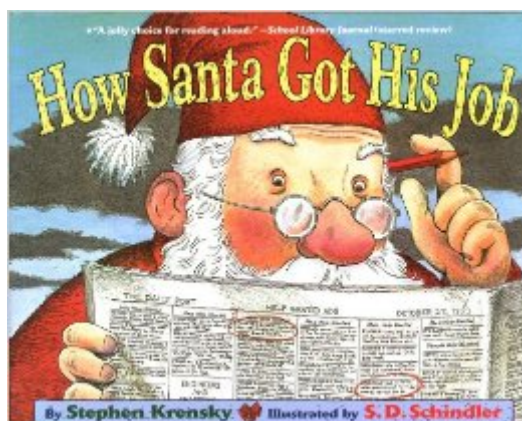


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How Santa Got His Job



Synopsis

Have you ever wondered what Santa did before he was Santa? When Santa was young and needed a job, no one was looking for a man in a red suit to deliver gifts on Christmas. So Santa tried just about everything -- from a chimney sweep to a postman to a circus performer. But none of these worked out. It wasn't until he met a group of elves who helped him use all his special talents, that Santa was able to find his dream job.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Before Santa Claus became, well, Santa Claus, he was a young man trying to find rewarding and satisfying work. Who knew? He tried jobs such as zookeeper (where he learned to love reindeer), postal worker (where he decided to deliver packages at night, to save time!), and chimney sweep (where he never got dirty, prompting suspicion that he wasn't doing his work). This book takes NOTHING away from the traditional Santa Claus stories... it merely fills in the details about what Santa did as a young man, before becoming the rotund, jolly, white-bearded Christmas giftbringer that we love so much. The illustrations are humorous and playful; the text is easy to understand. My son is almost 3 years old, and he loves this book! I think How Santa Got His Job is the perfect compliment to Clement Moore's The Night Before Christmas -- read it to your child, and see for yourself. It's a treat. ken32-----

I am an educator that focuses on developing career education and awareness opportunities for many schools in my area. One school used this book as a writing prompt for grades 1 thru 6. Students all wrote essays about how they thought Santa got his job and entered them in a contest. The event was even covered by our local newspaper. A great learning project for the kids.

I bought this book for my nephew. It's a new twist on what previous work Santa did that could qualify him for a job as big as "santa's" work. It was fun to read & quite possibly answers the question..."How did Santa get to be Santa?" It also sends the message that you never know how important each job you have might lead to bigger & better opportunities!

Excellent book. I am a second grade teacher and this book teaches a plethora of things: Sequencing, perseverance, building on skills, and many more. Plus, the kids loved it! I am ordering them for all of the children in my family!

As an avid fan of Christmas stories, I found this book at a bookstore last year and was so delighted by it that it followed me home. Stephen Krensky comes up with the perfect resume for Santa, which explains how he is able to do so many amazing things. Climbing chimneys is no problem for a former Chimney sweep and delivering packages is simple for a former Postal worker. The book goes on to explain why those previous jobs did not work out for Santa. He gained too much weight as a cook and was too friendly to the reindeer as a zookeeper. After meeting the elves, who are toy makers, Santa is immediately hired to deliver their toys. The story even goes on to explain why Santa uses reindeer instead of polar bears. It is a wonderfully silly story for the whole family.

Boy oh boy - you're going to like this one! It gives you the inside scoop about how Santa Claus came to be the Jolly Old Fellow that you all know him to be! For the first time ever, you'll learn about Santa's career ups and downs, his good times and his bad times, and how on earth it came to be that he started delivering presents to all the world's children - as he does 'til this very day! If your kids are getting to that question-asking age - this book will arm you with some wonderful "facts" that will help the kids to understand what makes Santa Claus such a magical man!

I am a librarian and my teachers are in love with this book! A fun read-aloud for children who already know that Santa isn't real.

Wonderful book for explaining the many questions that children have about Santa. It gives some very insightful and clever explanations for everything that Santa does. I love the details of the writing as well as the illustrations. My students really loved this book. We were able to complete some cute writing assignments from this fun book.

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