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When? Can't I open just one? Please? The minutes, the hours, the eons of waiting—and wondering. What's underneath the shiny silver paper? Behind the enormous red bow? Under the tree?

Who doesn't remember what it was like to be a kid at Christmas? And who hasn't yearned to go back in time to recapture that special feeling? Well, we can't turn back the clock, but we can do the next best thing. We can bring a bit of the past into the present. In *Under the Tree*, Susan Waggoner, author of Stewart, Tabori and Chang's *It's a Wonderful Christmas*, takes a loving, nostalgic look at the toys and gifts that made the postwar American Christmas the big deal it was.

*Under the Tree* revisits gifts both large and small, from Mr. Machine and the Kenner Easy-Bake Oven to Moon Rocks, Silly Putty, Sea Monkeys, and other delights that stuffed our stockings. In addition to the fascinating stories behind each toy, the book is bursting with cultural history, quotes, and lore—all wrapped up with more than 100 full-color vintage illustrations. For anyone who's ever been a kid at Christmas, *Under the Tree* will be as irresistible as a kiss under the mistletoe.

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