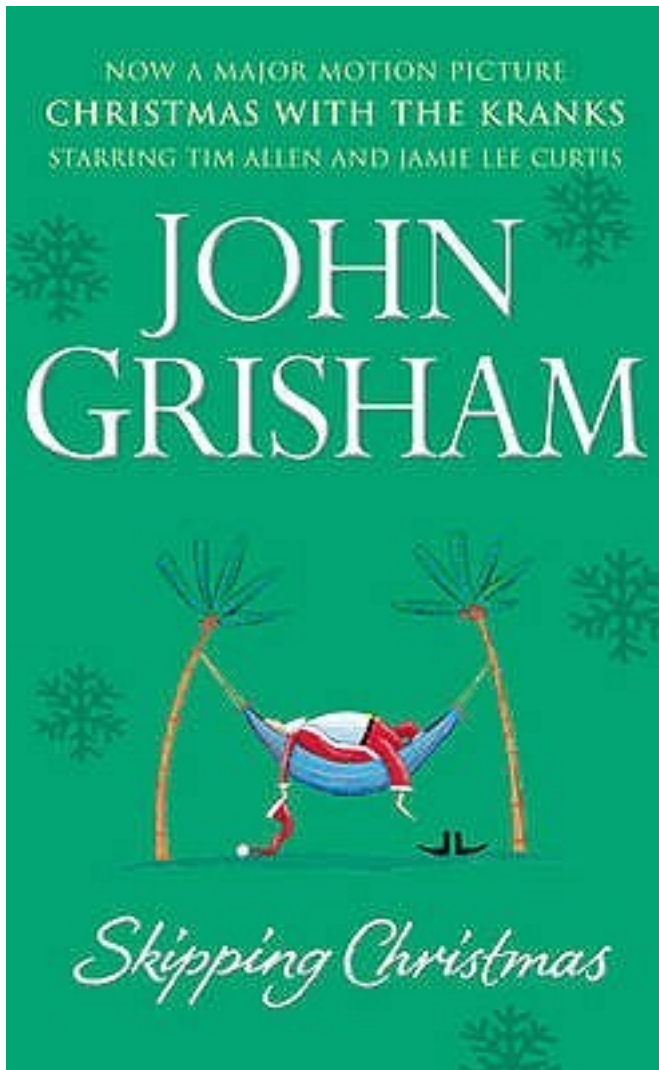

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Skipping Christmas



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Description

Imagine a year without Christmas. No crowded shops, no corny office parties, no fruitcakes, no unwanted presents. That's just what Luther and Nora Krank have in mind when they decide that, just this once, they'll skip the holiday altogether. Theirs will be the only house on the street without a rooftop Frosty the snowman; they won't be hosting their annual Christmas Eve bash; they aren't even going to have a tree. They won't need one, because come December 25 they're setting sail on a Caribbean cruise. But, as this weary couple is about to discover, skipping Christmas brings enormous consequences - and isn't half as easy as they'd imagined.

A classic tale for modern times, *Skipping Christmas* offers a hilarious look at the chaos and frenzy that has become part of our holiday tradition.

Insightful reviews

Phrynne: I was not much impressed by this book. I should have read the reviews more closely because lots of people seem to feel the same and worse! The story was weak, the characters unlikeable and there was really very little humour. For me it fell apart right from the basic premise that the Kranks were doing something unusual in going on holiday over Xmas. Really? Millions of people do it every year including me some years. And the neighbours were just awful. I suppose it was intended to be funny but I barely raised a smile. Apologies to readers who liked it but it obviously was not my cup of tea!

Zachary: An absolute horror-show of a book. The two worst people in the entire world decide to not celebrate Christmas for a year and their Nazi suburban beehive neighbors treat them like they're hosting a donkey show in the front window. There isn't a single character in this book who passes the basic test of decency. The couple lie to their daughter and treat her like a non-person. The husband is a hateful a-hole. The wife is shallow and defeated. The neighborhood men are bullies. The neighborhood women are a backbiting hen house. Despite the faint glimmer of kindness in the last chapter, this book is a contemptable look at contemptable people. Merry Christmas, shitheads.

Carol: I adore holiday books, especially those centered around Christmas, but this is one I wish I had skipped. At least it was short.

First of all, I didn't like anybody through 7/8 of the book. Mr. Krank, is, well, a crank. His wife agrees with his skipping Christmas idea but still manages to lay all the blame on him. Their neighbors and friends are jerks. I would be jealous if someone I knew were taking a cruise for Christmas not angry. I do think the Kranks were going a little overboard though. I'd still do some decorating, after all they were planning on being in town through most of December.

Even the daughter was inconsiderate, assuming that her parents had made no alternative plans. And why they didn't just tell her that they would be happy to spend Christmas Eve with her, but they were leaving on Christmas Day for a cruise is beyond me. She's a grown woman, out of college, capable of heading across the world on her own.

The last bit of the book held all the feel good moments, but overall I didn't care, and by the end felt manipulated. I guess it had an anti-materialism message somewhere, but there are way better stories out there.

Rebecca McNutt: This e-book was once a type of funny, jogged my memory of these nationwide Lampoon movies somewhat. The writing bought a bit of boring and predictable in the course of the story.

Stephan van der Linde: it is a enjoyable read, yet personal, i believe it used to be frustrating. This as the main-character acts completely different then i might have. Social-control at it really is worst, grrrr anyhow, i cannot stand it..A kin comes to a decision to bypass christmas for a yr to go to (Florida?). The neighbourhood which each and every 12 months celebrates this with a definite tradition, cannot stand the very fact the relations "just" no longer participate. I stuck myself getting mad, little by means of litte, how the folk round intrude and exhibit their disapproval, with no fairly pronounce it.How time and again I thought, i'd *#* @!!\$#! hehe.. yet in the end I beloved this book. completely different because the company (which is good, yet can be extra serious), and it reads easily. regrettably i purchased a secondhand "Skipping Christmas" the place pages have been loosening whereas reading. This bothers me and that i will purchase one other edition. This says sufficient I loved it. ;)

Steve: 1.5 stars. whereas the basis of this ebook used to be good, and that i used to be having fun with contemplating doing an analogous factor because the major characters, it in a short time fell into unnecessary discussions that moved the plot alongside slowly, yet by no means fairly comprehensive anything. The chapters have been small, taking over what was once most likely 5 mins of tale time, yet felt like weeks. the ultimate twist, which wasn't rather a lot a climax was once quite predictable, and sadly, additionally dealt with very predictably. The mild twist within the answer was once a pleasant touch.

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