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When Santa and his broken sleigh are stranded in Firefly Wood, Santa is sure that Christmas will have to be canceled. That is, until Russell the Sheep comes to the rescue! With a clatter and a bang, Russell shows that hard work and a little imagination can make a magic that is all his own.

Everyone's favorite woolly sheep is baaaack in a Christmas story perfect for any eager child awaiting Santa's arrival.

## **Russell's Christmas Magic Details**

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# **From Reader Review Russell's Christmas Magic for online ebook**

## **Kelli says**

The illustrations (computer generated images?) are really, really funny and fascinating. The story line was really an excuse to stop and look over the pages very carefully. We pored over each illustrated page, seeing new things each time we looked.

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## **Kathy says**

I love the illustrations in this book. This should be added to favorite Christmas stories!

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## **Brenda says**

Russell is hanging lanterns on the tree when all of a sudden Santa's sleigh breaks down. Santa tells Russell Christmas will need to be cancelled. Russell then comes up with a clever plan to fix Santa's sleigh so that everyone will have a Merry Christmas. The illustrations are wonderful and magical. I especially love the one of the hanging lanterns and sheep sleeping with quilted blankets covering them. Even the details of Russell's pal frog making snow angels are adorable.

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## **David says**

Does the world need a book about a sheep that saves Christmas? Well, no, but does the world need a book about most of the other stuff that people write books about? Almost certainly not. And there you go. The illustrations are charming in any case. Or, no, not really charming, but "charming" is a word one uses to describe illustrations in a review of a children's book, I think.

My kid didn't like it so much as I did. No fairies in it. But I like ruminants with welding torches; she likes fairies. We agree to disagree.

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## **Dolly says**

I love Rob Scotton's illustrative style with his Russell the Sheep series. The characters are adorable and funny. This story is a "Russell saves Christmas" kind of tale that is great to read at this time of year, but highly forgettable. Overall, we like Mr. Scotton's books and will certainly look for more at our local library and we enjoyed reading this book together.

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## **BreElle says**

Picture Book #8

Though the plot was a little difficult for me to understand (which is shocking for a children's book) the story had a happy ending. Once Russell believes in himself and puts forth some hard work, he is able to save Christmas. The illustrations were pretty enjoyable as well.

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## **Vivian says**

I admit it. I love Rob Scotton's style. His illustrations are comic and so are the situations in his stories. In this instance our inimitable sheep Russell happens upon Santa shortly after a crash-landing of his sleigh. Santa is on the verge of cancelling Christmas. Never fear, Russell is here. You and the crowd to whom you are reading are going to love the solution.

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## **Jeani says**

Pretty cute!

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## **Abigail says**

When Santa crash lands in Firefly Wood on Christmas Eve night, destroying his sleigh in the process, he declares that Christmas is canceled. Russell the Sheep, still awake because he has been lighting the lanterns on the old tree, rushes to the scene, and proposes a solution. But will his technological alternative to Santa's sleigh work with the great Christmas Spell...?

The third story to feature this endearing ovine hero that I have read - [Russell the Sheep](#) and [Russell and the Lost Treasure](#) being the first two - [Russell's Christmas Magic](#) wasn't really all that impressive, from a storytelling perspective, but still managed to charm me, with its idiosyncratically delightful artwork. I have a weakness for Russell's endlessly curling cap, and the winter scenes here are really quite appealing, so I didn't mind all that much that the story was rather weak. I don't know that I'd recommend this one that strongly, on its own merits, but for young Russell fans, I think it might make a pleasing holiday interlude.

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## **Ruth says**

The story is so-so, but the illustrations are charming and magical. My husband wasn't nearly as charmed by them as I was, so your mileage may vary.

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## **Tiffany says**

Russell and his antics have been favorites around our house for some time and this is another winner. The illustrations are beautiful and Russell is hilarious (at least from my preschoolers' perspectives.)

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## **Nancy Jo Lambert says**

I am such a sucker for a fun Christmas book for kids. Russell's Christmas Magic doesn't get more fun than this too! I love that this book speaks of the magic about Santa and his sleigh. Plus, the Russell saves Christmas and gets the smallest amount of the magic to light up Christmas! Come on! What is more fun than that!

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## **Ryan says**

I really really wish they would turn this book into an animated Christmas special. It could play every year with A Charlie Brown Christmas. It fits. Russell helps Santa when the sleigh crashes. Adorable and full of northern magic.

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## **D.peabody says**

As Russell stands in his field, Santa crashes to earth with a big thump. Christmas will be ruined! Unless... Russell has a great idea and saves the night. A fun story from a favourite character with simply beautiful illustrations.

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## **Heidi-Marie says**

I love Rob Scotton's work, and I especially love Russell the Sheep! A fun Christmas story of Russell saving Christmas. Fabulous humor among all of the pictures. While this book would still be funny in a preschool storytime (and perhaps better in a school-age one), I think the best use of it is a lap-read or read-alone so the reader can see all of the fabulous pictures in up-close enjoyment.

Favorite parts: Russell and Santa on the roof, Russell with a stethoscope, Russell's fixed solution, and the frog--in everything!

12/14/16 Used as opener for Preschool Christmas theme. I decided to try some newer books rather than the standard ones I read each Christmas! The kids definitely enjoyed the illustrations even if they could not see all the details. They loved the car. Might have missed some of the pun humor, of course, but still a success.

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