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The Sweet Smell Of Christmas (Scented Storybook)



Synopsis

It's time to celebrate the sights and smells of Christmas in this classic scratch-and sniff book. Join Little Bear as he prepares for the holidays, all the while giving readers a chance to smell six wonderful scents including apple pie, christmas tree, hot chocolate, and more! This delectable treat is a perfect way for families to spend the yuletide season.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Christmas is almost here! Little Bear can smell it--and so can you! The air is filled with the aroma of gingerbread cookies, minty candy canes, the piney Christmas tree, and yummy hot apple pie. Celebrate the holiday season with this classic Golden storybook which includes six scratch-and-sniff scents.

Patricia M. Scarry (1924–1995) was a writer of children's books. She wrote many stories that were illustrated by her husband, Richard Scarry, including [Good Night, Little Bear](#), [The Bunny Book](#), and [The Fishing Cat](#).

I don't remember this book as a kid, but my mom swears I had it. Now I'm 33 and I have a daughter

of my own and this was given to us Christmas of 2008. It was during Christmas 2009 when she really found this book and fell in love with it, as did I reading it to her. We just love it. As other reviewers have said, this book just evokes great memories of the Christmas season. And who can not love the scratch and sniff smells. Now here is lies the rub about this book. Only the very potent aromatic smells last at all. Pine and peppermint were still going a year later, but the rest (apple pie, gingerbread, hot chocolate, and orange) were pretty much dead. And after just one season even the pine and peppermint started to go. So what is one to do when your one of your daughter's favorite books loses its prominent scratch and sniff feature. Well you go on a sticker hunt and as of Sept 2010, I've now found them all. Since it was so hard to find these stickers I wanted to post a review of the book and a location that other parents like me could find replacement stickers. I started my search in June 2010 and found almost all of them at the website EverythingSmells.com. The only scent that seemed non-existent was gingerbread (unless you wanted to buy 2500 stickers from a custom company or cut your own out of Target greeting cards). So I emailed the company and asked if they knew of anywhere to get gingerbread. They didn't know, but kept my email and just wrote me today to tell me that they now have a gingerbread sticker for sale! So now you can get all the stickers in one place! Mind you, they will not look like the original stickers, but at least the children don't care. It's the act of scratching and sniffing that matters to them. So to the parents out there that bemoan the fact that the book has lost its smell--go get some stickers (with plenty of spares), paste them in, and re-enjoy the book with your children or grandchildren for all it's Christmas charm. I know we did and still do today.

I had a copy of this book as a child and still have it after all these years. However, the scents all smell like "book" now and despite my best efforts and memories of the smells, they were beginning to fade. All my kids love the book as well and enjoy scratching the stickers for tiny whiffs of the lingering scents. And then I found a new copy! I was so excited that it was still in print, and that the price was so low. I ordered a new copy for my kids to enjoy the actual scents with the story. The scents are apple pie, pine tree, gingerbread, peppermint, cocoa, and orange. All of them smell as good as I remember and they do make the book special. The story is also really cute and captures the excitement of getting ready for Christmas. The illustrations are pretty and the book has nice hard cover. The only difference I noticed was that the new copy has some glitter on the cover. My girls like this addition, but I don't really care either way. I love having the new copy of this, but I hung on to the old one for sentimental reasons. The "book" smell is another smell I associated with Christmas because of how much of a tradition this book became.

I was so disappointed by the scents in this book, which all smell like industrial chemicals. The peppermint was the only one with an actual holiday scent, but it was mixed with the chemical scent. The apple pie, christmas tree, and hot cocoa just smelled like melted plastic.

This is a Christmas book that you will remember from your childhood. If you do remember it you will certainly remember the scents as well as the story and memories of Christmas is long gone. As everyone else has said it's a wonderful story and cebook to treasure and keep forever.

Unfortunately the scents don't make sense. They seem to be tired and worn out and have little or no smell. The ones that do smell are faint at best or just some Chemical odor. A real shame. I guess perhaps the scents don't last.I'm not going to return it I will keep it for the story lesson learned.

The story line is cute although the bear saying "it's almost Christmas" on every page is annoying but I bought it for the scratch and sniff factor. The book doesn't have that strong a smell though for any of the scents so I was pretty disappointed. First I bought a used copy that had no scent at all and then I returned that one and bought a brand new one but it only smells a tiny bit.

I've loved this book since when I was a kid. I bought this for my son for us to read during Christmas season. Scratch and sniff stickers are the best part about it!

Cute book for my niece and nephews. The smells were strong enough to seem like they would last a while, without being overpowering.

The smell stickers don't work well even in a brand new book. My daughter and I love reading it though! The book has been improved in our opinion by the addition of sparkly glitter on the cover and on the Christmas tree. My daughter is fascinated with it. She is weirded out by the father bear's pipe, kind of a dated image in a kids' book, and is always asking if his head is on fire. I find this pretty funny.I thought I remembered there being a page with a sugar plum to smell? I may be wrong. This book actually has my daughter smelling things around her and talking about how they smell. "So piney." "So spicy." She smells the plastic candy canes on our tree now. It kind of jump started new vocabulary! So thanks, Little Bear.

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