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Do you know the symbolism behind evergreens, sheep, or the color red? This adorably illustrated picture book teaches the meanings behind 24 Christmastime objects and is the perfect gift for any children, parents, or grandparents on your list. Make your family's holiday season one to remember with this inspiring reminder of the gospel roots behind our treasured Christmas traditions.

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Peacejanz says

I received this book from Goodreads in return for an honest review. This book deserves one star because of the lovely art work. Most of the text is the writer's imagination. "The candy cane is a symbol of the love of Jesus." ??? Where did that come from.? A candy cane is candy. "Because of their strength and kind service, reindeer are a symbol of service to others." ??? Only in this author's mind. I thought this would be a good book to read to children to teach them about the symbols of Christmas. It is not. Save your time and money.

Miss Pippi the Librarian says

Reviewed from a free GoodReads FirstReads copy. Thank you, Shersta Chabot and Cedar Fort Publishing!

Rhonda says

4 STARS

I need this book to remember what each thing we traditionally decorate means. This is a short 32 page children's book that tells us what stars, Christmas tree reminds us why we use these symbols to remember the birth of Jesus Christ. A lot of time we are so rushed at Christmas we forget what we are celebrating.

Some of the answers I knew and some I had no idea why we use them like reindeer for example.

I like the bright cheery pictures in the book that Corey Egbert drew.

This is one Christmas book to add to read each year maybe even before we decorate to remind us that it is to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

I was given this book to read so I could honestly review it and be part of Stars, Stockings and Shepherds blog tour.

My Book Addiction and More MBA says

STARS, STOCKINGS, & SHEPHERDS by Shersta Chabot is an meaningful Christmas traditions/Holiday symbols. What a delightful as well as educational book. The illustrations are by Corey Egbert and they are fantastic.

I had forgot a lot of the symbols of the Christmas season meanings, how very sad for me. Some I knew, such as the Candy Cane, The Wise Men, Jesus, and many more. The author has done an exceptional job of the definitions, explanations, and the meaning of Christmas. I loved this book. Easy to read, easy to follow. Young readers may need a bit of help reading, but I feel they will delight with this book. The pictures are vivid, and exciting.

A keeper for any library and true treasure for your holiday reading. Did you know...the meaning of the Christmas Lights? or the meaning of the Christmas Tree? Wreaths? or Carols? Well these and so much more symbols are explained. I would highly recommend this title to anyone who enjoys the Christmas season, and all the dressing pertaining to the Christmas season. Every parent, grandparent, church teacher really should get this title. Well done!!

Received for an honest review from the publisher

Rating: 5

Heat rating: N/A

Reviewed by: AprilR, courtesy of My Book Addiction and More

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

I love all the symbolism that surrounds Christmas. This book does such a great job of explaining the symbols in a way that children will understand. The pictures are perfect- colorful and happy. I'm having visions of curling up on the couch with a snuggy blanket and the little ones close, sharing a few precious minutes of quiet time to think of and remember Jesus Christ, whose birth and life we celebrate at Christmastime.

I loved this book. I wish I would have had it when my kids were little! I had a tradition when my kids were little of wrapping up all my children's Christmas books and putting them in a basket. The kids unwrapped one book every day before Christmas and we read it together. As my collection grew, we were able to start earlier and earlier in December. It was a fun tradition and one I hope to start up again when I have grandchildren! This will be a fantastic addition to my Christmas book collection.

Another thought I had was wrapping up each symbol from the book and letting the kids open it and read about the symbol for the day. There is 24 in this book which would be the perfect countdown to Christmas. If only my kids were younger!! :)

Teri says

Ehhh. Not quite as good as I was joining for, but nice enough for learning a little about Christmas symbols.

Cathleen Bonville says

Lovely pictures. Inaccurate information. Symbols mentioned in the book came long before Christianity. Very

very disappointed in this book. It is loaded with Christian propaganda.

Hamster says

It's so easy to get caught up in the presents and delicious FOODIES.

This book is very interesting (I learned some things!) and is perfect for shifting my (and my kid's) focus back to where it needs to be.

Great pictures and awesome message!

Melanie says

I've learned about most of these symbols before and have had beautiful handouts with some of them over the years which I've either tossed or can't find. It's nice to have a beautifully illustrated book with the Christmas symbols and their meanings! No more hunting around for scraps of paper since I know this will be with the rest of my Christmas books.

The author takes 24 different objects, animals and people, from trees, lights, reindeer and sheep to Mary, Joseph and Jesus and explains how they relate to Christmas. I was familiar with some and learned about others for the first time. I didn't realize that holly is a symbol of good fortune, or luck. At one time, it was believed that if you hung branches of holly on your door and windows, it would invite good luck in and keep bad luck out and it also shows that the birth of Christ is celebrated in that home. I really need to make sure I have holly on hand during the holidays!

I love the layout of this book and the illustrations are amazing! This will make an excellent gift for anyone, young or old. I will be keeping this with my Christmas book collection and plan to read it every Christmas season with my children so we can keep the symbols and their meanings fresh in our minds!

I received a copy of this book to review. My opinion is 100% my own.

Mel's Shelves

R.c. Hancock says

A great tool for teaching about the true meaning of Christmas. Loved the illustrations, too.

Shauna says

This book is AMAZING and would make a PERFECT family read for the holidays!

"Discover the meaning of Christmas symbols"

Remembering that "Jesus is the reason" helps us to see the symbolism in the things we decorate the holidays

with.

Look at some of the things you will learn in this book:

Did you know that the evergreen green tree which stands tall and remains green all year long shows us to be strong and firm in our beliefs and to look to Heaven in all things?

We decorate with lights because "Christ is the light of the world." Christmas lights remind us of this and of His spirit in each of us.

We wrap presents with bows to symbolizes the ties between families and friends and our Father in Heaven.

We give gifts just like the Wise Men did and to remember that Christ gave us the greatest give of all.

Why do we sing carols?

Hang wreaths of holly?

Sing of Santa and reindeer?

All of these things and more are explained in the wonderful, colorful book!

And most important of all you will see the symbolism as we decorate and celebrate with Joseph, Mary, Angels and the Baby Jesus.

Let this season be more than a mere hustle and bustle.

Learn and then look at all the things that reminds us that this season is truly filled with our Saviors love.

AN AMAZING BOOK!

A GIFT TO BE READ EVERY CHRISTMAS!
