

Christmas Literature – Answers

1. "Hide the Christmas tree carefully Helen. Be sure the children do not see it until this evening when it is dressed" are the opening lines from which Ibsen play? *A Doll's House*.
2. Which short story by Arthur Conan Doyle features Sherlock Holmes in a Christmas mystery? *The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle*.
3. "If you searched every old folks' home in the country, you couldn't find anyone who looked more like Santa Claus" is the opening line of which novella based on a 1947 movie? *Miracle on 34th Street*.
4. Which fantasy author wrote the collection of letters published in 1976 as "The Father Christmas Letters"? J R R Tolkien.
5. Which novel by John Grisham formed the basis of the 2004 movie "Christmas with the Kranks"? *Skipping Christmas*.
6. In the novels by Terry Pratchett, who is the Discworld equivalent of Father Christmas? *The Hogfather*.
7. The poem *Christmas Trees* which opens with the lines, "The city had withdrawn into itself, And left at last the country to the country", was written by which American poet? Robert Frost.
8. Which of Dicken's novels features the character Alfred Jingle? *The Pickwick Papers*.
9. Which Shakespeare play features the lines "At Christmas I no more desire a rose, Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled shows"? *Love Labour's Lost*.
10. Which crime writer wrote the collection of short stories called "The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding"? Agatha Christie.
11. In which country was Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas" set? Wales.
12. Who wrote the fairy tale "The Snow Queen"? Hans Christian Andersen.
13. Which creatures helped the Tailor of Gloucester finish the Mayor's waistcoat in time for Christmas in the Beatrix Potter book? *The Mice*.
14. "It was the beginning of the greatest Christmas ever. Little food. No presents. But there was a snowman in their basement." is a quote from which best-selling novel by Markus Zusak? *The Book Thief*.
15. Who wrote the dramatic monologue outlining the conditions in the workhouse that starts with the line "It was Christmas Day in the workhouse, and the cold, bare walls are bright"? George Robert Sims.
16. Which famous writer wrote 'A Letter From Santa Claus', which he sent to his daughter, Susy Clemens? Mark Twain.

17. Where was it, "Always winter but never Christmas."? Narnia. (The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe).
18. How many times is the word Christmas mentioned in all of Shakespeare's plays? Three.
19. What was the title of the Christmas book written by "The Wizard of Oz" creator L Frank Baum in 1902 The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus.
20. In Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", who says "Merry Christmas, One and All!?" Tiny Tim.