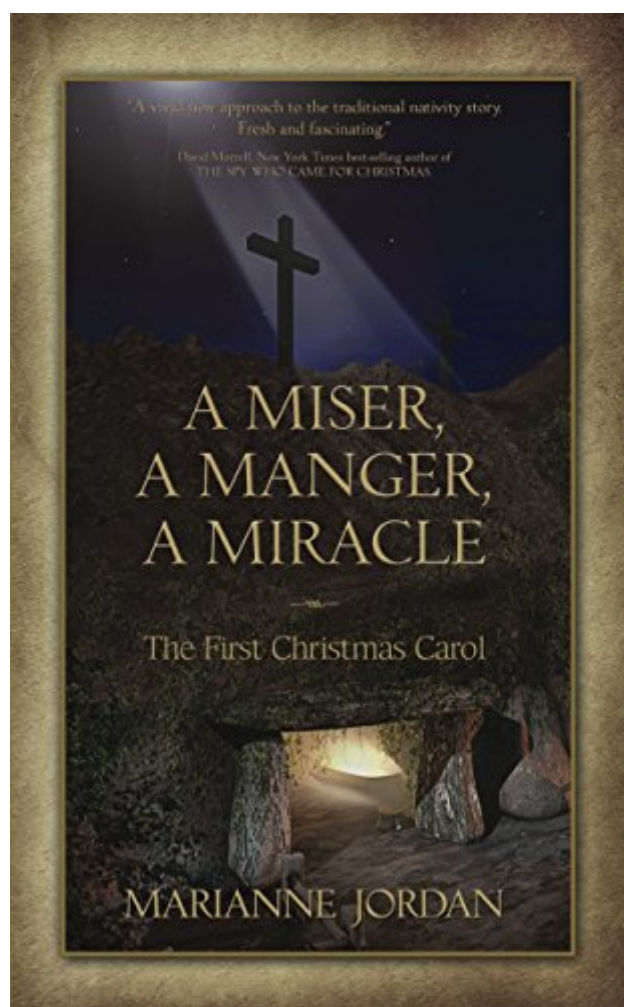


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# A Miser, A Manger, A Miracle



## Synopsis

Winner of the Director's Choice Award - Darkness cloaks the hills of Bethlehem, but pales in comparison to the black heart of a greedy, unscrupulous innkeeper, who unknowingly sets into motion a night of miracles the world will never forget. David Morrell, New York Times best selling author of 'The Spy Who Came for Christmas' says "A Miser, A Manger, A Miracle is a vivid new approach to a familiar story. Fresh and fascinating." •

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## Customer Reviews

A beautiful blending of two familiar stories. One fiction but believable. The other true but belief calls for faith. Combined, they inspire self-reflection and a celebration of the true spirit of Christmas. You'll want to share this sweet story with those in your life who already "get it" as well as those touched with a little "Scroogeness." "The First Christmas Carol" is a great read for a book club or other discussion groups...discussion points abound!!

Brilliant concept! This book moved me, taught me, made me think, made me listen. It's a Christmas story that would do many good being read at ANY time of year.

I find it difficult to imagine any review of this book to be less than 5 stars, however such is the nature of readers. One may see the story as wonderful while another may not. The author has completed what I hope will become a classic. She takes the classic, 'A Christmas Carol' by Dickens and combines it with the Biblical truths of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection that will put the Christmas spirit back into any 'Scrooge.' This is the first book written by Marianne Jordan. I hope it isn't the last. Her knowledge of the subject matter shows brightly along with her ability to convey her thoughts to the reader. Postpone your shopping, your Christmas card list, your preparations for guests, your meal planning and your stress that the commercial aspects cause, relax and treat yourself to the beauty and magic of the season shared wonderfully in this great book.

I read this book on my kindle, it was actually the very first book I ordered on my kindle when I got it as a gift. I truly enjoyed reading it as it was around the Christmas Season and I was in the mood for a, "Christmas themed book." As I read this book, I felt I was there amidst all the things happening in the story. Written with the insight of someone who wanted to share with us a unique look at "CHRISTMAS" and how so important it is to know the true meaning of it. I am anxiously awaiting for another book to soon be available to read.....

I've read many Christmas stories through the years and two of my favorites are the real Christmas story in the Gospel of Luke and the timeless classic, 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. I never in my wildest dreams imagined the two stories being combined, but they have been. It's an amazing tale called 'The First Christmas Carol: A Miser, A Manger, A Miracle.' Author Marianne Jordan not only turned this allegory into a timeless classic all its own, she has written a story that prompts me to buy this book for everyone on my Christmas list. It is truly a treasure. The new Ebenezer in 'The First Christmas Carol' is the owner of the inn who turned away Mary and Joseph from staying in one of his rooms. While Jordan skillfully weaves this Dickens' storyline into her tale, she then brings in the Holy Family. The true story of Jesus' birth becomes the setting as Jordan depicts the miserly innkeeper who only cares about the money he'll earn from the many guests who have arrived in town. Mary and Joseph are far too poor for one of Ebenezer's high-priced rooms. In fact, it is not he who provides a stable for the couple to stay in; it is the assistant to the innkeeper, the Bob Cratchit in this tale, who risks his job and income

to provide shelter for the woman about to give birth. While much of this tale seems familiar, author Jordan has added new elements to the allegory that are all her own. It lends itself to a perfect story that shows the transforming power of Jesus. I give this new classic five starsâ and at least ten tissues (needed for the tears) for this heartwarming take on two stories that never get old.

I wasn't sure about the book at first, then it grew on me, and it was a great weekend read. The story is set in biblical times, and is somewhat like the classic Dickens 'Christmas Carol.' You will be inspired and things will make you think about your thoughts and actions.

While I appreciate the desire to put a twist on the Dickens tale by blending it with the account of the birth of Jesus in Luke, like another review, it just didn't work for me. Marianne Jordan is an incredible writer and described the scenes in a way that should have grabbed my attention, but since I am so familiar with the plot and time period of A Christmas Carol, I kept picturing people dressed in Victorian era costumes, and then reminding myself that this story was in another time period on the other side of the world. I believe my kids who are more acquainted with the biblical account that Dickens will find it very enjoyable and I will be sure to suggest they read it this Christmas break.

A wonderfully written piece combining two of my favorites. Easily the top choice for a holiday book this season! Get one for yourself and the whole family.

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