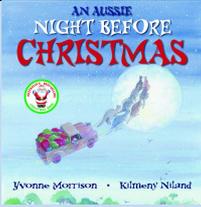
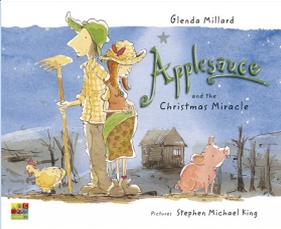
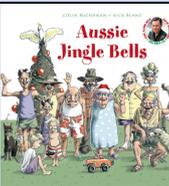
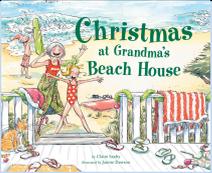
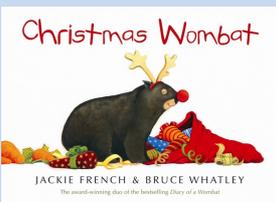
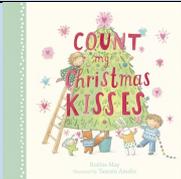
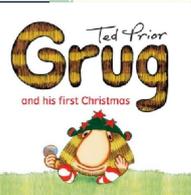


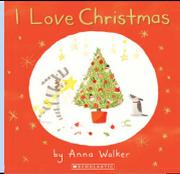
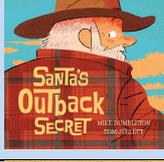
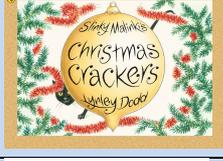
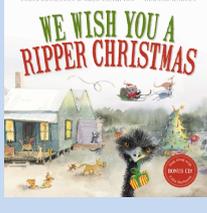
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(With some well loved extras)

	<p>An Aussie Night Before Christmas by Yvonne Morrison and Kilmeny Niland. Scholastic</p>	<p>"Christmas in the middle of an Australian summer means Santa has to find new ways to deliver his presents. The obvious solutions are to don a sunhat, shorts and a pair of thongs, not to mention ditching the sleigh and reindeer in favour of some roos and a ute."(Scholastic website) Based on the Night Before Christmas rhyme.</p>
	<p>Applesauce and the Christmas Miracle by Glenda Millard and Stephen Michael King. ABC books, Harper Collins.</p>	<p>"Applesauce (a little pig) is convinced that there can be no Christmas this year – her heart, where Christmas comes from, is as small as a gumnut and there was no Christmas in it at all. But then something special happens and Applesauce discovers that Christmas does not need to be all about glitzy decorations, fancy foods and expensive presents. It does indeed come from the heart" Harper Collins website.</p>
	<p>Aussie Jingle Bells by Colin Buchanan and Nick Bland. (With CD) Scholastic.</p>	<p>"Dashing through the bush, in a rusty Holden ute, kicking up the dust, esky in the boot. Kelpie by my side, singing Christmas songs, it's summertime and I am in my singlet, shorts and thongs. "From Scholastic website. Lets all sing along!</p>
	<p>Christmas at Grandma's Beach house by Claire Saxby, Janine Dawson. Five Mile Press.</p>	<p>"On the first day of Christmas, we went down to the sea, My Grandma, my family and me.... It's Christmas time at Grandma's Beach House – the very best time of the year. It's the Twelve Days of Christmas, Aussie style." From Five Mile Press website.</p>
	<p>Christmas wombat by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley. Harper Collins.</p>	<p>"Christmas comes but once a year, and it's just as well for Santa's reindeer, who have to fight with Mothball for the carrots left out for them by the local children. And when Mothball takes an unexpected sleigh ride, it's not just Santa who faces the prospect of getting stuck in the chimney. "Harper Collins website.</p>
	<p>Count my Christmas Kisses by Ruthie May, Tamsin Ainslie. Harper Collins.</p>	<p>A younger child's 1-10 counting book, " One kiss for baby, under mistletoe. Two kisses for baby, catching falling snow..."Harper Collins website.</p>
	<p>Grug and his First Christmas by Ted Prior. Simon and Schuster.</p>	<p>Grug's first Christmas means lots of lovely surprises for Grug's bush friends. Everyone is learning that giving and receiving on this special day is what Christmas is all about and waking up on Christmas morning is the most wondrous moment of all! From Simon and Schuster website.</p>

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	<p>I love Christmas by Anna Walker. Scholastic.</p>	<p>Meet Ollie – a gorgeous, lively zebra – Fred the dog and all of Ollie's friends. Ollie loves wrapping presents, making decorations and listening for Santa's sleigh bells! From Scholastic website</p>
	<p>Santa's Outback Secret by Mike Dumbleton and Tom Jellett. Random House.</p>	<p>"Santa has packed his bags and set off on a very special mission to the Australian outback. What is he up to? And will he be back in time for Christmas Eve?" Random House website.</p>
	<p>Slinky Malinki's Christmas Crackers by Lynley Dodd. Penguin NZ. (Almost Australian!)</p>	<p>"Festive preparations are being made in Slinky Malinki's house and the rascal, mischievous cat is most curious about the Christmas tree. With its reindeer, ribbons, baubles and bells, it's too tempting a treat for Slinky not to investigate." Penguin NZ</p>
	<p>We Wish You a Ripper Christmas by Colin Buchanan and Roland Harvey. (with CD) Scholastic.</p>	<p>'We wish you a ripper Christmas, A full-bore ripper Christmas, A deadset ripper Christmas, And a snappy new year!' Wombat Santa has lost his naughty-and-nice list! See if the other Aussie animals can help Wombat Santa find it in time to deliver the presents and make this a really ripper Christmas! From Scholastic website</p>
<p>Other well loved stories. (Non Australian)</p>		
<p>Father Christmas by Raymond Briggs, Puffin.</p>	<p>Merry Christmas Ernest and Celestine by Gabrielle Vincent. Catnip Publishing.</p>	
<p>The Nativity Story- many versions.</p>		
<p>Happy Christmas Spot by Eric Hill. Penguin UK.</p>	<p>Suzy Goose and the Christmas Star by Petr Horachek. Walker books.</p>	
<p>How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr Seuss.</p>	<p>The Jolly Christmas Postman by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. Penguin UK.</p>	
<p>Lucy & Tom's Christmas or Lucy and Tom at Christmas (2015) by Shirley Hughes. Red Fox Picture Books.</p>	<p>The Little Drummer Boy by Ezra Jack Keats. Puffin/Viking.</p>	
<p>The Night Before Christmas – many versions by Clement Moore. Many versions.</p>	<p>The Snowman by Raymond Briggs. Puffin.</p>	
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