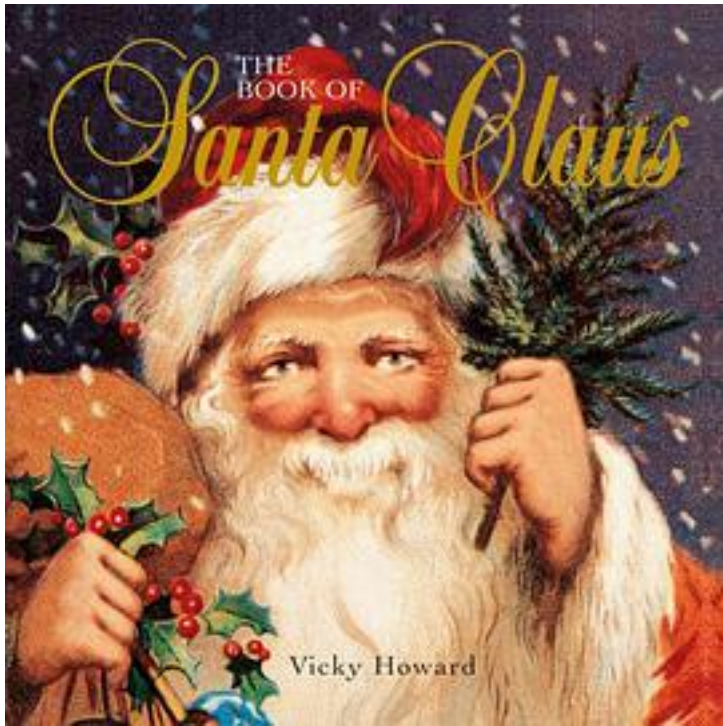


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The legend of Santa Claus began in America in 1822 with Clement C. Moore's poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas." This enduring poem, which begins with the now-classic line "'Twas the night before Christmas," paints a vivid picture of St. Nick and his miniature sleigh pulled by eight tiny reindeer. Illustrated for the first time by Thomas Nast for Harper's Weekly in 1863, this famous depiction became an inspiration for much of the detailed Victorian art captured in *The Book of Santa Claus*. The rich compilation celebrates Santa Claus through the beautiful illustrations from century-old postcards from that era's preeminent commercial artists, such as Frances Brundage and Ellen Clapsaddle. Vicky Howard's personal collection of art from the "Golden Age of

Postcards" is coupled with poems on the Christmas joy of Kris Kringle. This joyful miniature edition is perfect for a finishing touch to any gift basket, as a hostess gift, or for your own treasured keepsake.

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