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The young man soon realizes that the old man meant, as the poor and ill he encounters on his journey, illuminated by his Christmas candle, become the faces of his relatives, so he feels compelled to help them. he arrives home cold and penniless, but richer for his newfound realization that we are all part of one family.

This beautifully illustrated original fable by the acclaimed author of *The Christmas Box* will become a treasured part of many families' Christmases for years to come.

The Christmas Candle Details

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Tanya W says

I'm glad I was read this book before I knew that it was the same author as the Christmas Box (which I didn't like at all). So I guess an author can have both poor and great books. The message in this book is powerful... that everyone is our brother/sister and that the suffering around us should not go unnoticed. This is a keeper.

Mary says

I'm sorry, this review is going to be ugly. I'm sorry if you love Richard Paul Evans. I don't. I was turned off by the fact that the main character was painted to look like him, and it just felt way too self-important. The story is okay, the illustrations are good...I don't know what it is about his books that just feel way too artificial and forced for me. The one redeeming quality was that Matthew heard he wrote it while staying at the RV resort we like to go to in Coalville!

Melissa McLees says

This book was very enlightening and truthful. It was a fast read of course since it was an easy book, but the story plot was very good. Food for the heart that we do need to see each other as family, and that if you see that person in need that we do need to find some way of helping each other out. Even if it is not very much, the ideas of helping where needed is good. In today's time we really do need to keep that in mind each day.

Kaitlyn Kluesner says

This story is about a young man who needed a candle for his lantern on Christmas Eve. He was very mean about getting this but eventually learned a lesson. This book has a strong message in it. This story also shows readers that Christmas is different for many cultures.

Judy says

The idea of a book that focus on candles (and a chandler!) is appealing. However, this story falls flat. Evans uses a heavy hand to convey a moralistic message. I haven't read anything by Evans; maybe this is typical of his stories. Even the art is forbidding. If it had been lightened a little, it would have been better.

Jessica says

The Christmas Candle was teaching a moral through story. Another retold Scrooge tale, Thomas was mean to the candlemaker, demanding a light and not to waste his money. The candlemaker sells him a special candle that proceeds to teach him the lessons loving others. Throughout the story William grows and has a

change of heart. It is a beautiful message of caring for others since we are all "brothers and sisters" as a community.

Lorraine says

SUMMARY: On a dark, snowy Christmas Eve, a young man hurrying home for a family celebration enters a chandler's shop to buy a candle for his lantern. He scoffs at the beautifully sculpted creations of the old chandler and instead purchases a simple, inexpensive Christmas candle that the chandler warns him he may find costly. As he meets people on the way home, he learns many lessons that will teach him the true meaning of Christmas.

REVIEW: I have not read a Richard Paul Evans book yet that did not fill my heart with richness and this one is no different. First, the Jacob Collins illustrations are absolutely incredible paintings that are astoundingly lovely. This book could be appreciated by anyone age 4 to 100. A simple story line that is elegantly written and teaches the true spirit of Christmas. This was a library book but definitely will be an addition to my collection of children's Christmas books.

The proceeds from all copies of this book are given to The Christmas Box House a non-profit begun by Richard Paul Evans for shelter and assessment facilities for abused children.

FAVORITE QUOTE: "If we will see things as they truly are, we will find that all from great to small, belong to one family. And this truth, know from the beginning of time, is perhaps seen best in the joyous illumination of Christmas."

Luisa Knight says

Ages: 5 - 9

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Krista says

This is a beautiful book! Knowing that we are all truly family, to love one another as the Savior loves you, to do good in life, helping others in need.

Especially at holiday season time this book is a good reminder to help others over ourselves. Especially people in need. My children and I loved this book and I was thankful to get a signed copy from our local thrift store!!!

Moe says

If it wasn't for my dad, I wouldn't have read this book. You see, my teacher wanted me to pick out a picture book for class on Monday. Of course, I forgot all about this assignment. At the last second, as I was getting ready for school my dad quickly picked this up and said, "Here, I just picked this up at a library sale. " MY teacher was impressed with he book. Finally, another assignment came (you can see the torture my teacher gives us). She said that we had to write about the lesson or message in the book. If I hadn't waited until the last minute, I'd have realized that this book was very magical and inspiring.

Cathy says

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I loved the illustration of this rich fable. The story lingers on and gives one pause to think: Perhaps they are not his family members he thinks he sees, but they are someone's. And that might be the best way to look at people all year round.

Karen says

Richard Paul Evans succeeds again! This is a beautiful story (a picture book!) about "seeing" people as children of God - members of our family, and treating them as we would our own family. What a beautiful message at a time when we celebrate the one who saves us all. This will be a new Christmas tradition.

Angie says

We all know by now that Richard Paul Evans is a MUST read for me at Christmas . When I was returning my this year's " Evans " to the library (which was Finding Noel, by the way) , Library Angie and I began discussing what a great writer Mr. Evans is . She recommended this darling childrens book by him to me and I ran downstairs to the little folks department and grabbed it up . It is a fabulous story with a Christmas perfect lesson and the artwork is some of the best I have seen . Give yourself a Christmas gift and read this one !

Greg says

I liked this story a lot. The only reason I didn't give it five stars is that it seemed a little rough around the edges to me, in need of some judicious polishing or editing. I got the feeling that it was a bit of a rush job. Nonetheless, the story was well-conceived, touching, and thought-provoking. It is oriented to children, but

with crossover appeal to the rest of us.

Shout out to Kirsten...thanks for the party and for letting me snoop in your books!

Morgan says

This is a fun holiday book to read before Christmas. It is about a young rude and selfish man who buys a Christmas candle from a kind old candle maker. The young man is in for a surprise though when he discovers that the Christmas candle tricks him into giving to others he thinks are family members but are really just strangers in need. This book really conveys the message to the reader that it is better to give than to receive.
