

Holiday Joy

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As the German tale goes, the 1818 carol was introduced after mice had eaten away at a village priest's organ music that was needed for that Eve's midnight service.

The priest had composed the song, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht," and had it ready to sing with the guitar for that night.

Its popularity slowly spread over the years and finally became the Bing Crosby favorite that is often sung today.

As the season comes and goes and you partake in your usual merriments, recall the beginnings that are deeply rooted with each bow of holly, chestnut on the open fire, sip of eggnog and note sung while caroling. Have a Merry Winter Solstice!

-Kristin Genzer

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one who's been to an elementary school Christmas program will warm up to it immediately.

The Grinch Who Stole Christmas: Yet another take off of *A Christmas Carol* only this time it's Dr. Suesse who creatively changes the scenario. The Grinch manages to take all of the who yams, the who trees and the who presents from Whoville and in essence "steals Christmas." If you've seen Dickens story then you know the rest of the story.

Santa Claus Conquers the Martians: Here's your excuse to see one of the worst movies ever made. Never mind the budget couldn't pay for the cranberry sauce at your dinner. The acting is atrocious, and the plot is what the title implies. This movie will provide some of the biggest unin-

tentional laughs of the holiday season. It features a relentlessly awful soundtrack including that perennial favorite "Hooray for Santy Claus."

Holiday Inn: Perhaps you've heard the song, "White Christmas" or even seen the movie by the same name. That film is a reworking of this vastly superior inn that's only open during the holidays and a love triangle between Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire and Marjorie Reynolds. It's merely an excuse to feature a fabulous Irving Berlin soundtrack with songs revolving around various holidays. It's the perfect movie to watch with the family.

Whether you watch these movies or none at all, it is my hope that your time spent is in a manner that reminds you of the best things in life.

-Lucas Gutman

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