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**Book of the
Month**

Shadowshaper
by Daniel Jose Older

When building murals start disappearing in her Brooklyn neighborhood, Sierra Santiago realizes that something strange is going on. She finds out that her Puerto Rican family are shadowshapers and she finds herself in a battle of good and evil for the lives of her family and friends.



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*A book is a gift you can open
again and again* — Garrison Keillor

For the long holiday break, check out these books with a cold theme!

Frozen Charlotte by Alex Bell.

The haunting starts even before Sophie arrives to spend the summer with her cousins, but when she arrives she finds a house haunted by the ghost of a girl who attended school there a hundred years ago—she must somehow solve the mystery of the frozen Charlotte dolls before the whole family is destroyed.

The Dead of Winter by Chris Priestley

In Victorian England an orphaned boy goes to stay with his strange guardian in a desolate, moated manor house during a cold and snowy Christmas, where he soon realizes that the house and its grounds harbor many secrets, dead and alive.



The Winter Room by Gary Paulsen,
the author of Hatchet

A young boy growing up on a northern Minnesota farm describes the scenes around him and recounts his old Norwegian uncle's tales of an almost mythological logging past

Holiday Trivia

When did Hershey's start wrapping its Kisses in holiday colors?

Hershey's wrapped their Kisses in colored foil (other than silver) for the first time in 1962. Hershey's sold red, green, and silver Kisses during the Christmas season that year in addition to its year-round silver-wrapped ones.

What does *Kwanzaa* mean?

Kwanzaa is Swahili for "fresh fruits." The holiday is based on African harvest festival traditions.

Where did the tradition of using a baby to signify the new year come from?

The ancient Greeks began this tradition around 600 B.C. They carried a baby around in a basket to honor Dionysus, the god of fertility, and symbolize his annual rebirth.