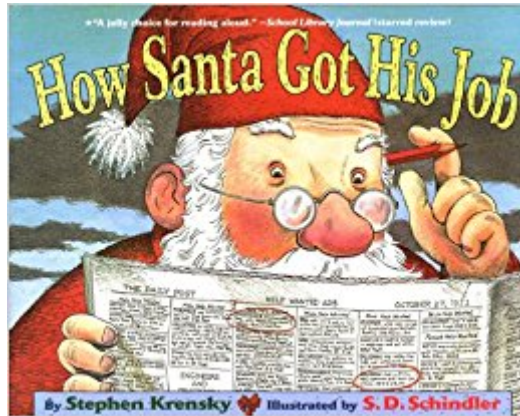


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# How Santa Got His Job



## Synopsis

Have you ever wondered what Santa did before he was Santa? When Santa was young and needed a job, no one was looking for a man in a red suit to deliver gifts on Christmas. So Santa tried just about everything -- from a chimney sweep to a postman to a circus performer. But none of these worked out. It wasn't until he met a group of elves who helped him use all his special talents, that Santa was able to find his dream job.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2?A contemporary, funny, and truly original look at how Santa Claus acquired all the skills that have made him the great success he is today. As a young man, Santa wants no part of desks or offices. His first job is cleaning chimneys, and he is so good at getting up and down them that he never gets dirty. His second position is with the post office, delivering packages?but people dislike his zeal when he continues delivering into the night. Later, he cooks at an all-night diner (he gains a lot of weight), works at the zoo (he loves the reindeer best), and does a stint with the circus, where he meets elves who live "out of town and need someone to deliver toys." And, of course, the rest is history. Children will love the clever way in which the story builds, showing how Santa's diverse background prepared him perfectly for his Christmas Eve duties. Schindler's amusing, detailed ink drawings include full-page and half-page spreads, and are sometimes set in a

white box against a background of want-ad newsprint, also featured on the endpapers. Krensky's spare text makes brilliant use of every word. A jolly choice for reading aloud during the holidays or as a spoof during career-study time. ?LFCopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the School & Library Binding edition.

Gr. 2<sup>^</sup>-4, younger for reading aloud. This very funny picture book will best be appreciated by kids who know their Santa Claus lore--and no longer think he's real. The story begins with Santa as a young man, in jacket and tie, applying for jobs. He starts out by sweeping chimneys, but he stays too clean, so he moves into postal work. Problem: he likes to make deliveries in the middle of the night. Fired, Santa moves on to work in an all-night diner, where he piles on the pounds. Then he moves to the zoo, where he becomes friendly with the reindeer, after which Santa and the reindeer all join the circus and fly through the air. Elves rescue him from that job. Santa and the reindeer are taken to the North Pole, and--well, you know the rest. This is a wonderful wedding of text and art. The story is smart and funny, and Schindler knows exactly how to make his artwork play off the humor. It's particularly fun to watch the Santa aging process as he goes from an eager young job applicant to the jolly old Santa we know. Setting the boxed text against a background of want ads is also an inspired touch. Fun to look at, fun to read, fun to share with kids. Ilene Cooper --This text refers to the School & Library Binding edition.

This was a terrific Christmas present for a young child

Here's a great picture book for high school students. The story of Santa" shows us that what you do is who you are. It ought to be on the bookshelves of career advisors everywhere. If you like to deliver packages, you might be a mail carrier or a UPS driver; but if you like to deliver packages at night, you might qualify as Santa's helper. Younger children can think about what they like to do and perhaps get an idea for the future. While grandparents may read the book and find pleasure in remembering the steps that led them to be who they are. This is not a preachy book, just a comfortable reminder that as one door closes, another opens.

Bought it for my nephews for Christmas. Super cute book about Santa growing up, going through different jobs, and finally becoming Santa. My 5 year old nephew understood how all the jobs helped him, but the 3 year old couldn't make the connection. We've read it several times in the last few weeks!

Read this to my third grade class today, and they absolutely loved it. Such a fun way to explain how Santa got the ideas to do what he does. The kids kept saying "oh, so that's why..." as I read. The pictures are great and the text is well written. I would recommend this book highly!

Wonderful book for explaining the many questions that children have about Santa. It gives some very insightful and clever explanations for everything that Santa does. I love the details of the writing as well as the illustrations. My students really loved this book. We were able to complete some cute writing assignments from this fun book.

My nine year old really enjoyed this book. We added it to our advent reading collection. he was with me the night I wrapped all off our Christmas books and remember this one. He was trying to figure out which one it was for a few nights as he wanted to hear about Santa and all the jobs he had before he became Santa. So glad I got this book on a recommendation.

Adorable story. Perfect for at home or in the classroom. We read it and then wrote job applications to be elves in my elementary classroom!

Cute idea for a story, but is a bit disjointed to read. The illustrations are fantastic, but I needed more from the writing.

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