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Inventing Christmas

It must have been at least four or five years earlier than the date we customarily recognize.

Inventing Christmas: How Our Holiday Came to Be by Jock Elliott

My favourite aspect of this book was the inclusion of memorabilia, including one of the author's childhood letters to Santa.

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Gold is a pure metal, a noble element that will never tarnish, a symbol of royalty for a king. However, if you peel back the accretions, he is still Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, whose caring surprises continue to model true giving and faithfulness. For example, the belief that Santa enters the house through the chimney developed from an old Norse legend.

Inventing Christmas : How Our Holiday Came to Be by Jock Elliott (2002, Hardcover) for sale online

With vintage illustrations by artists such as Thomas Nast, Everett Shinn, Al Hirschfeld, Arthur Rackham and others, Inventing Christmas explains how most of America's traditions evolved over the 25-year period from 1822 when Clement Clarke Moore's *A Visit from St Nicholas* was published. Where did the best-loved traditions that make Christmas America's favourite holiday originate? One of the plays, about Adam and Eve, had as a prop a fir tree hung with apples symbolizing the Garden of Eden. Nast's vision became iconic, but Elliott persuades us that a trio of New Yorkers—Irving, the holiday booster John Pintard and Moore—invented the child-centered family holiday that we know today. This book is notable for its many colored illustrations from the author's impressive collection of Christmas memorabilia.

Christmas Origin

Nicholas through the centuries, including Santa. How has Santa changed? Among the Scandinavians it was the god Odin or Woden who left special gifts during the Yuletide season under the evergreen tree, his sacred tree! Over his more than 80 years, he has learned a great deal about the holiday he loves. Almost every page is adorned with an image from one of the many Christmas books in the author's collection. Through the first half of the 19th century, Presbyterians, Baptists, Quakers and other Protestants continued to regard December 25th as a day without religious

significance, a day for normal business.

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