

No Room: A Read-Aloud Story of Christmas

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Book Description

Christmas is a time for celebration, for families, and especially for the giving of gifts, and there can be no greater gift than to share one's home. Kindness brings its own rewards, and sometimes more, as the family in *No Room* discovers when a stray cat appears on their doorstep one snowy Christmas Eve. The oldest boy wants to take the cat in, but there is a problem. "*We haven't got room," Father said, "for another. We already have seven pets, and your brother."*

Just before bedtime, the children gather around to hear their father read the beloved Christmas legend about Mary and Joseph being turned away from a crowded inn on the eve of Jesus' birth. What happens next can only be described as a miracle.

With its rhythmic poetry and evocative illustrations, *No Room* brings a message of compassion and hope for all ages, and can be a wonderful once-a-year read-aloud tradition for the entire family.

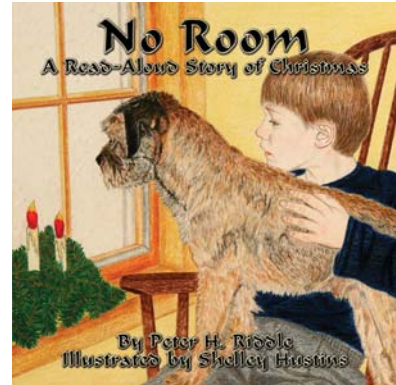
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of whom share in the dedication to this book.

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