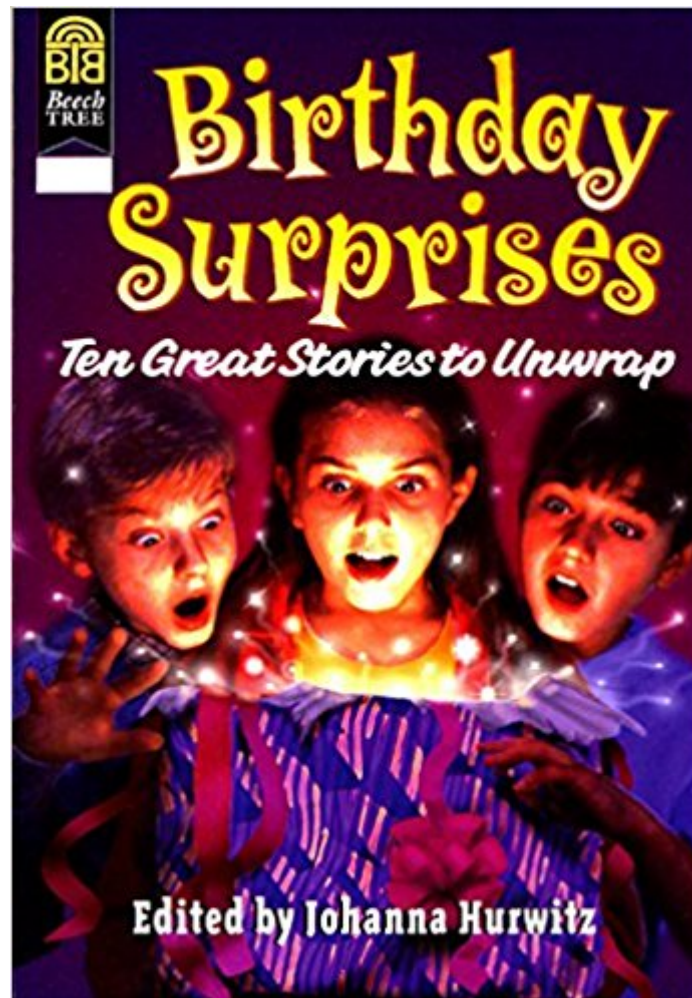




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Birthday Surprises: Ten Great Stories To Unwrap



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Customer Reviews

In "Birthday Surprises," ten children's fiction authors each tell a story of a birthday celebration, complete with gifts. What happens when the celebrant receives an empty box as a present? What can an empty gift box represent? In these charming and imaginative tales, the box might be a: *Comeuppance for a snooty schoolgirl. *Gift of sky, memories, and love. *Loving representation of the recipient herself. *Melted gift. *Wonderful technological innovation. *Reminder that things are rarely the worst they can get. *The one magical gift a little girl has always wanted. *Symbol of faith in one who seems hopeless. *Lesson about friendship. *Hilarious shipping error. These ten stories, penned by such amazing authors as Ann M. Martin, Richard Peck, and David A. Adler, among

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Many great heartwarming stories packed into one terrific book! These stories make you want to send a "birthday surprise" of your own to someone very special! This book will surely be on your shelf for many years. Don't miss the short stories from your favorite authors in Birthday Surprises.

I fell in love with this book when it was named to the Texas Bluebonnet Awards List in 1996-97. Since then my students have LOVED reading the stories...each of them unique...each with a special message! What a treasure! It is the perfect motivator for inspiring students to write!

This book contains 10 heartwarming stories. I think that every story has its own perspective of what life is all about. Some of them make you laugh, and some make you cry. The author of this this book should pat herself on the back. This is a book that you don't want to miss.

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