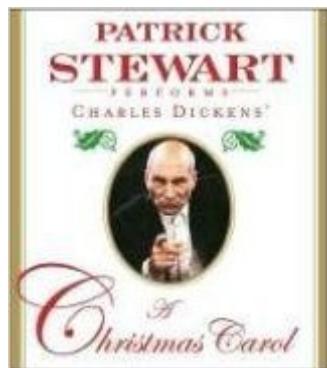


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# A Christmas Carol (Reissue)



## **Synopsis**

Tiny Tim, Bob Cratchit and Ebenezer Scrooge come to marvelous life in Patrick Stewart's critically-acclaimed solo interpretation of *A Christmas Carol*. The star of *X-Men* and The Royal Shakespeare Company, Stewart has performed his one-man stage production of this holiday classic to sell-out audiences. Now, in this Grammy nominated studio recording of the dazzling achievement that has thrilled audiences in New York and Los Angeles, Stewart invites listeners to rediscover the timeless story at its source: Dickens' own words, presented in a soaring, virtuoso solo performance in which Stewart plays all parts.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Patrick Stewart's one-man production of Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* played to sold-out audiences in New York and Los Angeles. In this studio recording based on those performances, Stewart is in rare form, using his considerable range of voices to play all roles, from the Ghost of Christmas past to Tiny Tim. It must be said that Stewart clearly enjoys playing Scrooge best of all--but isn't the villain always the most compelling character? Even if you feel that "every idiot who goes about with 'Merry Christmas' on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding and buried with a stake of holly through his heart," this rendition of Dickens's classic will get you in a Yuletide mood. (Running time: 2 hours, 2 cassettes) --C.B. Delaney --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Newsweek" Reciting the litany of Scrooge's scrooginess, Stewart relishes the emotional gamut of meanness...Humbug seldom sounds so good."The Washington Post" Not only is Patrick Stewart wonderful, but this is surely one of the best performances of "A Christmas Carol" ever recorded...By sheer energy and dramatic skill, Stewart invests this story with not merely life, but freshness, excitement and wonder."Entertainment Weekly" A low tech audio Christmas card: no sound effects, no gimmicks, just one of the the great voices of the contemporary classical stage creating as vivid a cast of characters as Dickens imagines. The Royal Shakespeare Company veteran...doesn't so much read the story as inhabit it with infectious delight."The Washington Post" Not only is Patrick Stewart wonderful, but this is surely one of the best performances of "A Christmas Carol" ever recorded...By sheer energy and dramatic skill, Stewart invests this story with not merely life, but freshness, excitement and wonder."Newsweek" Reciting the litany of Scrooge's scrooginess, Stewart relishes the emotional gamut of meanness...Humbug seldom sounds so good."Entertainment Weekly" A low tech audio Christmas card: no sound effects, no gimmicks, just one of the the great voices of the contemporary classical stage creating as vivid a cast of characters as Dickens imagines. The Royal Shakespeare Company veteran...doesn't so much read the story as inhabit it with infectious delight.

Patrick Stewart gives the voice performance for the ages in this reissue of the original production that became a tradition in our home a quarter century ago. Only an actor of Stewart's sublime talent could achieve what he does in this beautifully done interpretation of Dicken's classic masterpiece. Perhaps you think you've seen this done far too many times and probably believe nothing more can be done with this, especially if you saw Jim Carey's super-odd animated abomination or been stunned by Mr. McGoo's version. There has been some good work done by many actors, from Reginald Owen to George C. Scott. The Muppets, with the superb assistance of Michael Caine, did a fantastic job. However, by leading the mind's eye through our own imaginations, Sir Patrick is an absolutely wondrous guide. Indeed, this is not simply one of the truly excellent Christmas Carol's, it also is one of the finest voice performances ever recorded. In a time when we are bombarded by visual stimulation constantly and radio dramas are all but forgotten, this would be a incredible introduction for young people to the world of personal imagination as a single voice enacts a story and the pictures originate in their minds. Stewart is masterful and each Christmas we celebrate his gift to us by listening as a family as he brings A Christmas Carol to life for us. Sadly, this might all be coming to an end as everyone texts, tweets, and instagrams and attention spans are measured in

microseconds. For now, I live with the illusion that the old tradition continues and I am at peace with that. Sir Patrick Stewart is still part of my Christmas and his performance is mesmerizing as all the people in the Dickens' tale come to life in my imagination.

This is a Christmas classic brought to life by Patrick Stewart, who is a fantastic narrator. It's nostalgic, entertaining, great for kids and adults alike. What's not to love? I listen to it every year. The audio cd is a great way to spend a few hours while driving or decorating for the holidays.

This is a One-Man-Show first done on stage by Patrick Stewart. It is abridged from the book by Charles Dickens, yet very faithful. The parts edited out were, to me, superfluous to the story. Stewart adds some vocal sound effects and definitely some dramatization, which I liked. We first heard Stewart's presentation on cassette tape, and now have the CD. The recording is well produced, and just as enjoyable as ever.

I purchased this CD of A Christmas Carol for a friend. I've had my own CD for years and listen to it every Christmas season - more than once! Patrick Stewart is brilliant as narrator for all characters and sounds in this wonderful story written by Charles Dickens. I recommend the CD to anyone who enjoys Audio Books and plays.

I so longed to see Patrick Stewart perform this on Broadway as his one-man show. This dvd is the closest I will ever get and I think it may almost be better. You can sit back in silence and close your eyes and see every character as the story unfolds. His vocal characterizations are spot on, his narration moving. Shakespearean trained, but in Dickens do we see the true depth of this versatile actor. I transferred this to my phone so that I can listen undisturbed. I've played it over supper in the weeks close to Christmas. This could only be better if Dickens himself was reading it, as was done when he first published. But it wouldn't be better by much.

I have this on cassette, but have been wanting to replace it with a CD or digital download for several years. Thank goodness for this reissue finally becoming available. I listened to it on a recent trip and was just as excited as hearing it for the first time some twenty years ago.

This is arguably the quintessential audio version of the holiday classic. Patrick Stewart does a splendid job of bringing the text and characters to life. Had this on cassette for many years, and am

delighted to have found a CD version to carry into the years yet to come.

Ahhh Patrick Stewart. Love hearing this guy tell A Christmas Carol. My family and I listened to it on a road trip and enjoyed every minute of it. Great story teller. Going to be a holiday staple around here.

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