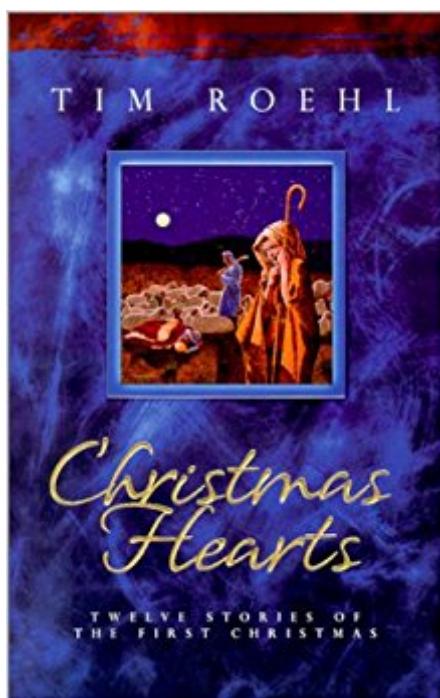


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# Christmas Hearts: Twelve Stories Of The First Christmas



## **Synopsis**

"Tim Roehl pictures for us the people of Christmas as real people, in real places, with the same fears and longings you and I have. "Christmas Hearts" helps us see the heart of Christmas...I warmly recommend it." Leighton Ford A quiet young girl with an oh-so-common name--Mary... Wonder-filled angels who bring scarcely believable messages to people unknown on earth but famous in heaven.. Three perceptive skywatchers on a long, seeking journey... They all met Jesus that first Christmas in amazing and unexpected ways. As you read their stories, you may see your own story, too...and say, "That's the Jesus I want to know." "Christmas Hearts" blends great Biblical research and "sanctified imagination" to help you see Jesus through the eyes of those who saw Him first. You'll read the stories of well known and little known characters in the original Christmas story in fresh and faith-building ways. "Beyond the Story" questions at the end of each chapter help you dig deeper and apply what you've learned personally or with a small group. Originally released in 1998 and now in its third edition, Christmas Hearts was a featured selection of Crossings Book club.

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Mary...Anna...Herod...the innkeeper...Joseph...Elizabeth. They were among the first to glimpse Jesus, the One who was Immanuel, the One who became God-with-us. Now readers can glimpse Him, too, in these creatively told Christmastide stories. Each chapter tells the unforgettable nativity story as seen through the eyes of one first-century witness. Those who saw Him first were utterly

transformed by their encounters with their Messiah. You will be, too.

Dr. Tim Roehl's passion is help people "see" and know Jesus. As a pastor, writer, missionary, coach, trainer and denominational leader, Tim has equipped leaders from over 40 nations. His ministry focus is to "lead leaders to discovery, clarity and destiny for the sake of eternity". "Christmas Hearts" is the first of Tim's three "Jesus" books, which also include "Surprised by Grace: Stories of Jesus the LifeMender" and "The Day That Changed Forever". He's also authored "Game Plan: Developing Intentional Missional Ministry" and co-authored "Transform Missional Coaching" with Steve Ogne. You can learn more about Tim's family and his ministry at [www.TimRoehl.net](http://www.TimRoehl.net). --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

As I began reading this book & turning the pages I realized there were 2 blank pages & 1 page with just a few words between every page. I was so aggravated that I knew I would quit reading entirely & soon, but as I read the stories they drew me in with each person's experiences. They were so awesome that I eagerly clicked until I could get to the next page. These books made me feel as I were there with each person experiencing the before,during & after the birth of Jesus. I Loved this book.

I thank Tim for his bravado in going out of the proverbial "box", thinking like people probably did in their time. Of course, one cannot take too much license with this, without understanding all of scripture. Tim is wise with that, and leaves you thinking, and appreciating what folks went through as the Christmas story unfolded. I am still reading the book, so I have more to read!

I purchased this book years ago and we read it every Christmas. The illustrations are gorgeous, the stories are realistic and the whole thing brings you right back to Jesus! Awesome book! I highly recommend it! Add it to your family library and enjoy it every Christmas.

Fantastic

It's just what I wanted. Thanks for the quick service. Easy to find and easy to order. Keep up the good work.

Tim Roehl is such a gifted author & The Bible to life in a way that everyone can understand & enjoy.

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