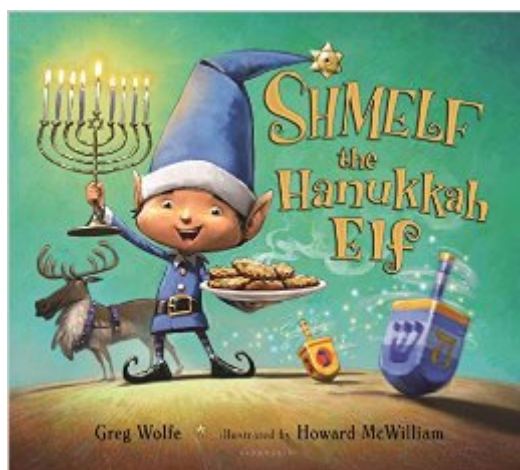


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# Shmelf The Hanukkah Elf



## Synopsis

Shmelf is one of Santa's most important elves. He's part of the List Checking department, and he makes sure all the good boys and girls get their presents! But when Shmelf finds out that some children are missing from Santa's list, he goes to investigate. What Shmelf uncovers is Hanukkah, a wondrous and joyful holiday that Jewish families celebrate each year. As Shmelf observes a family lighting the menorah, playing dreidel, and hearing the Hanukkah story, he sees how special the traditions of the holiday truly are-and he wants to be a part of it! Luckily, Santa just might have a special role in mind for Shmelf.... The rich traditions of Hanukkah come to life in this whimsical and magical story that's perfect for the holiday season. Awards for I Need My Monster Alabama Camellia Award (2010-2011) Arizona Grand Canyon Reader Award (2011) California Young Readers Medal (2011-12) Georgia Picture Storybook Award (2011-12) Nevada Young Reader Award (2011-12) Virginia Reader's Choice Primary Award (2012-13)

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## Customer Reviews

Seriously adorable, with lovely pictures and great story. My seven year old loves it. It's a perfect blending holiday traditions. We will make reading it an annual event along with lighting up the Xmas tree, the seven menorahs and eating latkes the entire month of December.

I'm Jewish and my husband isn't. I hate to admit it, but we definitely go more towards the Christian

side come the holiday season because, SANTA! Who doesn't want Santa in their lives? We are able to celebrate Christmas with the in-laws, but I never knew how to also incorporate our Jewish roots without making it sound like we were picking a side. This book TOTALLY helps me do both. I wasn't going to read this to my kids until December but there is so much magic leading up to the holidays, not just the "main event". After I read it to my son, he asked, "Can we please celebrate Hanukkah this year?" (Could have something to do with getting 8 presents---but we still get to incorporate both holidays that are meaningful to both my husband and I and that's a win in my book!)

This children's book is a fabulous addition to our holiday collection. It is a lot of fun, a bit of silly, and leaves you feeling so joyful about holiday spirit, no matter which holiday you celebrate as a family. And...maybe you choose celebrate both. My 7 year old describes it as "totally amazing" with "bright and beautiful pictures". I had planned to bring it out in November but now I'm glad I let her have it early. As a mom, I love how it explains Hanukkah in terms that she can understand. Now she will better relate to her Jewish friends and family.

What a cute, clever book. No matter what religion you are this book can be appreciated. We live in a melting pot of culture. It's fun to learn about other's beliefs and traditions in a fun way. My kids loved it!

What a wonderful way to acknowledge the true spirit and tradition of the Holiday season. Time for everyone to come together and things like this book help do just that.

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