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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Leslie Anne Tarabella was born in Florala, Alabama and has lived most of her life along the Gulf Coast of Louisiana, Florida and Alabama. For 10 years, both the printed and online versions of her weekly newspaper column reached loyal readers across the country. Known for finding humor and meaning in everyday life, Leslie Anne's readers value her quick wit and Southern charm. She has released two compilations of her columns and is now delighting readers with a long-awaited Christmas novelette. ***Bringing Christmas Home*** is a true story that will illuminate all that is beautiful and good in the holiday season.

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About the Book

Bringing Christmas Home

OVERVIEW

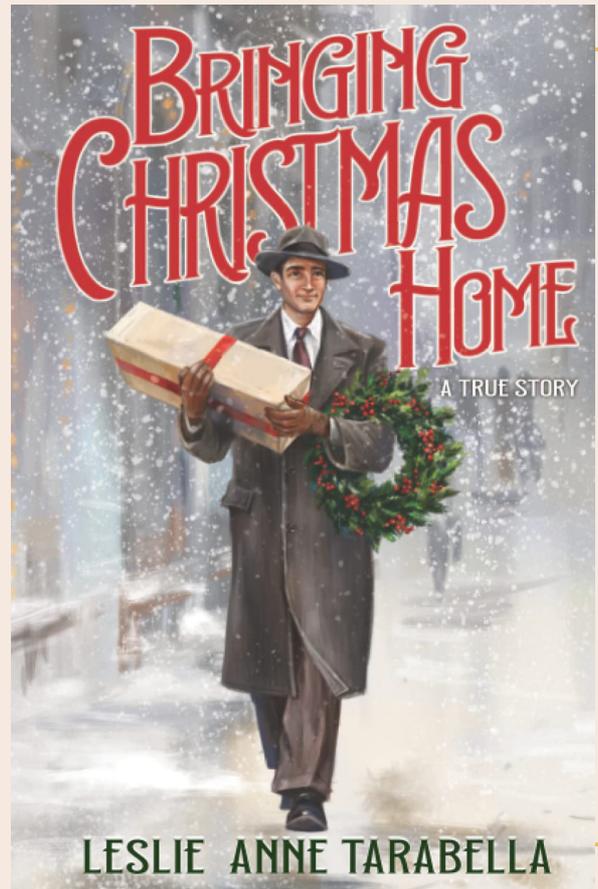
Born in New York City just before the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918, Mary is a lonely little girl. Her father finds the perfect gift to cheer her up, but a tragic event destroys this most prized possession. Mary mourns the loss of the gift she'll never see again . . . or will she? 80 years later, the former New York grandmother has to adjust to a more casual home in Alabama where a miracle occurs, just in time for Christmas.

Yes, it's a true story

Proving that Christmas miracles really do come true for little girls as well as grandmothers. This story of Mary will have readers laughing, crying and celebrating the joy of family.

For all ages

Written for middle grades through adults, a **teacher's guide is available**.



Bringing Christmas home

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The perfect Christmas gift was lost forever. Or was it?

A true story that proves Christmas magic is for grandmothers — as well as children.

FAIRHOPE, AL - The author of *Exploding Hushpuppies* and *The Majorettes are Back in Town*, has released a new Christmas book that is sure to become a holiday favorite.

Award-winning newspaper columnist and modern Southern storyteller, Leslie Anne Tarabella, brings us *Bringing Christmas Home*, a novella inspired by the true story of the author's grandmother-in-law and the childhood gift she never forgot.

"It's a story I never get tired of telling because it's so unexpected and beautiful. It balances the realities of life with a dusting of Christmas magic," said the author.

"A heartwarming tale you'll remember forever." — New York Times best selling author, Andy Andrews.

A short story for all ages, both men and women will identify with the memories of a favorite childhood toy and the changes an elderly loved one experiences.

By Leslie Anne Tarabella

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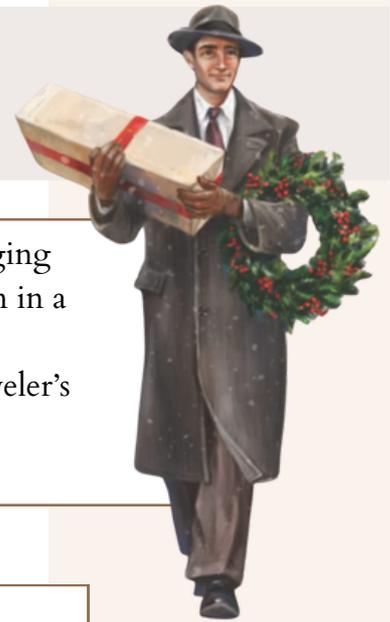
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Leslie Anne Tarabella was born in Alabama and raised along the Gulf Coast. She has a master's degree in education and wrote a weekly newspaper column for 10 years. With a quick wit and knack for sentimental storytelling, Tarabella has a loyal following of readers across the country as well as overseas. She and her husband Bob live in Fairhope, Alabama where they raised two sons. You may read more at: <https://leslieannetarabella.com>

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PEOPLE ARE SAYING



“How long does a parent’s love last? In the heartwarming tale *Bringing Christmas Home*, author Leslie Anne Tarabella answers that question in a way you will remember forever.

— **Andy Andrews**, New York Times bestselling author of *The Traveler’s Gift* and founder of WisdomHarbour.com

“A short story with big emotion.”
— R.B.

“I had to laugh at the transition Mary made from a New Yorker to a Southern Belle. Classic Leslie Anne.”
— M.H.

“I loved this book and can’t wait to show it to my English Teacher”
— G.B. - 12 years old

“It made me long to see my father again.” — A.H.

“I consider myself to be pretty tough guy, but I cried like a baby. It was an amazing story.”
— N.N.

“I read it aloud to my husband while we were driving and he said it was his favorite thing Leslie Anne had ever written. We loved it.”
— G.F.

“I read it one afternoon and couldn’t stop thinking about it, so I read it again the next day.”
— M.C.P.

“I loved it and my mom loved it too.”
— C.M. 18 years old

“This is a fine, fine story.”
— J.M. 103 years old

This fresh new approach of Holiday cheer by Leslie Anne Tarabella brings the same warmth and joy of typical yuletide books, yet with a different twist. You’ll still have your heart warmed with old fashioned values, yet in a completely new way. She’s turned a true family story into a great tale for everyone. Santa’s got a new book in his bag.
— Gumbo Writers