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When it comes to the holidays, no story brings us back to the true spirit of giving like O. Henry's classic "The Gift of the Magi". So this year we've asked some of your favorite Audible narrators—Audie Award winners Katherine Kellgren, Oliver Wyman, and Jonathan Davis—to bring to life this timeless tale, plus two more of O. Henry's gems, "The Cop and the Anthem" and "The Last Leaf", in this handcrafted holiday collection.

We hope you enjoy these stories straight from the heart of O. Henry's New York City hangout as our gift to you.

From all of us here at Audible, happy holidays!

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Josh says

Three touching and memorable stories comprise this volume of holiday classics, narrated superbly by some of Audible's best narrators. Though short, it was a very entertaining listen, as each story kept me interested and really transcended its historical time frame. Definitely a worthwhile listen.

Sher says

I have read and reread these stories over the years, and love reading them again at Christmas time. One can never grow tired of the excellent writing of O. Henry, his prose, his irony, his well taken point. I found myself with tears welling up in my eyes as I read the tender ending of "The Last Leaf." Likewise with "The Gift of the Magi," which is very nearly a cult classic.

These are stories that must be read by everyone!

Elizabeth says

Clever little stories but not the least bit heart-warming. I recall having to read The Gift of the Magi in High School and don't now understand why; it is good storytelling but not anything worthy to ponder. Likewise for all the short-stories contained here.

Matthew says

I'd say more three and a half, but a high three and a half (man, they need a better rating system!). These stories were definitely well-written and enjoyable and fun for the Christmas season. One cannot dispute O. Henry's talent. That said, I probably won't rush out and read a bunch more of his stories.

Stephanie Waterhouse says

Narrated by Katherine Kelligren, Oliver Wyman and Jonathan Davis

#1 The Cop and The Anthem

Soapy, a man of the streets, seeking shelter for the winter, desired housing on the island. After many failed attempts and feeling "immune to arrest", he passed by a church where the organ was playing a hymn and overwhelmingly felt the desire to pull himself up by the bootstaps and get out of the muck and mire, when a Cop arrested him and a judge sentenced him to three months on the island. How amazing! This tale of O. Henry is one in which I was unfamiliar. Such a nice tale. Liked it very much.

#2 The Gift of The Magi

Simply lovely! Wisest in giving!

#3. Last Leaf

Sickness...Hope...Determination...and Masterpiece of love.

These three tales reminded me of the wonderfulness of Mr. O. Henry and his thought provoking, carefully spun stories of life. What a way to enjoy the holiday season.

Graham Bradley says

Master wordsmith. I've heard variations of these stories before, but never the originals, and suddenly I find myself wanting to read more. O. Henry is as much of a poet as my boy Washington Irving. I love his way with words. Superb production.

Kat says

A free book, of about the quality I've come to expect from free books. The first and last stories, though worth a listen, only seem to be in the collection because they're set during winter. The narrator for the famous *Magi* story, the piece in the middle, was so terrible at doing a woman's voice that it entirely took me out of the story, and the narrator for the last story wasn't much better. Odd editorial choices abound here.

Rob Hermanowski says

This is a brief Audible collection by the American short story master O. Henry. Included is the very well-known "The Gift of the Magi", and two stories I had not previously read: "The Cop and the Anthem" and "The Last Leaf." All are beautiful stories that are particularly nice to experience during the holiday season. Narrators Katherine Kellgren, Oliver Wyman, and Jonathan Davis are all excellent.

Nikki says

Excellent readings of three classic short stories: The Cop and the Anthem, The Gift of the Magi, and The Last Leaf. 50 years or so ago I read all of O. Henry's short stories, and of course these three (along with The Ransom of Red Chief) are probably some of his best known and I remembered the endings, but getting there was half the fun. The flavor of turn-of-the-century New York that O. Henry infuses into his writing makes these especially charming. Highly recommended for a nice break around the holidays.

Betsy says

Narrators: Katherine Kellgren, Oliver Wyman, Jonathan Davis

I think this little compilation of three O'Henry stories was an Audible holiday gift a few years ago, but I don't think I ever read it. I've read/heard/seen *The Gift of the Magi* many times around the holidays. But otherwise I somehow managed to miss reading O'Henry.

Not knowing much about him, the setting for the stories was more urban and a bit grittier than I expected. The first story, *The Cop and the Anthem* is about a homeless man's attempts to get arrested so he can spend the winter in jail. It's actually quite humorous and was my favorite. The second is *The Gift of the Magi*, which is probably familiar to almost everyone. The third story, *The Last Leaf* revolves around 3 artists in the early days of Greenwich Village's heyday. It's hopelessly sentimental but I quite enjoyed reading it.

Mad Russian the Traveller says

This a lovely collection of three most famous (of the many famous) short stories of William Sydney Porter. The three stories in order are "The Cop and the Anthem", "The Gift of the Magi", "The Last Leaf". Sublime apotheosis of short story making indeed!

Stephanie says

I had to listen to this a couple of times because I didn't get the story the first time around.

Marcus Vinicius says

Short Stories that Inspire

This book contains three short stories by O. Henry. The narration is good and the stories inspire the listener. O. Henry writes about human sentiments with delicacy. The stories were selected for the holiday season but are timeless classics. Great and well crafted audiobook.

Frieda says

These stories aren't exactly cheerful. I'm also not not sure whether I enjoyed it or not.

Jo Dunn says

Oh my . . . classic holiday stories I've read over - and over and over - again during my sixty-seven years. In sixth grade, at Brookhurst Elementary School's holiday program, I recited/read O'Henry's classic *The Last Leaf* (included in this book). Back then, I - miraculously - made it through to the end without totally dissolving into an inconsolable bundle of tears. Old age has toughened me up! *sniffle*.
