

Book Recommendations for the Holidays

12-17
years old



NUCLEAR WINTER VOL. 1

AUTHOR: CAB
PUBLISHING HOUSE: BOOM! Box
LEVEL: 12+

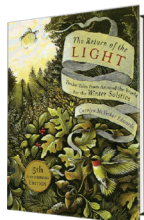
This captivating graphic novel tells the story of Flavie, a mail courier in Montreal, where it's been winter year-round ever since a serious accident at the Gentilly-3 nuclear power plant. Aboard her snowmobile, Flavie tackles everything from mutant raccoons to folks living on the street who glow in the dark.



NISH #1: NORTH AND SOUTH

AUTHOR: Isabelle Picard
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Scholastic Canada Ltd
LEVEL: 12+

The lives of Léon and Éloïse, twins from the Innu community of Matimekush in northern Quebec, are forever changed when a mysterious disappearance in their village leads them to discover their roots and come together in the face of adversity.



THE RETURN OF THE LIGHT: TWELVE TALES FROM AROUND THE WORLD FOR THE WINTER SOLSTICE

AUTHOR: Carolyn McVickar Edwards
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Da Capo Press
LEVEL: 12+

Practised by many peoples on every continent, winter solstice celebrations are an age-old symbol of transition and renewal. Carolyn McVickar Edwards retells 12 traditional tales—from North America, China, Scandinavia, India, Africa, South America, Europe, and Polynesia—that honour this magical moment.



ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

AUTHOR: Kara McDowell
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Scholastic Canada Ltd
LEVEL: 13+

Paige Collins, aged 17, worries constantly about making the wrong choice. With Christmas fast approaching, she faces an agonizing decision: should she opt for a week in the mountains with her best friend, whom she's secretly in love with, or join her mom on a trip to New York, the city of her dreams?



THREE HOLIDAYS AND A WEDDING

AUTHORS: Uzma Jalaluddin & Marissa Stapley
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Penguin Canada
LEVEL: 14+

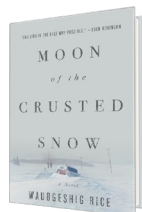
When Maryam and Anna meet on the plane taking them to their respective families in Toronto, little do they know that an emergency landing will soon turn their holiday plans upside down.



THE HAUNTING SEASON: GHOSTLY TALES FOR LONG WINTER NIGHTS

AUTHORS: Collectif
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Little, Brown Book Group
LEVEL: 14+

Do you enjoy scary stories even after Halloween? This eerie collection of spine-tingling short stories is ideal for cold and spooky winter nights.



MOON OF THE CRUSTED SNOW

AUTHOR: Waubgeshig Rice
PUBLISHING HOUSE: ECW Press
LEVEL: 14+

As winter approaches, an Anishinaabe community finds itself cut off from the rest of the world. Then, little by little, outsiders arrive, fleeing the south, where society is collapsing. Evan and his community will have to pull together to escape despair and fear. For older kids.



SPINNING SILVER

AUTHOR: Naomi Novik
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Random House Worlds
LEVEL: 14+

The Staryk, magical and mysterious beings, terrorize the villages in the northern region that Miryem calls home. Adept with numbers and money, the young woman successfully turns around the family business after her father nearly leaves it in ruins. However, word of Miryem's talent reaches King Staryk, who offers her a dangerous deal.

