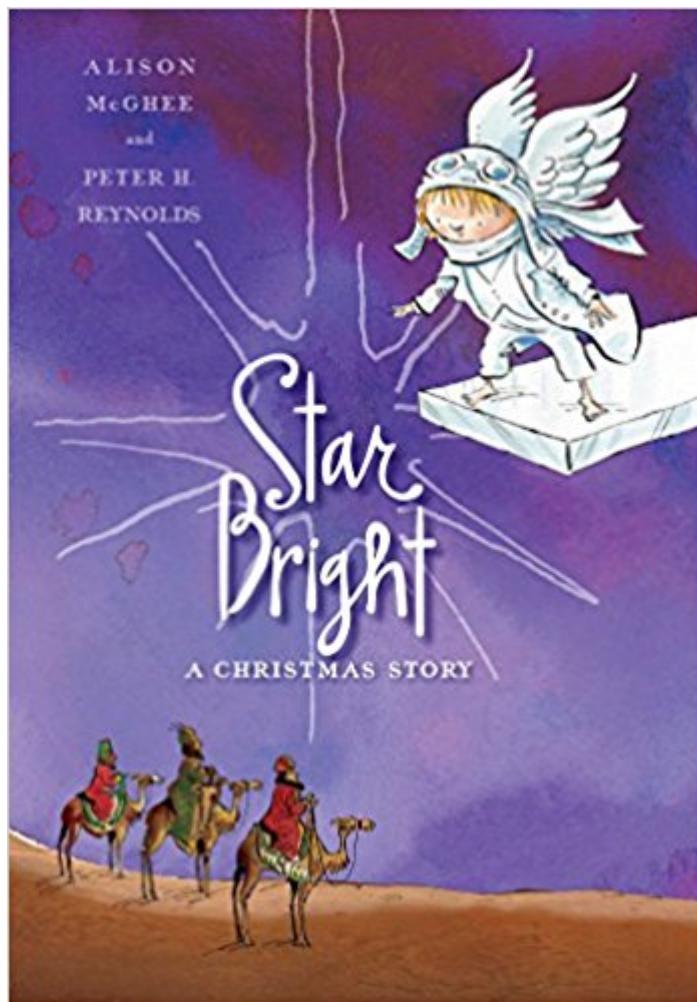


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# Star Bright: A Christmas Story



## Synopsis

This perfectly angelic—and perfectly charming—Christmas story offers a creative twist on the classic tale of the nativity, from the #1 New York Times bestselling creators of Someday. The angels are aflutter: a baby is soon to be born! One small angel can tell this baby is especially special by the way the other angels are dashing and fussing about. And holy moly, are their presents extraordinary. The little angel wants to give a present too, but, what could she possibly offer that is as worthy as the others’ gifts? At a loss for original ideas, she peeks over the side of her platform and spies something going on in the desert—a caravan of kings on camels, lost in the dark. And suddenly she knows she must do something, and does the only thing she can. Because the greatest gift of all? It can’t be wrapped. It can’t be bought. It can only be selflessly, joyfully given. And it ends up being the perfect gift for that little baby—the shiningest gift at all.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 1-In the heavens, the angels are excited; a baby is about to be born. There are to be lots of gifts for the infant, but the littlest angel can't figure out what she should give him. Wind? No, that's a gift of the sky. Rain? No, that's a gift of the clouds. Finally, she thinks of the perfect gift for anyone who might be lonely or lost, and she transforms herself into a very bright star in the dark

sky. The pen, ink, and watercolor illustrations depict a traditional first Christmas on Earth, with wise men, camels, and shepherds against the backdrop of a dark Bethlehem night. But up in heaven, the angels are multiethnic winged children dressed in long white split-tailed jackets, waistcoats, and culottes, frolicking on shiny platforms and consulting flat-screens on stands to get news from below. The newest angel is a small, red-haired child who sports an old-fashioned pilot's helmet with goggles. Somehow, this works—<sup>the angels do indeed look otherworldly, and the winsome style of the illustrations complements the simple, sweet text. A different and quietly charming take on the Christmas story.</sup>—<sup>Eva Mitnick, Los Angeles Public Library</sup>

Alison McGhee is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Someday*, as well as *Maybe a Fox*, *Firefly Hollow*, *A Little Boy*, *So Many Days*, *Star Bright*, *A Very Brave Witch*, and the *Bink* and *Gollie* books. Her other children's books include *All Rivers Flow to the Sea*, *Countdown to Kindergarten*, and *Snap*. She lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Laguna Beach, California. You can visit her at [AlisonMcGhee.com](http://AlisonMcGhee.com). Peter H. Reynolds is the bestselling author and illustrator of *I'm Here*, *The Dot*, and *Ish*; and illustrator for the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Someday* by Alison McGhee. He is also the illustrator of *Going Places*, *Little Boy*, *Charlie and Kiwi*, and the *Judy Moody* series. He lives in Dedham, Massachusetts, where he is co-owner of the Blue Bunny bookstore. Visit Peter at [PeterHReynolds.com](http://PeterHReynolds.com).

This is another perfect pairing of Peter & Alison who know how to tell a story well. A beautiful and simple story, a baby is born, an angel wonders what to give as a gift. Alison doesn't drown us in words, three she uses are simple & beautiful. Peter is one of my favourite illustrators, his art gives the words depth & light.

Non traditional view of heaven, a very individual angel and a story that perfectly explains that Christmas is about giving, not getting. A great read aloud for non-readers and a great gift for those who can read for themselves (over and over) as well as read to others.

I bought this book for my 4 year old and 2.5 year old for Christmas. I wanted something to supplement all of the Santa stories we've been reading lately. This book has a lovey message and is simple enough for even my youngest to understand. We will be reading this every year at Christmas.

I bought this for all my family members with or with no kids and they love it so much!

Cute story about the Wise Men seeking the Christ Child!

Great grandson enjoyed thebook

Beautiful story

Simple but enjoyable

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