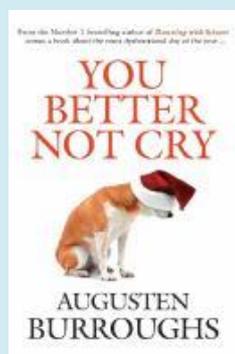




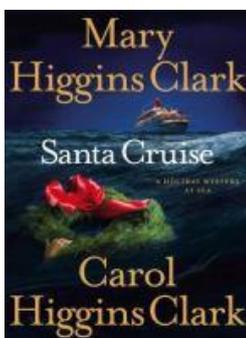
### With love at Christmas / Carole Matthews

Juliet Joyce adores Christmas. She loves the presents, the tree, the turkey, the tinsel, everything. Already the festive spirit is upon her, which is just as well as this Christmas things are starting to get out of hand. Her son Tom is out of work and bringing home a slew of unsuitable partners; pregnant daughter Chloe and her little boy have moved back in; Juliet's father, Frank, is getting over a heartbreak of his own and Rita, her eccentric mother, is behaving more erratically each day. And has the chaos got too much for Juliet's husband Rick? With the big day fast approaching, Juliet hopes that she can stop everything spiralling out of control, because the only thing she wants is her family all around her and her home to be filled with love at Christmas



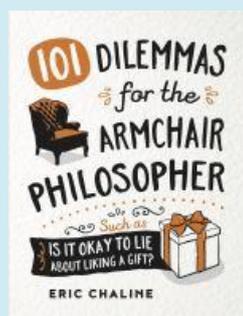
### You better not cry / Augusten Burroughs

You've eaten too much chocolate at Christmas...but have you ever eaten the face off a six-foot-tall wax Santa? You've seen gingerbread houses...but have you ever made your own gingerbread tenement? You've woken up with a hangover...but have you ever woken up next to Kris Kringle himself? Augusten Burroughs has, and in this caustically funny, nostalgic, poignant and moving book he recounts Christmases past and present - as only he can. With gimlet-eyed wit and brilliant prose, Augusten shows how the holiday brings out the worst in us and sometimes, just sometimes, the very, very best.



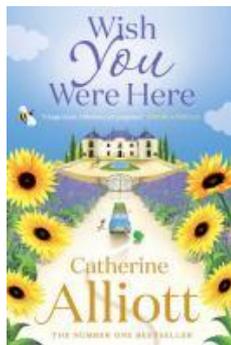
### Santa cruise : a holiday mystery at sea / Mary Higgins Clark & Carol Higgins Clark

Alvirah Meehan, the lottery winner turned amateur sleuth; recently "hitched" private detective Regan Reilly; and their husbands Willy and Jack, are guests on the Royal Mermaid's maiden voyage, the Santa Cruise. The cruise is Commodore Randolph Weed's gift to a select group of people who in the last year made the world a better place. What he doesn't know is that his ne'er-do-well nephew, Eric, has smuggled two escaping criminals on board. As the Royal Mermaid sails through troubled waters, Alvirah and Regan uncover clues that lead them to the dangerous men who were not on the original guest list!



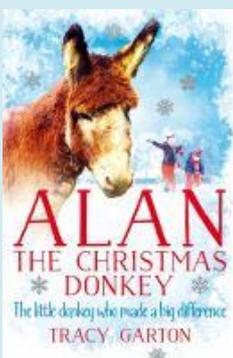
### 101 dilemmas for the armchair philosopher : such as is it okay to lie about liking a gift? / Eric Chaline

In a democracy, should everyone - absolutely everyone - get a vote? Does it really matter if tigers become extinct? Why does murder carry a heavier penalty than attempted murder? If you don't like the socks your grandma gives you for Christmas, should you tell her so? This entertaining introduction to ethics will bring you face to face with some tough moral choices. It presents you with 101 imaginative scenarios - sometimes amusing, sometimes tragic and sometimes uncomfortably realistic - which will force you to re-examine your most cherished assumptions about right and wrong.



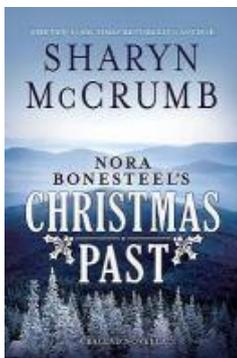
**Wish you were here / Catherine Alliott**

When Flora, James and their two teenage daughters are offered the holiday of a lifetime in a chateau in the South of France in return for one simple good deed, they jump at the chance to escape the confines of Clapham, the weight of the mortgage and anxieties over their future for a blissful break. But Flora didn't anticipate a mysterious guest and a whole heap of family baggage to come too. With James developing a schoolboy crush on a famous opera singer and Flora distracted by ghosts from her past, their dream holiday suddenly takes some very unexpected turns.



**Alan the Christmas donkey / Tracy Garton with Danielle Hoffman**

Tracy had run the Radcliffe Donkey Sanctuary for twenty years, creating a safe haven for more than sixty sick, unwanted and mistreated donkeys. Then, in the first week of January, the phone rang. A donkey had been abandoned 130 miles away. Rushing to his rescue Tracy found Alan - forlorn, balding and shivering - tethered up tightly in a supermarket car park. Over the next twelve months, as Tracy grappled with attacks from vandals and perilous flash floods and desperately tried to raise money, Alan gradually recovered - turning into a loveable rogue. As Christmas rolled around, Tracy was too worried about the future to enjoy the festive season. She had no idea that the shy skinny animal she'd rescued was going to give her the greatest gift of all .



**Nora Bonesteel's Christmas past / Sharyn McCrumb**

When the new owners of the old Honeycutt house decide to stay through Christmas, they discover something hidden in the walls of the house.

**eBooks to take on holiday**

A Christmas in Disguise / by Katie Fforde  
Frank Derrick's Holiday of a Lifetime / J.B. Morrison  
Holly and Ivy / Fern Michaels  
Home to Turtle Bay / Marion Lennox  
Lyrebird / Cecelia Ahern  
One Summer / Nora Roberts  
The Pretty Delicious Cafe / Danielle Hawkins  
Skipping Christmas / John Grisham  
Summer Holiday / Penny Smith  
Summer Nights at the Moonlight Hotel / Jane Costello  
Umbrella Summer / Lisa Graff

**Beamafilm - streaming documentaries and indie films – see library staff for more info.**

My year with Helen  
*A behind-the-scenes human view of the inner workings of global power*

The Nutcracker Sweet  
*It is Christmas Eve. And the children are set for a big adventure*

Topp Twins Untouchable Girls  
*The World's only comedic, country singing, vodelina lesbian twins*