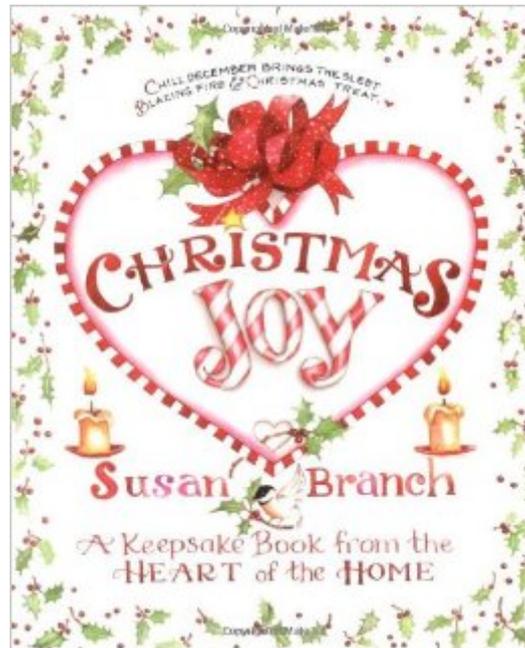


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# Christmas Joy : A Keepsake Book From The Heart Of The Home



## Synopsis

Susan Branch's inimitable whimsy and charm have won her a large and loyal following across America -- and made her previous gift books and cookbooks perennial bestsellers. This Keepsake Book features recipes and paintings for Christmas -- put one in someone's stocking! Ribbon marker.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I wrestled as to how to rate this book. I have virtually all of Susan Branch's books and have enjoyed them tremendously over the years. One of my favorites has been "Christmas from the Heart of the Home" from 1990. Therefore, upon seeing what was seemingly a new holiday offering from Ms. Branch, "Christmas Joy", I was, err... well; "joyful" at the prospect of more great things from Susan. Unfortunately, upon receipt and subsequent review, this "new" work is nothing more than a recycled version of the 1990 work "Christmas from the Heart of the Home", and in a tiny size about half that of the original book. Additionally, reading (re-reading) some of these pages, pages that were intended to appear in an 8X10 book is an exercise in reaching for a magnifying glass. For example, the verbatim reprint of "stocking stuffers" page from the 1990 original. For the first time in my life, I contemplated reading glasses. In a word, I was very disappointed and will not be adding this book to my Susan Branch selections in the library, it became a re-gifted hand me down. So, if you are considering buying this book (should I say booklet?), I would recommend that instead you seek out a used copy of "Christmas from the Heart of the Home" instead. You'll get about 75 more pages of content, and won't go blind trying to read some of the small font in this latest "copy-cat" version of

the original version. I should have done more homework before getting my hopes up for a fresh offering. If I had never seen the larger, more robust 1990 version with its extended content, I would have probably rated this book as a 4 or 5. Instead, I feel generous giving the work a 3. I found no new "Joy" in this purchase.

Like all of Susan Branch's books, this one can be read over and over again each Christmas, and be enjoyed like it's the first time you've opened it. Very heartwarming and filled with wonderful recipes and crafts for the Holidays. This book makes a great gift for teachers!

I loved this book. I can't wait to use her ideas for gifts, decorating, and for making cookies this year for Christmas. She does such a beautiful job illustrating and hand-lettering each of her books that it's a pleasure just to flip through them.

This book has it all and is delightful. I bought this as a gift for my sister-in-law and am I ever glad I also got one for myself. It is beautifully illustrated and is filled with recipes, decorating ideas and special thoughts. It's one of those books that you get out each year at Christmas time and you read it again and again.

I purchased the autumn book and really enjoyed it, so I ordered Christmas Joy. I was tad disappointed to see this was such a small and slender volume. It has the same cute recipes and suggestions but fewer of them. It is also fairly short- only 46 pages. I read it in about 15 minutes. Overall, a cute book, but I was expecting more.

This little book, that can fit so perfectly into a purse for on the go Christmas ideas, has been a pleasure to begin reading. It arrived yesterday, in very good condition, almost better than described. Recipes include Grandma's Frosted Molasses Cookies, Butter Cookies, Florentine Cookies & Candied Orange Peel. There is also a lovely red ribbon bookmark to keep your place when reading, or cooking. Thanks for fast service.

I have had a copy of this book for many years and wanted to buy a copy for my daughter. It arrived as promised in excellent condition. Love the little stories, recipes, drawings, traditions. A lovely Christmas gift for someone who loves the holiday!

I LOVE this book. It's so cute and beautifully illustrated. Susan Branch has out-done herself with this one. It has recipes and tips on how to make your Christmas better and most importantly nostalgia. Don't miss a chance to buy this one, you won't regret it!!!

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