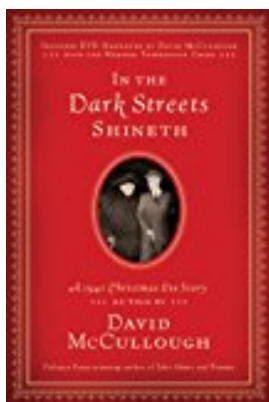


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From School Library Journal Gr 3-6-This is partly an account of the 1941 Christmas Eve addresses to the nation by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill from the White House; partly a short history of two songs ("Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas"); and partly a photo album of Americans at Christmastime during World War II. Because of this scattered approach, the purpose is a bit unclear; the subtitle suggests that the focus is that

famous 1941 Christmas Eve address, but the first line of the book, "Music is a part of our history," leads readers to expect a greater emphasis on that subject. McCullough doesn't do justice to either topic and the random selection of period photos fails to shed any additional light. The book is handsome, and the full texts of Churchill's and Roosevelt's speeches are included, which is a bonus. However, this isn't particularly successful as either a Christmas book or an account of an important moment in history. *Eva Mitnick, Los Angeles Public Library*

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Review It s an unexpected but winning combination: the Mormon Tabernacle Choir; a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, whose books have also received two National Book Awards; and a small press in Salt Lake City that publishes a dozen books each year. --Publishers Weekly

Historian McCullough, known for his biographies of Harry Truman and John Adams, has written a real gem of a book. Just days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt met at the White House on Christmas Eve, 1941. As war raged throughout the world, the two leaders delivered a powerful message. Don t let the small page count of this book fool you. Packed in its 56 pages is a message that is as meaningful today as it was 60 years ago. This book also comes with a DVD recording of McCullough s presentation of this story at the Mormon Tabernacle Choir s 2009 Christmas concert. --The Costco Connection, October 2010

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