

Book 3 - Chapter 1

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Jane was very excited. Her school holidays had begun and she knew that it was time to get ready to go and stay with her grandparents as she did every year at Christmas time. Her grandma and grandpa lived many, many miles from the city on a sheep station. Jane spent all year at home with her dad who worked in an office in the city. Visiting the farm was her most favourite time of the year.

In her suitcase she had carefully packed the presents that she had picked out for her grandparents, her aunt, uncle and her two cousins Tom and Sally who would be joining her for Christmas Day.

Jane had written a letter to Santa with the other children in her class. This year she was not really sure what she wanted. She had thought about toys, games, clothes and all the usual things that children ask for but deep in her heart she knew that she wanted something unusual, maybe something that no one else had ever had before so she just asked Santa to bring her a surprise! Sitting in the train on the way to her grandparents she thought about the things that Santa might bring.

Chapter 2

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Jane became very tired and fell asleep. Suddenly the conductor woke her up and asked for her ticket. Then he gave her a surprise letter. Jane thought it was exciting to receive mail on the train.

It was from Tina, her pen-friend in Germany, and she started to read:

Dear Jane,

I am writing to you to tell you how things are in Germany. Right now it is very cold, and there is snow all over. It's going to be a white Christmas, and I have wished for a new sledge. My dad and I have bought a Christmas tree and decorated it already with real candles, which our parents will light on Christmas Eve after we have gone to church . Then they will call us from our room, and finally we can unpack our presents. I hope it will be a nice and peaceful Christmas for everyone.

Merry Christmas!

Wish you were here!

Love, Tina

The door to her compartment opened, and an old man with a friendly round face and a long white beard came in and took the seat opposite her. His eyes twinkled as he smiled at her and asked, " Why are you looking so sad, my child?"

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Jane looked up at the man awkwardly. "Tina." she answered.

"Tina's very nice." The man said.

"How do you know her?" Jane questioned.

"I know all the good children around the world."

At this point, Jane was becoming a bit suspicious. There was a long silence
between them. Jane could hear chatter and laughter from other
compartments on the train.

Suddenly, Jane broke the silence.

"What's your name?" Jane asked "Mine's Jane."

"Mine's Nicholas," the man answered.

"Santa's name was Nicholas. Actually it was St. Nicholas but that's kind of
the same," Jane said.

"I know," said Nicholas.

The atmosphere was starting to get friendly and warm between Jane and
Nicholas, but Jane was still a bit suspicious about him.

Chapter 4

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Jane sat thinking for a while. Didn't Nicholas say that he knew all good children around the world? "Are you Santa?" "You look very much like him."

"Well, I come from a very cold place called Greenland. People also call this place the North Pole. Have you heard about the North Pole? There is snow all year round. It is cold but you get used to it. I have a very nice place there. A wooden cottage. I also have a stable with reindeer. Rudolph is my favourite reindeer. I have a wife. Mary. She helps me wrap presents and cook rice pudding."

"So you are Santa. I knew when I first saw you." Is this the surprise I asked for?"

"Well, I was impressed by your letter. You didn't wish for toys, clothes, games and stuff like that. I decided to find you and ask you to be Santa's helper. Do you want to help me? You know Australia better than I do?"

"I would love to. But what do you want me to do? How can I help you?"

"Well....."

Chapter 5

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"Since you are such a good reader could you help me read all of the names on my list?" "I also need help in finding my way so I would like you to be in charge of the map. This way we won't get lost!"

"Sure!" Jane said to Santa. "I would love to be your helper."

Off they went, Santa and Jane. It was a very cold ride but Jane didn't mind. She loved being this close to Santa and being his helper. They went all over Australia, delivering presents to all of the good boys and girls. Because Jane was such a wonderful helper they finished Australia very quickly.

"Where to next, Santa?" Jane wondered. Well Santa said, "Where would you like to go?" Jane thought for just a moment and then said "I would love to go to Germany to meet my pen pal Tina. Do you think we could do that?"

"Yes," Santa. "Germany is our next stop."

Book 3 - Chapter 6

Written by St Mary's R.C. Primary School Cannock, England, year 6 teacher Paul Mee.

"Before we go to see your friend in Germany," Santa Said "we need to just make one last stop in England."

They flew over Buckingham Palace and saw the Queen putting her Christmas socks out for Santa, she waved as they flew past. Jane had to snuggle up to Santa and share his big coat because it was snowing in England. "There's the house!" Jane shouted excitedly. Santa parked his sleigh in the back garden because Jane wasn't sure if she could fit down the chimney.

They went inside and shared the mince pies the children had left out for Him, then, Jane feed the carrot left for the reindeers to Rudolph, while Santa carried his large sack inside.

Two little boys lived here, John aged 3 and his brother Michael aged 11. John had made a present for Santa, a little Rudolph made of clay, Santa chuckled "ho, ho, ho," when he saw it.

When they finished filling the socks full of toys and put the big presents under the tree, Santa said, "Right, time to go, final stop Tina's".

In the sleigh Santa gave Jane the clay toy, "This is for you to remember me by. And thank you for being Santa's little helper".

We hope you have enjoyed reading Book 3.