

last of the book reviews

avourite Winter Stories from Fireside Al
(Anguin Books Canada)
Selected and Introduced by Alan Maitland

...it from a hard-boiled, coldly impartial arts reviewer to admit such things, but this book's cover alone was enough to give me a warm, rosy glow. Alan Maitland and his storytelling are ...
...ian institutions, and the mention of his name evokes memories of countless winter evenings spent by a radio as his rich, velvet voice somehow brought stories old and new to life in the dark ...
...e night.

The above impassioned testimonial may not mean much to underprivileged readers who don't touch CBC Radio, but most CBC listeners will know whereof I speak. Maitland, a veteran broadcaster who got his start as a radio storyteller decades ago with his fondly remembered *Read to Me* series, is best known as the longtime co-host of CBC Radio's flagship current affairs ...
... *As It Happens*. Although Maitland recently retired after 46 years at CBC, he continues to be heard periodically on *As It Happens* in his persona as radio storyteller "Fireside Al." It's ...
... name that Maitland is best known and loved (though he doubles as "Front-Porch Al" in the summer). His stories (especially the Christmas season readings) have become a cherished ...
... tion for CBC listeners, and in this book Maitland collects twenty-six of his favourites to share with fellow story-lovers of stories.

All you have to do is listen to Maitland at work to know he loves storytelling; he has an infectious enthusiasm for this verbal theatre, and an insatiable appetite for good yarns. This collection ...
... that. Its diversity is impressive, ranging from classics like "The Highwayman" to lesser-known tales like "Bicycle"; and from the surreal, eerie whimsy of Dicken's "The Bagman" ...
... the creeping madness of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart," mixed with the timeless poignancy of stories like Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Match Girl."

Maitland introduces each story and its author with some thoughts on the work, and also provides an overall introduction to the book itself. In the latter, he tries to explain how his favourite ...
... end themselves to winter-- how they seem to mix well with hot chocolate, a roaring fire, a snowy night, or any combination of such things. It's an instinctive quality, and it rings true ...
... itself-- and, I suspect, for most folks who like to curl up with a good book. This book would make a fine Christmas gift.

Regardless, our old friend "Fireside Al" has assembled a book for all seasons and all readers. As Maitland himself says, these are simply "stories to enjoy."

...an McQuaid

The Season
(Andrews & McMeel)

...books are becoming more and more popular again as people realize you don't have to ...
... lot-- it just has to mean something. *Tis The Season* is one of those small books (my review ...
... ably contains more words than the book does). What this book lacks in words it makes ...
... in its drawings. They are magnificent, incredible. When this book was presented at ...
... office, everyone oohed and aahed over the wonderful pictures in this beautiful little ...
... me. The story (if you can call it a story) is just a few words on the beauty and ...
... ghtfulness of the holiday season. That's it, pretty plain and simple. This book will make ...
... at present for someone on my Christmas list.

...anifer 'Grinch' Caseley

Christmas Journal
(Andrews and McMeel)

...rated by Mary Engelbreit
...tten by Catherine Hoesterey
... absolutely charming book is illustrated by Mary Engelbreit, who is famous for her child- ...
... drawings. This journal is a Christmas scrapbook with room for you to fill in memories ...
... idays past, photos, recipes, and christmas card lists for five years. This journal is ...
... rent from the many other journals available because it is fun. The sections prompt you ...
... rd memories, and the useful calendars and lists are interspersed with Engelbreit's ...
... ical sketches. This book is guaranteed to become a family heirloom. If you are ...
... ing for the perfect gift for a new family, this is it.

...era Chisholm

All Fall Down
(Talonbooks)

By Wendy Lill

All Fall Down is a play about the modern-day witch hunts that occur when accusations of sexual abuse are lodged against a small-town daycare center. This play is a commentary on a social system that sees people as guilty until proven innocent. It is a powerful and touching look at our society and the people who run it.

-- C.A. Schneider

A History of God
(Ballantine Books)

By Karen Armstrong

A History of God is a comprehensive history of the God of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. This book is a must for those interested in religion. Armstrong takes it beyond the differences to show the similarities between the God of these three faiths. She shows the reader all she knows and aids in a further understanding of the God we are most familiar with.

-- C.A. Schneider

The Cat On My Shoulder: Writers and their Cats

(Avon)

Edited by Lisa Angowski Rogak

A collection of essays about authors and their cats, this book is a treat for cat lovers and literature lovers alike. The authors in question range from children's author Richard Scarry and mystery writers like Sharon McCrumb to bestselling authors like Rosellen Brown and Bobbie Ann Mason. A great coffee table book, and a fun read.

-- C.A. Schneider

The Little Snowman
(Andrews & McMeel)

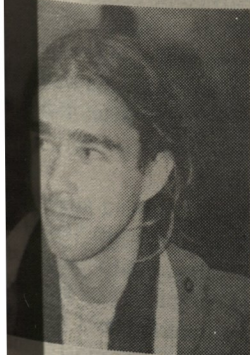


Sheila Black
The Little Snowman is a sweet little story about a special snowman. Aimed at young children, this book and the snow-shaker packaged with it will capture any child's heart. Well written and beautifully illustrated by Paul Selwyn, this book and its snow bubble are bound to be a keepsake.

--C.A. Schneider

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What questions or topics do you think should be addressed by Campus Comment?



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...ar Computer Science



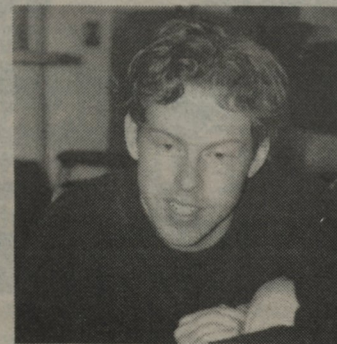
"Clean air policy in the Pit is one of the fundamental topics that should be addressed."

Arja Martin
2nd year Biology



"The eating habits of students and what movies should be shown at the Movie Pubs."

Emily Smith
2nd year English



"Whether milkbones would be a good substitute for brushing your teeth."

Kevin Henderson
non-student