It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

THINGS TO DO:

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• Send out cards, newsletters or emails

• Hang Christmas Lights

Decorate the tree

- Decide on a menu (or what you're bringing)
- Wrap all the presents (or give money)
- Snuggle up with a good book Adopt a family
- Hide the elf

- Mail your packages • Find your ugly sweater
- **Bake Cookies**

Finish your shopping

- Call and old friend Invite someone to dinner
- (someone who is alone this year or a member of our armed
- services) **Quick & Easy Holiday Ideas**









Traditional stocking stuffers for "good" children included bags of chocolate coins, a candy cane, nuts, oranges, toys and games. If

you were bad, you got a lump of coal.

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" is still a popular Christmas song written in 1963 by Edward Pola and George Wyle. Pop singer Andy Williams recorded and released it that year for his first Christmas album, The Andy Williams Christmas Album.

In the United States, over 2 billion Christmas cards are sent each year!

How many ornaments does it take to decorate a 6 ½ 'tree? **70-105**

pieces. For a 7 ½' tree? **105-140**, and for 9-10 feet? **175-210**

How many cookies does Santa eat every Christmas? Try 3 million. No wonder he's on the heavy side.

Legend has it that the candy cane came to be around 1679 in Cologne,

Germany. The choirmaster handed out sticks to his young singers to

keep them quiet during the ceremony. He bent them to represent

shepherds' crooks.

Books make

a great gift!

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"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," was written as an editorial by Francis Church in response to a letter eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the New York newspaper, The Sun, in 1897.

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Which company was the first to use Santa in its advertising? Coco cola.



"Braun concludes her Guest Book trilogy (after The Girls in Cabin Number Three) with a picturesque look at Lake Arrowhead, California, as a woman makes some unusual discoveries about the cabins she owns. In 1980,

Annie Parker purchases cabins in the California mountains as a fresh start

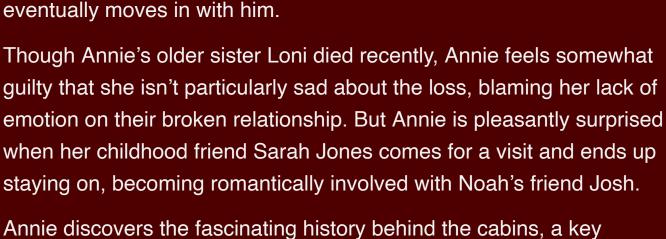
following her divorce from David. While there, Annie meets Noah and

P.S. If you know someone who loves to read, please forward this!

booklife REVIEWS

A Review of The Starlet in Cabin Number 7

Richly-drawn story of the secrets harbored in rustic California cabins.



component of the series, when Hudson Fisher and his wife Constance

visit Annie's recently acquired flooring store, and Hudson reveals that his

mother, Celeste Williams, a now-deceased movie star, once stayed in the nearby cabins. Braun alternates between these characters' richly drawn perspectives, revealing, in fast-paced and surprising pas-sages, how Annie reinvented herself following her divorce and how Sarah survived a traumatic childhood amid her mother's epi-sodic religious fervor and volatile relationship with Sarah's alcoholic father. Braun also journeys back in time to Depression-era Chicago, which

Celeste leaves to go to Los Angeles, later meeting and marrying Joseph

Keller, a film producer with whom she has Hudson, and later divorces

when he is arrested as an alleged pro-Nazi sympathizer. The glamor of Celeste's life as a popular Hollywood actress is imbued with realism through Braun's inclusion of real-life actors and directors, including the famed Cecil B. DeMille. As the 1920s and 1980s collide, Noah makes a startling discovery while remodeling one of the cabins, leading Annie eager to learn more—and readers turning the pages. Great for fans of Elizabeth Bromke's House on the Harbor, Kimberly Thomas's The Willberry Inn."

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