

## A Very Mercy Christmas

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Inspired by the season, Stella wants to go caroling, but her friends and neighbors are all too busy—or too grumpy—to join her. Her first caroling companion is an unconventional one: Mercy, a pig. A cat and a horse soon join the cacophonous caroling company. In her unconventional group, Stella sings on, inspiring changes of heart. Expressive, pink-flushed characters sparkle in scenes bedecked with festive cheer in the winsome illustrations of this holiday tale.

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