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Editorial Review

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Gr 3-6—This is partly an account of the 1941 Christmas Eve addresses to the nation by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill from the White House; partly a short history of two songs (“Oh Little Town of Bethlehem” and “I’ll Be Home for Christmas”); and partly a photo album of Americans at Christmastime during World War II. Because of this scattered approach, the purpose is a bit unclear; the subtitle suggests that the focus is that famous 1941 Christmas Eve address, but the first line of the book, “Music is a part of our history,” leads readers to expect a greater emphasis on that subject. McCullough doesn’t do justice to either topic and the random selection of period photos fails to shed any additional light. The book is handsome, and the full texts of Churchill’s and Roosevelt’s speeches are included, which is a bonus. However, this isn’t particularly successful as either a Christmas book or an account of an important moment in history. *Eva Mitnick, Los Angeles Public Library*

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Review

It s an unexpected but winning combination: the Mormon Tabernacle Choir; a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, whose books have also received two National Book Awards; and a small press in Salt Lake City that publishes a dozen books each year. --Publishers Weekly

Historian McCullough, known for his biographies of Harry Truman and John Adams, has written a real gem of a book. Just days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt met at the White House on Christmas Eve, 1941. As war raged throughout the world, the two leaders delivered a powerful message. Don t let the small page count of this book fool you. Packed in its 56 pages is a message that is as meaningful today as it was 60 years ago. This book also comes with a DVD recording of McCullough s presentation of this story at the Mormon Tabernacle Choir s 2009 Christmas concert. --The Costco Connection, October 2010

About the Author

David McCullough is a two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his histories of Truman and John Adams. He was twice awarded the National Book Award, for *The Path Between the Seas* and *Mornings on Horseback*, and is the author of the highly acclaimed books *1776*, *Brave Companions*, *The Great Bridge*, and *The Johnstown Flood*. He is the recipient of the National Book Foundation Distinguished Contribution to American Letters Award, the National Humanities Medal, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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