



London Christmas

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Sutton Publishing Ltd, 1998. Paperback. Condition: New. A London Christmas is an anthology of seasonal memories compiled from journals, novels, poems, local traditions and historical events, illustrated with over forty photographs and engravings. Diatribes against seasonal excesses mingle with celebrations of a more benevolent kind - best illustrated by Charles Dickens in A Christmas Carol. In this book you will find accounts of the merry-making season as far back as the fifteenth century when festivities were supervised by a Lord of Misrule, and of the consequent Puritan attempt to abolish Christmas, encapsulated in John Evelyn's diary on the day he was abducted from a London chapel for attending 'Anti-Christ's masse'. Here too are the Christmas of Samuel Pepys, the reminiscences of Henry James and the thoughts of George Orwell; plus George Gissing's fictional comparison of two very different Christmases and an account of the decoration trade from Mayhew's classic nineteenth century social history London Labour and London Poor. There are also examples of Londoners - fictional or otherwise - escaping the urban chaos at Christmas, such as Mr Pooter in The Diary of a Nobody, or Joyce Grenfell's ritual retreat to her cousins in Surrey; and conversely EM Delafield's description...



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