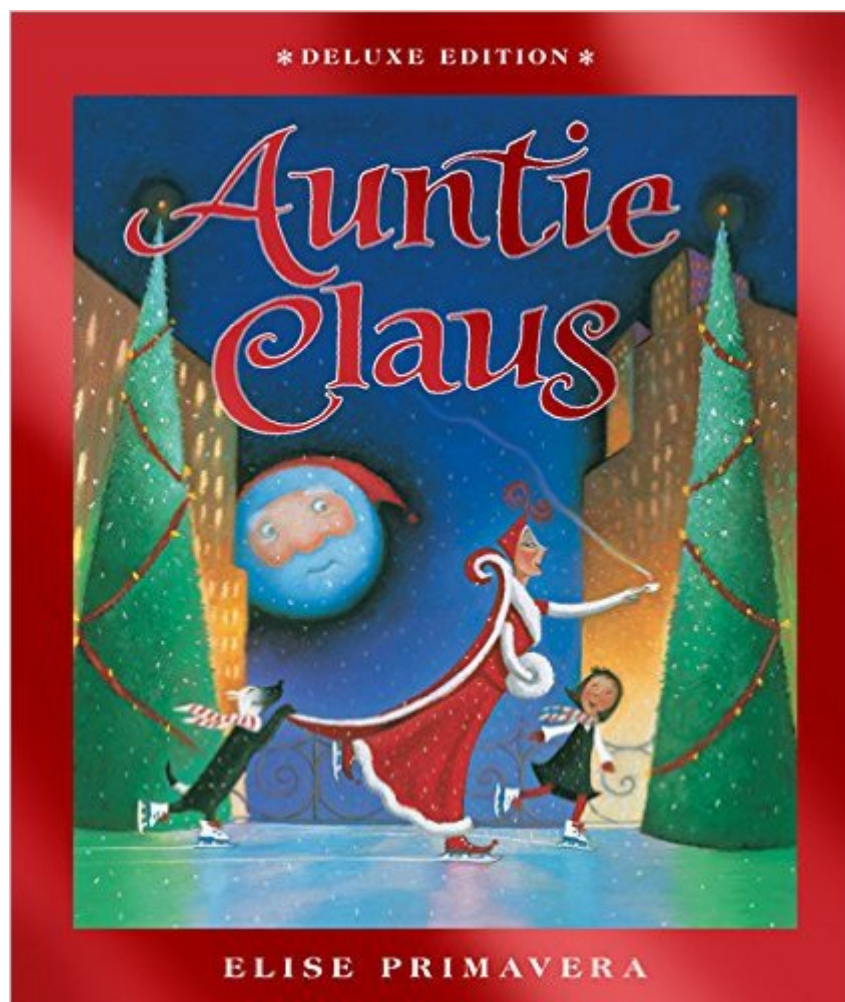


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# Auntie Claus Deluxe Edition



## Synopsis

A deluxe gift edition of the modern Christmas classic, featuring an access code to a printable Christmas party kit, plus downloadable audio read by Academy Award-winning actress Ellen Burstyn! Auntie Claus is just another eccentric New Yorker--or is she? Young Sophie has often wondered about her unusual great-aunt, Auntie Claus. She lives in penthouse 25C at the Bing Cherry Hotel and is so curious! After all, Auntie Claus serves Christmas cookies all year long and her tree is always the best-decorated in the city. And then there's her annual "business trip," right around the holidays. This year Sophie is determined to get to the bottom of Auntie Claus's mysterious ways. Put on your mittens and bundle up for an adventure beyond your wildest dreams. Ho, ho, ho!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

How refreshing to come across Sophie Kringle and Auntie Claus in this unusual Christmas story! Finally, two strong female characters in a book with a sense of humor...sure, Sophie is a bit of a brat, but she has such a self-assured sense of adventure; Auntie Claus sees to it that Sophie develops a kind heart as well, in this beautifully illustrated book so chock full of Christmas that I'm already shopping for those little hard candies! Bravo, Ms. Primavera!

Auntie Claus is an original take on the goings-on at the North Pole each year. Not only do we find out about Santa Claus, but we find out about his whole family and what they do during the rest of year. The story is cute and funny and the illustrations are beautiful and set the tone for the book. The contrast between New York City and the North Pole is wonderful - in both the story and the pictures. My children loved the book and were on the edge of their seats waiting to see what would next happen to Sophie at each step of the story. Ms. Primavera has really captured the feeling of what it's like to be a child and my children felt like they were at the North Pole with Sophie going through her adventure.

I loved this book. I originally bought this book to read to my six year-old niece. She and her friends love to call me Auntie, and I was excited when I saw the title. When I sat down to read her this book, I knew this was the right book. My niece is spoiled, but she is not as bad as Sophie and her brother Chris the characters in this book. My sister and I were trying to find a way to get across the reason every year at Christmas, we give some of her toys and we buy new toys to donate to children who don't have as much as she does. She just never quite understood the concept. I love how Auntie Claus tries to tell Sophie that the number one rule is "It is better to give, then to receive". When Sophie stows away to see where Auntie Claus goes from Halloween until Valentines Day, I knew the book was going to get even better. The B-B & G List was a great part of the book. I read that part to my niece and was able to tell her, that I was once on that list and all Santa left for me was Coal in my stocking (true story). I told her if she continued asking for things everytime we went shopping and whining when we said no, that she would be just like Sophie's little brother and get her name on the B-B & G List. And when at the end Sophie finally learned to take her brother's place on the list, so he wouldn't be disappointed, that was good. Now when I read the book to my niece she gets to say the number one rule everytime it appears in the book. And I have her explain what it means. I hope more books like this are written. I will keep this book and bring it out throughout the year, when I think my niece has forgotten the number one rule.

I hope, there are very few children, who are on the B-B-and G list , therefore missing out on the wonderful AUNTIE CLAUS as a Christmas present. On the opening page you can practically smell the chestnuts on the streets of NYC. The narration flows along effortlessly with pictures so alive, it's like being in the movies! These beautiful paintings are so vibrant, they can barely be contained between the two covers. Christmas is a feast full of expectations, promise, mystery, surprises, love and hope. You'll find all this here!

I am an "Auntie Claus" and as my niece gets spoiled from Christmas, I want her to remember that it is better to give than receive. What a great book to grow up with - wonderful illustrations and a sweet story. Sophie's parents know what her aunt is doing, Sophie just needs to learn for herself and so will Kris. I thought it was just wonderful, Darling!

Our class liked the whole story because it was very exciting. Emily couldn't put it down. It was cool when Sophie hid in the box. The illustrations were good and colorful. We think this is a good book for little children who believe in Santa. Some children thought it was unbelievable. We wish the book could of been longer. We really felt it was in the Christmas Spirit!

Way to go Auntie Claus! This beautiful book is perfect for little ones--not too in depth for them to get confused---but still teaches the moral value of giving instead of receiving. The colors are vivid and eye-catching, the story raises kids curiosity and keeps them on the edge of their seats.

This is a really lovely book. I read it with my nephew for Christmas and we both enjoyed it. The story is sweet and powerful. I loved that it makes aunts so magical and fascinating. The illustrations are really fun. Most surprising for me was that my nephew was still thinking about the story more than an hour after we'd read it ... an amazing thing for this unbelievably short-attention-spanned boy! His final comment: "I really liked that. I wish it had been a pop-up book, don't you?" And he's right--the illustrations are so fun you wish they came right up off the page at you.

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