

The Blacksmith's Gift

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This is a heartwarming tale about a poor carpenter and his wife. They long for a child. The carpenter spends all day in his workshop and his wife sews all day too. They make very little money and what they do make they spend on food and wood.

This story takes place during wintertime. It is extremely cold outside. The carpenter is always late with his work and is having to offer it free. They end up with little for the fire wood that way. The carpenter is always making toys for "the little one." That is what they call their imaginary child. The carpenter's wife was always doing the same thing, always making toys for the little one.

Now I won't tell you the rest because then you might not want to read this wonderful book. So without spoiling it I am going to tell you that this could be a competition between it and *The Night Before Christmas*. A competition called "Which Book Do We Read on Christmas Eve?" Which is a wonderful book also, the one book that I'm sure everyone has heard.

This is a tale that would be good for the youngsters. Older kids, who just don't believe anymore, might not like it that much. But for anybody that needs some spirit of Christmas, this is a great tale.