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Jump-Start Your Holiday Spirit

A New Chicken Soup for the Soul collection brightens the season, from November to January

COS COB, Conn. – No matter how you celebrate the holidays this year, with a big family get-together, a quiet dinner for two, or a special vacation, it's bound to be a magical time. Chicken Soup for the Soul is back with another collection of entertaining holiday stories from contributors across the U.S. and Canada, covering all the fun from Thanksgiving to Hanukkah to Christmas to Kwanzaa to New Year's.

The holidays are filled with minor disasters, pranks, not-so-perfect gifts and all the things that can go wrong and yet make for the best stories. You'll read about Venus, who lost her first turkey to a bear when she left it on her porch to defrost. She hid the replacement in the hot tub, and when it accidentally cooked in the warm water it turned out to be the moistest turkey she ever served. You'll groan when you read about Brittany's husband, who was so proud of the hardwood-floor buffer he gave her, until she pointed out that all their floors were carpeted. And you'll laugh along with Melanie's family after they secretly snap their traditional holiday photo in front of their friends' Christmas tree, with their friends' dog, and then mail it out to their whole holiday-card list.

There are also plenty of heartwarming stories about the true meaning of Christmas, the joy of giving, family reunions, holiday miracles, and handling the holidays after the loss of a loved one. And there are some great ideas for holiday meals, creative gifts, and starting the New Year right, too.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Tales of Christmas (October 15, 2024, 978-1-611591170, \$16.99) is one of several recent bestsellers from Chicken Soup for the Soul earmarked to raise funds for nonprofits. Royalties from this book go to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program, which creates miracles for millions of families by providing holiday gifts to children in need in the U.S. The other recent *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books that support a specific nonprofit are *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Me and My Dog* and *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Me and My Cat*, both of which benefit American Humane, as well as *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Read, Laugh, Repeat*, which supports four nonprofits that provide entertainment to patients and workers in healthcare facilities.

"We often use royalties from our books to support nonprofit organizations," said Amy Newmark, editor-in-chief and publisher of Chicken Soup for the Soul. "The need is greater than ever now, and we're honored to share royalties from our books to make the holidays and the rest of the year a little more magical for families and pets."

ABOUT CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Chicken Soup for the Soul publishes the famous *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series. With well over 100 million books sold to date in the U.S. and Canada, more than 300 titles, and translations into more than 40 languages, the phrase "chicken soup for the soul" is known worldwide and is regularly referenced in pop culture. Today, 31 years after it first began sharing happiness, inspiration and hope through its books, this socially conscious company continues to publish a new title a month. It has also evolved beyond the bookstore, with a podcast, education programs, dog and cat food, and licensed products.

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For a review copy of *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Tales of Christmas* or an interview with Amy Newmark or one of the contributors, contact Shelby Janner at (512) 638-6379 or shelby@zilkermmedia.com.