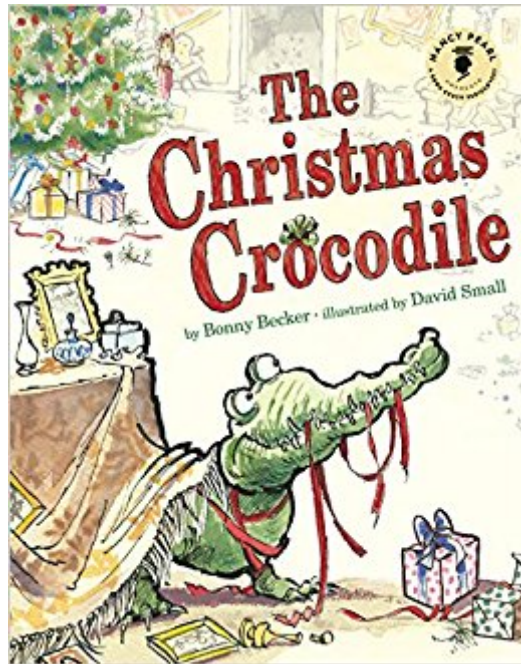




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The Christmas Crocodile (Nancy Pearl's Book Crush Rediscoveries)



Synopsis

From Caldecott-winning illustrator David Small and bestselling author Bonny Becker, an unforgettable Christmas story that will leave the whole family giggling. When Alice Jayne finds a crocodile under the tree on Christmas Eve, her family goes into an uproar! The Christmas Crocodile doesn't mean to be bad, not really, but soon he is eating up Christmas—from the dinner roast to the left stove-top burner—even the Christmas tree! Everyone has an opinion about what to do with him. Uncle Theodore suggests they send him to Africa, Father recommends the zoo, and Aunt Figgy mentions an orphanage. But Alice Jayne thinks the Christmas Crocodile deserves a real family. Can she find him a new home? And will she and the family survive till Christmas morning, with that naughty crocodile gobbling up everything in sight?

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Customer Reviews

Uncle Theodore is huffing, Aunt Figgy is fretting, and Alice Jayne is tapping her foot--pretty subdued behavior considering the fact that a hungry crocodile has just appeared under the Christmas tree. This eccentric family handles the mysterious reptile remarkably well, even though the beast seems to have an appetite as fierce as its legendary bite. The Christmas Crocodile tears around the house eating everything in sight, whether edible (a roast, five golden oranges, a pineapple upside-down

cake) or inedible (a shoe, ribbons, a feather boa, earmuffs, and fruitcake). The family is divided over how to best deal with this unexpected guest. Send him to an orphanage? Pack him off to the zoo? Make him into a pair of shoes? "He's nice," said Alice Jayne. "Maybe we could keep him." Just when it seems the crocodile has eaten all he can stomach, the family awakens to discover that he has consumed nearly all the presents and the Christmas tree too! The one uneaten gift holds the key to this toothsome tale, as well as a surprise that will have kids smiting their foreheads in gleeful anticipation of more mayhem to come. Author Bonny Becker has crafted a rollicking reptile romp, with an apologetic refrain--"The Christmas Crocodile didn't mean to be bad, not really"--to which children can surely relate. David Small, creator of the Caldecott Honor-winning *The Gardener*, accompanies Becker's spritely, funny text with equally amusing, expressive illustrations that will have youngsters poring over this book long after the last present has been unwrapped. (Ages 4 to 8) --Brangien Davis --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

PreSchool-Grade 2? Alice Jayne finds a crocodile with a big red bow around its neck under the tree on Christmas Eve. The toothy beast proceeds to bite, gnaw on, or eat up whatever it gets near. Banished to the basement, the insatiable creature holds court as the entire family slips down to comfort it. Unfortunately, they all doze off, awakening to find that the house is a disaster. Having eaten the Christmas tree and all the presents, the croc is looking "alarmingly round." Just then the family discovers that it was delivered to the wrong address. Two men show up and take it away, much to the relief of everyone but Alice Jayne. Small's wonderful watercolor and pen-and-ink illustrations set the mayhem in a turn-of-the-century mansion, but the text simply doesn't match the energy of the pictures. This Christmas Crocodile is no budding star; Bernard Waber's *Lyle at Christmas* (Houghton, 1998) is funnier and more satisfying. ?LFCopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

We purchased several of these to send to cousins for Christmas and to keep at our own home. Our children (2, 3 years old) loved it as did older cousins (9 and 10 years old). It is a very silly book, but our kids are used to those at our house :) The illustrations are delightful!

Nice product..well constructed but.....The story is beyond strange and unusual.No storyline... Incomplete thoughts about characters...and closes with a mystery supposedly without any idea what is being suggested.. I gave the book to a kid who likes to read. Not nearly worth what I paid for it... Not a worthwhile story. Save your money!!!

The book description and cover made it sound it was aimed at a younger audience. The "humor" went way over my 3 year olds head. We didn't find it funny. We found it depressing. The crocodile eats all of the Christmas things and ruined things. It's like the Lemony Snickets Christmas holiday. Debating saving it for when she's older or passing it along.

For my niece's daughter, again. This young lady just loves to read. She loves books, and she reads and understands the words she is reading. Great gift. Carole

Sent to 6 yr old grandson per recommendation of for his age group reading- He loves it! Says the story is lots of fun! You can get e-book, too!

I purchased this book for a little one who is learning to read and who loves books. He has read it so many times in the short period he has had it. I have watched him turn page after page, and I have caught him smelling the pages. Can't do that with a Kindle. The book is well written and illustrated. I recommend this book to all who have children they read to or who are able to read a bit themselves.

What would you do if you found a Crocodile under your Christmas tree....laugh out loud and enjoy reading about it. I enjoyed the pictures and laughed at each family member idea on what to do with the destructive crocodile. I have to say that my nephew and any new little member of our family will receive this book from me at Christmas. Great job Bonny Becker!

My all-time favorite Christmas book to read to my class. I have used it with first graders through fourth graders, and they all love it! "The Christmas Crocodile didn't mean to be bad.....not really!"

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