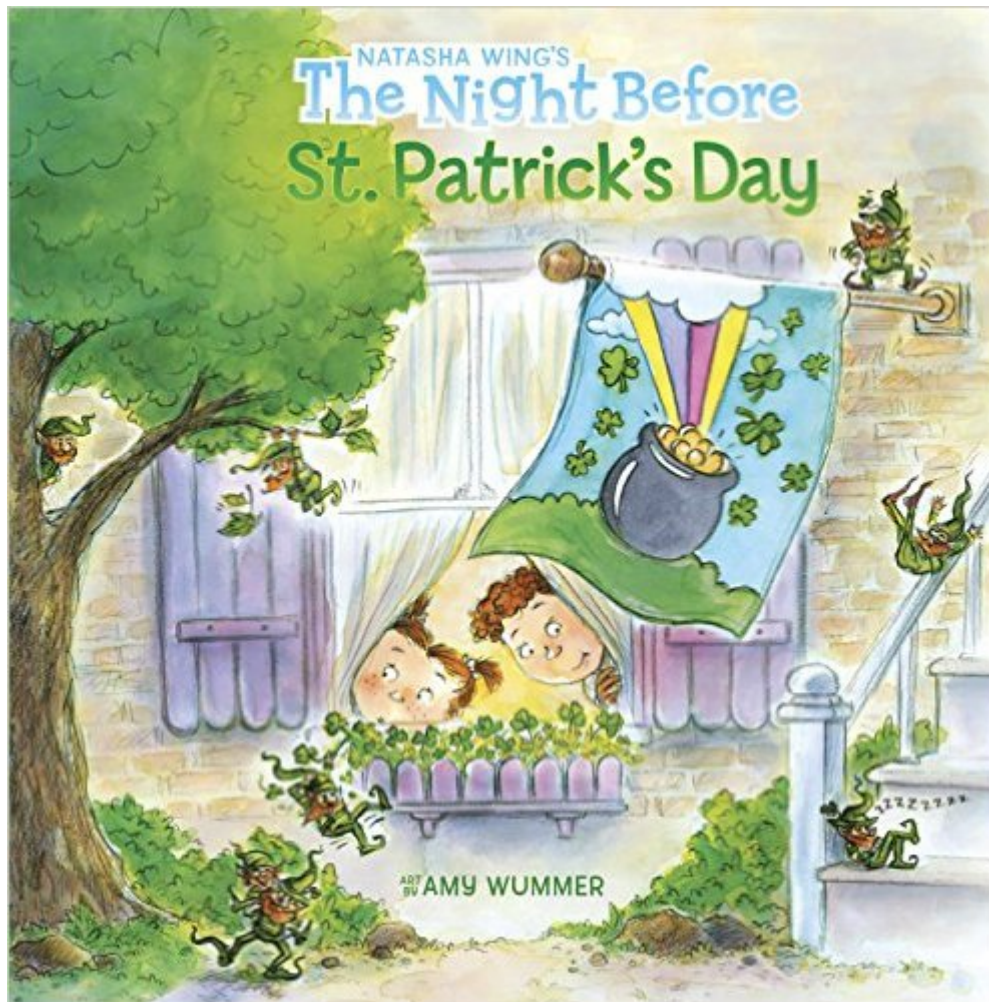


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# The Night Before St. Patrick's Day



## Synopsis

Natasha Wing puts an Irish twist on a Christmas classic. It's the night before St. Patrick's Day, and Tim and Maureen are wide awake setting traps to catch a leprechaun! When they wake the next morning to the sound of their dad playing the bagpipes and the smell of their mom cooking green eggs, they're shocked to find that they've actually caught a leprechaun. But will they be able to find his pot of gold?

