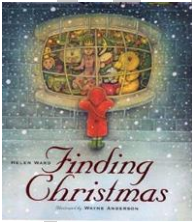




**Fr. Michael Goetz Library Learning Commons  
Teacher's Book Review**



***Finding Christmas*, written by Helen Ward, illustrated by Wayne Anderson  
Reviewed by Ms. Cosgrove, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

One of my most treasured Christmas presents was a large picture book given to me by one of my older brothers when I was about 6 or 7 years old. I couldn't believe my luck when I unwrapped it, knowing that Jay, despite his lifelong stutter, would snuggle on the couch with me, later that day, and read aloud this beautiful book to me. It was a moment I have never forgotten and so this morning and next Wednesday, I have decided to review two different and very beautiful Christmas picture books from our collection, with the hope that you will consider signing out one of these books so that you can read it to your little brother or sister in the next two weeks. You will be giving them that special gift of time that my brother, Jay, gave to me 45 years ago.

This week's book is about a young girl who searches street after street for a store to buy a special Christmas present for one special person. She finally discovers an amazing toy store which is open Christmas Eve, but encounters an unusual problem. Each time she approaches a shelf, all of the amazing toys on the shelf...well I can't tell you that part. You will have to read it to your little 6 or 7 year old brother or sister, yourself, to find out. The illustrations are beautiful and unusual and the last page could be the cover of a favourite Christmas card.