, and many more

This diverse and unique anthology will enrich your heart and mind with the spirit of Christmas. The book will become a timeless keepsake – one that will encourage generations of readers to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

Caroline Kennedy is the editor of the *New York Times* bestselling *A Family of Poems*, *The Best-Loved Poems of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis*, *A Patriot's Handbook*, and *Profiles in Courage for Our Time*, and is the co-author of *The Right To Privacy and In Our Defense: The Bill of Rights in Action*. She serves as the Vice Chair of the New York City Fund for Public Schools.

For more information on the book and tour cities, please go to

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