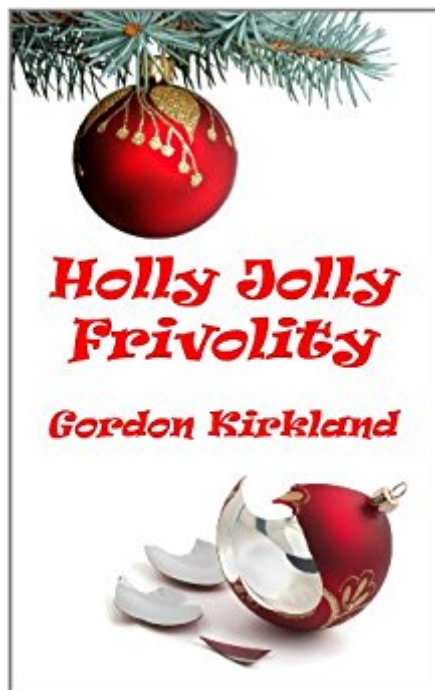


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# Holly Jolly Frivolity



## Synopsis

Gordon Kirkland brings his award-winning humor writing to the topic of the holiday season. He exposes the world to his feelings about everything from children's Christmas pageants, to artificial trees, and holiday lights. Fans of Kirkland's other five collections of short humorous stories (three of which received the Stephen Leacock Award of Merit for Humour,) will enjoy more of his unique style focusing on the fun and foibles of daily life during the so-called joyous season. In this collection, Kirkland stretches his muscles as a lyricist, writing new words for several old and familiar holiday songs. For Better Or For Worse creator Lynn Johnston says, "I love to read his stuff, I just wouldn't want to be married to him." (It's a sentiment shared by a lot of women who sympathize with his long suffering wife, Diane.) Fellow humor writer, Dave Barry says, "As a fellow class clown suffering from maturity impairment, I salute him." See for yourself, Kirkland will have you ho-ho-hoing from start to finish! See also Gordon's holiday season novel, *The Plight Before Christmas* at [http://www..com/The-Plight-Before-Christmas-ebook/dp/B005P3GLZ0/ref=pd\\_rhf\\_cr\\_p\\_t\\_4](http://www..com/The-Plight-Before-Christmas-ebook/dp/B005P3GLZ0/ref=pd_rhf_cr_p_t_4)

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## Customer Reviews

OK, let me start by saying I had no clue who Gordon Kirkland was. Poor european me, never heard of him, never read his columns before. BUT I'm a huge fan of Erma Bombeck. When looking for columnists with wit and humor similar to Erma's, I read about Mr Kirkland. I checked his books and decided to buy *When my mind wanders it brings back souvenirs*, without even trying a sample first! (me, brave!) I couldn't put it down, I kept on repeating to myself: OK, just one more column, just one more... until I finished the whole thing without noticing. Charming, witty, the kind of intelligent humor that makes you laugh aloud. No bad words or inappropriate content needed to make us laugh, ladies and gentlemen, just a pure optimistic, humoristic view of everyday's life. Love the stories about his dogs and his family and every single anecdote is purely hilarious. After "*When my mind...*" I bought everything I could find in kindle, *I Think I'm Having One Of Those Decades*, *I May Be Big But I didn't Cause That Solar Eclipse* and *Holly Jolly Frivolity* and adored every column in them. I just got myself *Justice Is Blind - And Her Dog Just Peed In My Cornflakes* and *Never Stand Behind A Loaded Horse* in paperback (why no kindle edition!!!) and I'm ready for laughing marathon this weekend. It may seem I've been bought by the writer to say only nice things but I haven't, as a proof let me say I didn't appreciate his novel *Crossbow*, where I couldn't find the Gordon Kirkland I've learned to love.

Bought this about 3:15 this morning and about half through. I was smiling within the first chapter. By the FAQ's I was laughing out loud. There are few who won't be able to relate to the joys of the holly, jolly Season of Joy. Just. Funny. I'll certainly be buying more of Kirklands books, hopefully not at 3 am though. But if that's prime time, then what an enjoyable way to be have a little insomnia (or be the victim of your kitty's insomnia), and the endorphin release from laughing will brighten up your day (and night).

The author, Charlie, was my cousin. We were close up to graduating from high school when we went our separate ways. Around 2002 or 2003 we began to communicate via email and share jokes, so I had heard all the jokes in this book previously but reading it gave me a whole bunch of belly laughs and I think it will do the same for anyone, it's certainly cheap enough. Charlie passed away (to wherever the good guys go) in 2006 and I really miss him. JIM

Normally, I read holiday books around the holidays, but Gordon's light-hearted look at his Christmases past are good reading any time of year. Not only are his stories funny, I could

completely relate to his predicaments, whether it's attempting to get the tree in the stand or learning just how much his kids listen to him when they shouldn't be. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes to laugh.

If this book doesn't make you laugh out loud, I question if you're really paying attention. Gordon Kirkland is one funny guy and his tribulations around Christmas are hilarious!!

It was a quick book to read and I enjoy the short columns when I don't have a lot of time to be reading a book. It's great when you have appointments to kill time without getting real involved in another kind of book.

Although Gordon Kirkland has a good sense of humor, all his books are much alike. In fact, he uses the same material in other books he has written. One of his books is fine; more are a waste of time and money.

Have yet to read a book by Gordon that I didn't love. So full of truth and great humor. He's so good at telling it like it is but in a wonderfully funny way.

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