

Christmas books review

We love books and now we are heading into christmas season, we were very pleased and excited, when we received two lovely books from Top That Publishing to review.



Fuzzy Christmas

The first was Fuzzy Christmas. It is a fuzzy felt play book where a variety of christmas scenes are described. The children get to choose the correct fuzzy felt pieces to make up the rest of the christmas scene. It has lovely fun christmassy pictures of a snow scene, some carol singing, santa's workshop, the christmas night sky and the christmas home by the fire.

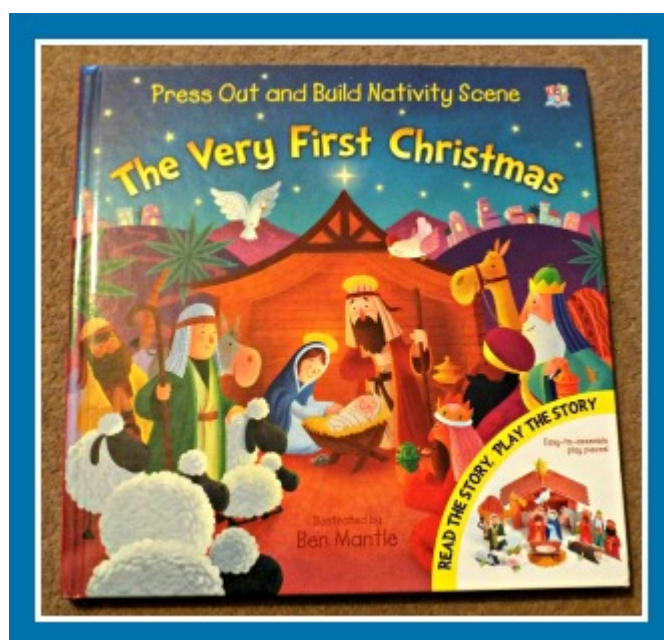


My three-year old girls both loved this book, we read each page together and found the felt pieces corresponding to the picture. Then when we had finished, they had lots of fun making up their own pictures with the fuzzy felt.

My little ones really enjoyed reading and playing with the book. It has been out numerous times since its arrival. I would recommend.



The very first christmas



The second book was 'The very first christmas', written by Eilidh Rose and illustrated by Ben Mantle. It is a beautifully illustrated book telling the nativity story. Then after reading the story there is a nativity scene to press out and build.

I read this book with my five-year old son. The story is very well written, explaining in just the right amount of detail for a five-year old, the very first christmas. I felt it was good the way there was more information in the story, than other nativity books we have read together. It also had lovely illustrations to help children visualise the story.

Additionally, this book has a great pop out and build nativity scene. I must admit, I did find this a bit fiddly and my son could not have built it on his own, but once we had put it together, he had a great time playing with it and recreating the story in the book using the scene. It really brought the story to life and made it fun and real.

It is a beautiful book, with a great story, which provides lots of fun and visualisation for children. Again, I would recommend this book for age five up (though my three-year olds did enjoy it too).

If your children love books, these are great. If your children are not so keen on reading, the interactive nature of these books, will surely encourage even the most reluctant reader.



N.B I was sent these two books from www.topthatpublishing.com for review, but all opinions are my own.