





# Afterword

By 2009, my sons had seen my favorite Christmas shows too many times. So that year, I watched the shows alone and I trimmed the Christmas tree alone. Feeling a little down, I read *A Christmas Carol*, which cheered me up.

Published in 1843, I had difficulty reading the original. For fun, and as exercise to learn from a master, I updated the story. Where Dickens wrote of early English traditions, I wrote of Canadian-American traditions which includes Christmas trees, Santa Claus, and Charlie Brown's Christmas.

*Have a Merry Christmas!*

*Stacy David*

# References

Books: *A Christmas Carol* (1843) by Charles Dickens, *The Fall of the House of Usher* (1840) by Edgar Allen Poe, *The Bible*

Movies: *The Family Man* (2002) with Nicolas Cage and Téa Leoni, *The Santa Clause* (1994) with Tim Allen, *Scrooged* (1988) with Bill Murray

Shows: *The Little Drummer Boy* (1968), *The Grinch that Stole Christmas* (1966), *A Charlie Brown Christmas* by Charles M. Schulz, copyright © 1965 by United Features Syndicate, Inc.