



Christmas Carols: The Stories Behind the Songs

By Tonya Lambert

Blue Bike Books. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Christmas Carols: The Stories Behind the Songs, Tonya Lambert, The traditional Christmas carols we know and love today have been around for many years, even centuries; each one has a fascinating story behind it. In this read-aloud collection, Tonya Lambert reveals stories and the trivia behind popular Christmas carols, traditional and contemporary the music, the lyrics, the composers, the singers and the time and traditions around which they were written: In one of the most successful television commercials to employ a Christmas song, Hersheys Kisses are portrayed as bells playing We Wish You a Merry Christmas; In Austria, Silent Night is protected from commercialism and is not played, broadcast or sung until Christmas Eve; Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw thought the tune of O Christmas Tree sounded like the funeral march of a dead eel; The first Christmas carol broadcast in space was Jingle Bells; during the flight of Gemini 6 in 1965, astronauts Tom Stafford and Wally Schirra sang the carol accompanied by a harmonica and sleigh bells; The earliest collection of Christmas carols is found in a manuscript compiled 600 years ago by a blind priest and poet in Shropshire,...

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