A Whale of a Tale would like to Thank all our friends for your loyalty & support all year long....it has been our privilege to serve you for 30 years.. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a very Happy New Year! Warmest Wishes,

**Holiday Hours:**

*We will be Closed,*

*Dec. 23rd, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, 25th, 26th, & 27th*  
*Open 11-2ish Dec. 28th & 29th Closed Dec. 30, 31, & New Year’s Day...*

**Regular Hours Beginning January 2nd**

Have a Safe and Happy New Year...wishing you many hours for reading....all year long!

Calendar will be posted as events become available. Stay tuned...

*We leave you with a fun poem (below)*  
*....from Alice Low*  
*Taken from The Family Read-Aloud Christmas Treasury illustrated by Marc Brown*
A Merry Literary Holiday!

When Christmas shopping time draws nigh,
And I am faced with gifts to buy,
I think about one relative
Who always had one gift to give.
Year after year her present came,
And every year it was the same.
While other gifts were round and fat,
(Their secrets hidden) hers was flat,
Rectangular, the corners square,
I knew exactly what was there.
I’d pass it by without a look—–
My aunt had sent another book!
I’d only open it to write
A “thank you” that was too polite,
But every year when Christmas went
I’d read the book my aunt had sent,
And looking back, I realize
Each gift was treasure in disguise.
So now it’s time to write her here
A thank you note that is sincere…

So—–thanks for Alice and Sara Crewe,
For Christopher Robin and Piglet and Pooh,
For Little Nell and William Tell
And Peter and Wendy and Tinker Bell.

Thanks for Tom and Jim and Huck,
For Robinson Crusoe and Dab-Dab the duck,
For Meg and Jo and Johnny Crow
And Papa Geppetto’s Pinocchio.

For Mary Poppins and Rat and Toad,
King Arthur and Dorothy’s Yellow Brick Road,
For Kipling’s Kim and tales from Grimm,
And Ferdinand, Babar, and Tiny Tim.

I loved them all, I’m glad I met them.
They’re with me still, I won’t forget them.
So I’ll give books on Christmas Day
Though I know what all my nieces say~~~
I know it from the way they write
A “thank you” that is too polite.

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