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Next Christmas in Girouette is the first in a series of novels set in a ghost town on the eastern porch of the Montana Rocky Mountains. This book will appeal to people of all ages—nine to ninety-nine—who want to share a classic, heart-warming literary adventure at Christmastime.

Next Christmas in Girouette is the story of a brother and sister—Autry and Oxana Quinn—who find themselves stranded in a Girouette, a virtual ghost town, from Thanksgiving through Christmas when their father is taken seriously ill. Their grandfather, a Marine Captain long retired, plus an eccentric old café proprietress, a Blackfeet Indian horse trader who once served as the town’s mayor, a couple who published the local newspaper and an ancient deaf-mute trapper are the only remaining inhabitants of Girouette. These self-styled, “diehards” all seem to have one thing in common. Thanks to a mysterious event 60 years earlier, they still believe in Santa Claus.

Girouette features something for everyone: carefree cowboys who race their horses over snow covered country road, a team of wolves trained to pull a dogsled, a stroll that nearly turns tragic on a buffalo jump, a serialized newspaper story titled “The Adventures of Rocky Mountain Santa,” a desperate attempt to escape from an abandoned copper mine, a night-time journey through the mountains on a frozen river and the miracle that delivers wayfaring strangers to Girouette during a storm on Christmas Eve.

The book revels in the solitary beauty of winter in Big Sky Country, the enduring wisdom of the elderly citizens of Girouette, the excitement of frontier history coming to life, the inspiration of a family healing itself and the magic of an old-fashioned western Christmas. Read Next Christmas in Girouette with your family this year, and you’ll want to revisit it for years to come at holiday time.

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Karen Halliday says

I really enjoyed this book!

I really enjoyed this book!! It put me in the Christmas spirit. Love reading old folk tales. Or maybe this was true?

Carolyn says

Cute Christmas story

Even though better editing would have helped it was a good clean story about a family drawing closer together during the holidays.

Linda says

This is the perfect Christmas story. Two children and their father spend Christmas with their grandfather in a ghost town with no modern conveniences like internet and cell phones. A catastrophe befalls the father and the two children must learn to live in this “primitive” environment. During this time, they learn what is really important in life. It is not what their friends are doing or what the new movie is about. They learn to care about and help others, the satisfaction of having a job, and being tolerant of other’s differences. The adults learn to look past the inconvenience of having their routine interrupted and to remember the love they hold for family and friends. There are even mysteries involved. I definitely recommend this book to young and old for a good Christmas tale.

Van says

A very sweet read

I was not expecting this to be as sweet as it was when I started, and reached a point where I had to finish and get to the end. Fantastic story, well written and certainly warm hearted. Love it

Linda Parker says

A very different Christmas story.

Christmas in an almost ghost town with stories of Christmas in it's past and a miracle in it's present is one that will keep you reading from beginning to end.

Clara M says

Next Christmas in Girouette

A very interesting story of the wonder of Christmas and the adventures of children, set in a Ghost Town, where wondrous things happen!

deb says

Ended up enjoying this quite a bit - it was much better than I expected.

Dee Arr says

“Next Christmas in Girouette” is a heartwarming tale about two children who learn there is more to life than what they have learned while living in San Francisco. Set in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, author Michael Welch has created a vivid world that might send readers to the Internet for more information about Girouette (which exists only in the pages of the author’s book).

Told from the viewpoints of 13-year-old Autry and 11-year-old Oxana, the story is one that can be enjoyed by readers of all ages. Mr. Welch poses a mystery that occurred in 1940, using the characters’ personal recollections as well as newspaper documentation to slowly lead us to the climax.

I personally enjoyed the personal histories of some of the residents of Girouette (population 6, hence the designation Ghost Town). The stories detailing the adventures of Rocky Mountain Santa and his elves were inventive and extremely entertaining.

Overall, a solid tale, well-written, with a bit of a lesson softly woven in the story. Four stars.

Joni says

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A delightful Christmas story about two children, a boy and a girl, who are stuck in a Montana ghost town that has 5 residents, all old. The children discover there is much more to life than video games, movies, and activities with other children.

Anji says

Refreshing read! One of those books that just sucks you right into the location. I enjoyed it as an adult, but found myself thinking that it would also make a great read-aloud to older kids.

Michelle Ferrari-Johnson says

4& 3/4 stars

This story is fun to read and more than an adventure. Take one ole geezer, two grandkids and a town of ghosts and what do you get?, yep, stories of old, some chuckles and a couple of stern talking tos. Good ole fashion fun ~

Oliver H. France says

85 years old K am still a kid at heart. I truly enjoyed this book. Looking forward to the next book , I just bought for my Kindle. Merry Christmas and happy reading. I became an avid reader when I first found the school library. That was 1940. Now my Kindle is my library. Adults and children of all ages will enjoy this book.

Tnfrenchie that's all folks. A great read. A real page turner. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

Carol Derbis says

Charming wonderful story

This kept my interest from the very first chapter to the last. I look forward to more books in the series!

The children, Autry and Osama are typical kids, acting bored and rather out out that they had been forced to spend Christmas in this old "nothing to do" ghost town far from their friends and more exciting things findings Christmas.

But both soon became caught up in the myths and takes off this deserted mining town and found more adventures than they could have imagined!

I loved the takes of "Rocky Mountain Santa" and all the varied characters that still live in this town. All six of them.

this was another of those books I hoped would not end. It was interesting and held just enough mystery and things just beyond the realm of reality to keep you guessing.

Carol says**Good story**

This was an old fashioned story with a lot of heart. I loved the characters and enjoyed the story thoroughly.

Michelle (True Book Addict) Miller says

This book really was a heartwarming Christmas story. I wasn't sure at first if I liked it, but as I read more and more, it started to grow on me. It's one of those stories that has a message of appreciating the past, of letting go of all our technology and what we think are necessities, and mainly how to really appreciate people and the loved ones in your life. Really a wonderful message to read at Christmas time. The authors have incorporated the past and present of a ghost town in the Rocky Mountains, exposing the reader to what life was like then and now. The characters are all interesting in their own way. If I had one pet peeve, it would be the dialect depicted on the page that was supposed to make it sound like a western twang, but really just grated on the nerves a bit. Otherwise, a good Christmas story with a message and many heartwarming moments.
