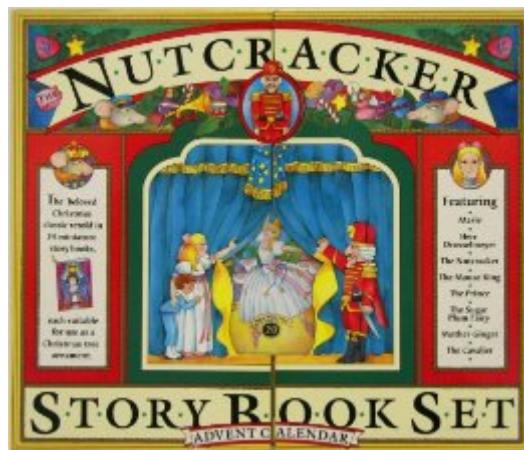


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# The Nutcracker Story Book Set And Advent Calendar



## **Synopsis**

It's a marriage of two classics: The Nutcracker and Advent calendars. Front cover flaps part like stage curtains to reveal 24 full-color illustrated story-books. Books are numbered, and like the peekaboo windows of Advent calendars, they're meant to be opened and read, one per day, from December 1 until Christmas Eve. From a first glimpse of the Stahlbaum house (#1) to the duel between the Nutcracker and the Mouse King (#14) to the magical Sugar Plum Fairy (#20), the board books retell the complete story. In addition, with their gold-thread loops and four different trim sizes, the jewel-like books are designed to be hung on the Christmas tree year after year.

## **Book Information**

Calendar: 24 pages

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Product Dimensions: 12.1 x 0.3 x 14.1 inches

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Average Customer Review: 4.9 out of 5 stars (See all reviews) (22 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 3 - 18 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## **Customer Reviews**

This book is a wonderfully illustrated storybook set. I've read many different versions of the Nutcracker story, but this is better and more magical because the pictures make all the characters come to life. What's unique about this is that it has 24 little story books in one big cardboard stage. Each book has a number on it, indicating the date you should read the small part of the story on. The illustrator, Nan Brooks, has a different and unique style of drawing. I definitely recommend this book to anyone that likes the Nutcracker story and the magic of Christmas.

This purchase exceeded my expectations. We loved reading all of the tiny books (one each night) during the month of December, and my daughter loved hanging each one up on the tree each night.

(each book doubles as an ornament) When we packed it away, I felt sad, and can't wait until this December to open it and use it again (and again and again!) What a fantastic family tradition!

This is a beautiful advent calendar, and exactly what I was looking for when trying to find something for my daughter, who is an avid reader. The little books are around 3-4 pages each so they are pretty small, but just the fact that she gets to read a new book each night is amazing for her. I think we could reuse it in future years as well or use the books as ornaments after she reads them. I have to give a shout out to the seller, . I had previously ordered a calendar that I thought was made up of different books for each night, but turned out to be only 1 novel instead. My daughter was disappointed so I quickly ordered this calendar. Of course, it was already past the first day, and the site originally said it would take extra time to process the order. I thought that was better than her having something she didn't like at all so I went ahead and ordered it. It arrived the NEXT DAY after I ordered it! I was so amazed and so happy I could provide her with something else so quickly.

Thank you for once again saving the day!!!

This advent calendar is created out of a sturdy "cardboard" ~ it should last for years if taken care of. It opens in the front and can stand up sort of in a tri-fold fashion. The way the cover is designed, it looks like you're opening up on a play. The little books are held in place by a plastic sleeve which slips on & off relatively easily. I'm not sure it was meant to be reusable, but it is. Just be careful and slip it off and then replace it after you've used it ~ to store for next year. Each little book has a little gold cord which allows you to hang them like ornaments. The small books vary in size, but each are three pages ~ The cover, the page, the back cover ~ of text & fully colored illustrations. I will say (I believe) the text is more advanced than a small child might read at, but I think this would be enjoyed no matter the age. Please note the main character is named Marie and NOT Clara ~ if that's important to you. There are 24 books. \*\*I purchased four of these ~ Two for my own daughters and two for my nieces ~ I'm so glad I did. These are BEAUTIFUL ~ I really can't recommend them enough. You will not be sorry.

Such a wonderful Advent Calendar in my opinion. Instead of stuffing kiddos w/ sugar each day, this is something to look fwd to each day as well. I think too is a great present to give to friends and family too.

I bought this for my daughter when she was 4 and we are still using this 2 years later. She enjoys

being able to decorate "her" mini tree with the books and it makes a nice countdown to Christmas (versus candy). We both love the Nutcracker story too. Made of high quality cardboard, this looks nice for displaying and unless used roughly should last for many years.

I had this when my daughters were growing up, but in losing lost it. This year, my youngest daughter who is expecting her firstborn said that she would love to be able to find one, I immediately came to to order one each for her and her older sister who has 4 children. They both loved them and my youngest was moved to tears when she opened hers.

Someone at work had a similar calendar for A Christmas Carol and I thought this would be a unique way to do Advent this year, and it was. Each day gives you a tiny snippet of the Nutcracker story.

My only complaint was that the pockets where the little books came out of didn't have numbers. So if you had multiple books out, or chose to hang them on the tree (as they are also ornaments), you couldn't put them back in the same place. The numbers could have been in the inside of the pocket, behind the book. Not really a big issue since they don't have to be in any order, but it would have been nice to have that option.

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