

Lost in Christmas

About The Book

Lost in Christmas, by Hollywood screenwriter and producer Michael Sloan, is a Christmas classic in the making.

It tells the story of the Karollers, a family spending their last Christmas together before Mom and Dad divorce. But on Christmas Eve, as they browse the shelves of Macy's department store, they find themselves magically transported into the world of the Christmas cards on display there.

Now, in the surreal, ever-changing world of the Christmas cards, they must overcome their differences and band together to find their way home. Luckily, along the way they can rely on a whole host of festive friends, from psychologist snowmen and mischievous wise men, to Santa Claus himself.

A veritable stocking-full of zany adventures, *Lost in Christmas* is at once reminiscent of *Home Alone*, while its sentimental celebration of all things festive evokes the heart-warming gooey centre of *It's a Wonderful Life*. All this freshly wrapped in a contemporary feel akin to Netflix's recent festive hit *The Christmas Chronicles*.

Given the pedigree of *Lost in Christmas*' author, this classic feel should come as no surprise. Throughout his long career, Michael has always nursed an affection for festive film favourites.

He says: "Christmas is a special time of year, and Christmas movies are a special kind of genre. For years, I've wanted to write something that gives you that warm and cosy feeling, something for all the family to curl up and watch together. But when the premise for *Lost in Christmas* struck me – I saw a family jumping from Christmas card to Christmas card, from snowy town squares straight and into fire-lit taverns – I found myself so



overflowing with ideas that I knew I could never fit them all into ninety minutes! First it would have to get it all into a book, and then I could start whittling it into a screenplay.”

Throughout *Lost in Christmas*, Michael’s experience as a screenwriter shines through, the tightly structured narrative and adroit characterisation casting a spell on the reader, as the family work through their problems towards a suitably heart-warming conclusion. Whether it’s youngest son Tim’s struggle to stand up for himself, teenage Megan wanting to get back for her high school party, student Johnny’s difficulties with his distant father, or estranged husband and wife Thomas and Alicia’s rocky relationship, everyone has their obstacles to overcome and their lessons to learn.

Michael continues: “I’d love nothing better than for reading *Lost in Christmas* together to become a Christmas tradition. Spending time as a family is, of course, what Christmas is all about, and there’s no better way to bring people together than a good story. But to do so, just like under the tree, there’s got to be something for everybody, for the little kids, for the moody teenagers, and for Mom and Dad too!”

So, come one all ye merry readers, one and all, there’s something very special just for you this Christmas! *Lost in Christmas*, by Michael Sloan, is a gift that will keep on giving every year.

About The Author

Michael Sloan has hundreds of screen credits to his name, including *Battlestar Galactica*, *The Six Million Dollar Man*, *The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew Mysteries*, *Columbo*, *BJ and the Bear*, and *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*; he is perhaps best known as the creator of the original *The Equalizer* TV series, which has subsequently been adapted into a million-dollar franchise starring Denzel Washington.

What People Are Saying About *Lost in Christmas*

This is a rip-snorting feel-good book, either to be read to yourself or out loud to someone you love by a fireside. It is to Christmas books what *It’s a Wonderful Life* is to Christmas movies. Michael Sloan has created a glorious fantasy world for The Karoller family – funny and touching, and with some good hints on how to live our lives. Sloan knows brilliantly well

how to tell a story. He takes us by the hand and whizzes us round the world and back and forth through history – a journey that's up there with *Alice in Wonderland*. Buy yourself a copy of *Lost in Christmas* and then buy a few more for your friends.

Simon Williams, Actor

Michael Sloan has written a delightful, thoughtful, adventurous metaphor on the true meaning of Christmas. *Lost in Christmas* celebrates beyond shopping and Christmas trees and enters the heart of what it means to be family. Friendship and loving support shine in every chapter. An enjoyable read from a writer who extends the holiday spirit through the entire year.

Michael Halperin, Author

Christmas movies are something of a guilty pleasure at a certain time of year. This is the literary equivalent of those films, except it's told by a master story-teller, so is simply better. Lovely idea, great story, interesting characters....loved it!

I Dickerson, Amazon Review

Lost in Christmas by Michael Sloan is as heart-warming as a Thomas Kinkade painting, filled with likeable characters, snowy landscapes, adventure, bullies and busy shopping at Christmas. It is actually a complete action tale in its own right (in a Christmas setting) and may easily become a family tradition to dip into at Christmas each year (like *The Box of Delights*). There are plenty of pop culture references which add to the richness of the story, though if you don't recognise them, they don't detract in any way. Unfortunately in a few years time, this may date the novel. It would love to see *Lost in Christmas* adapted as a graphic novel and an audio drama. Well worth checking out!

Anthony A Zehetner, Amazon Review

Family is what life is all about and the Christmas magic in the cards...teaches it all. A must read for those who love...A wonderful Christmas real life magical story!

Naomi Seastead, Amazon Review

Key Selling Points

- Unique family-friendly concept.
- Written by Michael Sloan, the writer responsible for the successful *The Equalizer* movies franchise. The films have a combined worldwide total gross figure of \$382,730,895.
- The story has a universal theme of love, loss and redemption. It has received very strong reviews that praise its unique and appealing concept.

- Ambition is to make *Lost in Christmas* the most read book or viewed film over the holiday season each year.

Comparable Works

Home Alone

Elf

Miracle of 34th Street

It's a Wonderful Life

The Christmas Chronicles

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