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I love this series by Natasha Wing. It expands on the classic favorite The Night Before Christmas by creating a "night before" story for each holiday. It contains part of the old classics with a new twist. They read with great rhythm, just like the classic, and entertain children while bringing adults back to their childhood. This story is very imaginative and full of fun St. Patrick's Day themes (shamrocks, a pot of gold, etc.). The illustrations are beautifully done and very whimsical. I have bought all these books for my godson and my mother (who is a lower grade teacher and reads them too her kids in the classroom). They are so cute, I may get them for myself too. This book is fun for all.

After buying 3 books for St. Patrick's Day at once, this one was my fave. Pros: cute pictures, lots of visual detail, hidden leprechauns in pictures which are fun for kids to find, familiar rhythm,

uncomplicated language, rhyming words, clear story line, characters and settings, great length of text per page and length of story for younger children, leprechaun traps which lend themselves well to extension activities  
Cons: Not really a "con", but the "trick" at the end of the story was difficult for my younger students to understand.

I read this book to my child's 1st grade class. They loved it. They were looking for the the little leprechaun on almost all the pages. A few of the kids did not get that the leprechaun played a joke on the children in the story. The kids were convinced that the gold was buried under one of the X's. It was very funny. My child placed gold things around the house the night before St. Patrick's in hopes to catch a Leprechaun.

I have a two year old i'm teaching about holidays. I get one usually a month before the holiday and read it to her each night and retire it after the holiday. I get super excited for holidays but didn't know how to explain it to a toddler. There's also not a lot of books out there that do this. I loved the valentines day, thanksgiving, halloween books the most. I really didn't like the christmas book. It was all about how stressful xmas time is. While true i didn't want my daughter thinking thats how it was. She can be stressed about it when shes 30 like me :) The first one i bought was thanksgiving and it covered the basics like cooking and family coming in and being thankful. The st patricks day one was kind of weird with leprechauns hiding things in their yard and outsmarting the family. I guess it's better than pictures of grownups at bars drinking green beer. So this book was a little strange but i like the series and wish i could just buy a set to give as gifts.

LOVE IT We read it the night before the night before, the night before and the night of. My kids ages 3-6 loved it and can't wait for next March to read it again and again. We even thought of ways to make traps for the wee little men!!

We bought this for my son (4) and he loved it so much. In the weeks leading up to St. Patty's day he would ask me to read this a few times a day. It is a cute little book that even rhymes. In the book the brother and sister set traps to capture a leprechaun. We used this page to get ideas on how to set our own traps. On St. Patty's Day Eve, we created about 6 of our own traps and even wrote a note to any leprechaun who might be passing though. The next morning my son was so excited to peek into the traps and see if we had caught a leprechaun. Apparently a leprechaun HAD come for a visit but managed to get out of each trap. He left us shamrock cookies and told us better luck next year.

Now my son can't wait to build even better traps for next year. Buy this book people, and make some memories with your kids that you will never forget. This book prompted some precious memories and I am so thankful we got it.

Let me start by saying we are Irish. We have on the average about 25-30 people at our house every St. Patrick's Day. The entire house is decorated, inside and out. We decorate a tree, every year, and the leprechauns leaves presents under it for the grand kids. We do garland, and a village, lots of balloons, pictures, lights, and even a hidden pot of gold (gold wrapped chocolate candies.) We always felt it was important to celebrate, our heritage, with our children, and friends, so this all started years ago, when my 4 kids were little. Now it has become even bigger and better, and being carried on with the next generation. I cook on the average about 25 pounds of corned beef and cabbage, with all the trimmings for the day. And of course the Green beer and green punch flows endlessly. This is a wonderful book it really does sound a lot like The night before Christmas, which is also why I wanted it. It does a great job, rhyming, it's way along, St Patty 's Day events. I love how they build a leprechaun trap, and try to catch him. It tells of wearing green, decorating, bagpipes, and visions of gold coins, dancing in their heads. This is a perfect addition to our holiday.

This book is precious. Author has a whole series of other holiday inspired books. I'm 24 planning on starting a family soon so I'm slowly socking up on kids items. Can't wait to read this to my little ones! Shipping was fast as well. :)

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