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Through "The Christmas Box, " our understanding of family and the quick passage of time was enlightened. Millions of hearts were touched by its warmth and wisdom. Now, in "The First Gift of Christmas, " Richard Paul Evans takes us to the next level of understanding, inviting us to search our souls for the true meaning of Christmas.

In four seasons of Christmas--The Advent, The Eve, The Morning, The Night--Evans presents a stirring introspection of love, faith and parenthood. At each season, he asks the hard questions: Will we grant Christmas access to our souls? Did we give the children enough faith and magic to carry them throughout their lives?

"The First Gift of Christmas" is a gift in itself--from one heart to another.

The First Gift of Christmas Details

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Madeline “Kathy” Worrell says

Nice story.

Clareece Lewelyn says

A quick read and a GREAT Christmas story.

Jeni says

I feel a little guilty for counting this toward my 2012 challenge of reading 75 books - it's very small and really is only a couple of poems. But it's got pages and a cover (and I'm closing in on the end of the year) so I'm counting it. A nice gift book, perhaps, for someone who is not really a reader. But I have to wonder about a publisher putting the expense of publishing this with so little between the covers. Obviously, the name recognition of the author is what it has going for it. I read it in its entirety while waiting for my lunch to arrive at Applebee's, so not something to while away an afternoon.

Dad says

This was a short but good reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. I feel that the love of Christ is the true meaning of Christmas. Hopefully, our other celebrating brings that out in our children. One thought intrigued me: "That the only promise of childhood is that it will end. And I wonder what I have given (them) to take its place. And is it enough?"

I wonder with my children in their 30's, did I give them enough? Now we must work with the grandchildren to do what we can.

I am glad I read this.

Danita says

Simple book but does remind us of why Christmas is important.

Sharon says

Very short sweet book about the Christmas we should all be focused on and the traditions we should be passing down to our kids. Nothing complex or complicated just loving and sharing and caring and

remembering the first Christmas and the wonderful first Christmas gift to all mankind !!

Tess says

It's just a cute little book to read during the Christmastime!

R says

..."The wanting is often better than that hoped for,
The journey better than the destination...."

Just this quote from the "Third Season of Christmas", really is so true. If one knows me, one knows I ADORE CHRISTMAS. I find it a Holy Day of great complexity and at least one dessert I had to try forcing down my family (yep, did a fruit cake".

This tiny book, if four poems that I can totally understand (though, from different point of view for Season Four).

If you hate it, ya didn't waste many minutes, if you feel it pulling ya...you may take a while thinking a great deal.

Lis Sigona says

A poetry book - wasn't really something I was into nor that I could follow or understand. Wasn't that thrilled with this.

Rachel says

This is not a novella as I thought, but a collection of four poems (if you can call them that). I finished reading it in about ten minutes. I think Evans is riding on the coattails of The Christmas Box with this one. He may have felt he was being profound, but I didn't find him so. The last couple of stanzas of Is It Enough? were good, but other than that, there was nothing awe-inspiring.

Carolyn says

Well written as all his are, and a valuable reminder for this time of year - or any. Thanks, Pat.

Wendy says

I got this book as a Christmas gift from a very good friend and I will cherish this book forever. I love Richard Paul Evans but this book means so much more to be because of the person who gave it to me. What

a beautiful gift to give.

Anne (Angel Anne Reviews) Nelson says

4.5/5 angel stars

Anot her amazing story. Short but sweet. LOVE

L Sue says

Loved, Loved, Loved this one!!! Especially the Fourth Season of Christmas - The Night... made me hope for my girls, that I've instilled these feelings in them as they journey forward in their lives!!

Greg says

Very different from his other books, and not especially to my liking. Overall, it seemed forced to me, as if he were trying too hard to be profound. The poetry in the first section was immature and unpolished...he is not a poet, and shouldn't try to be one until he has had more practice. Better yet, stick would be to the prose his readers love so much. The best part of the book was in the preface where he described his motivation for writing it. That little piece prompted more thought and reflection on my part than enything else in *The First Gift of Christmas*.
