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Amazon Exclusive: A Letter from Serge A. Storms

Dear Friends and Enemies,

Season's Greetings! It's me, Serge! Don't you just hate these form letters people stuff in Christmas cards? Nothing screams "you're close to my heart" like a once-a-year Xerox. Plus, all the lame jazz that's going on in their lives. "Had a great time in Memphis." "Bobby lost his retainer down a storm drain." "I think the neighbors are dealing drugs." But this letter is different. You are special to me. I'm just forced to use a copy machine and gloves because of advancements in forensics. I love those TV shows!

Has a whole year already flown by? Much to report! Let's get to it!

Number One: I ended a war.

You guessed correct, the War on saying "Merry Christmas!" instead of "Happy Holidays!" When I first heard about it, I said to Coleman, "That's just not right! We must enlist!" I rushed to the front lines, running downtown yelling "Merry Christmas" at everyone I saw. And they're all saying "Merry Christmas" back. Hmmm. That's odd: Nobody's stopping us from saying "Merry Christmas." Then I did some research, and it turns out the real war is against people saying, "Happy Holidays." The nerve: trying to be inclusive. So, everyone ... Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Good times! Soul Train! Purple mountain majesties! The Pompatus of Love!

There. War over. And just before it became a quagmire.

Next: Decline of Florida Roundup.

They tore down the Big Bamboo Lounge near Orlando. Where was everybody on that one?

Remember the old "Big Daddy's" lounges around Florida with the logo of that bearded guy? They're now Flannery's or something.

They closed the 20,000 Leagues ride at Disney World. And opened Buzz Lightyear. I offered to bring my own submarine. Okay, actually threatened, but they only wanted to discuss it in the security office. I've been doing running lately at theme parks.

But let's not get hung up on the negative. It's the holidays after all, so it was time to head back to Tampa. Because hiding out from the cops on your home turf during the season is always a warm-and-fuzzy. The malls have changed—when did yogurt go to five bucks?

In advance: Happy New Year! (Unlike the cruddy last one),

Serge A. Storms

From [Booklist](#)

Gleefully unhinged criminal Serge Storms and his perpetually drunk and/or stoned buddy Coleman return for another bizarre trip through Central Florida suburbia in this silly and sometimes touching send-up of Christmas tropes. On the run from the law once again, an elf-suit-clad Serge and Coleman meet up with mild-mannered Jim Davenport, whose bland middle-class lifestyle Serge idolizes (much to Jim's horror). When Serge and Coleman take up temporary residence on Jim's street, chaos follows in the guises of a supersized Christmas tree, Xtreme Caroling, a Christmas lights display that doubles as a torture device, and several of Serge's trademark murders. Dorsey's latest zany picaresque does a great job of satirizing the absurdity of recession-era hiring policies and has some genuinely hilarious moments—usually delivered by a team of foulmouthed nonagenarians known as the G-Unit—but its over-the-top humor often feels forced. Additionally, although Serge is a likable protagonist, he is, nonetheless, a stereotype of a violent person with untreated mental illnesses, a fact that some readers may find offensive. --JoSelle Vanderhooft

Review

"Fans of Dorsey's slapstick-comedy style will find plenty to like. Dorsey again proves he's some sort of mad master with a concoction that features zany physical comedy, dark humor, social commentary, and Florida history." (Tampa Tribune)

"The cover of Dorsey's book boasts, "A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM THE CRIMINAL NUTBARS OF THE SUNSHINE STATE" and I must say...it's all that and so much more. ... Hilarious...Dorsey will hold you captive until the last word is read!" (Suspense Magazine)

"Fun to read. ...Sick and twisted, but delightfully so. Serge is one hard core Santa figure...memorable." (Gainesville Times)

"A satisfyingly large punch of classic Dorsey craziness. ...Serge's paradoxical personality is at its most charming." (Publishers Weekly)

"Dorsey weaves in the overt insanity of our holiday season with his own special brand to give us a special little tome. [*When Elves Attack*] will win Dorsey new fans." (Florida Times-Union)

"The perfect antidote for all those sappy feel-good holiday novellas" (GoodReads)

"Mayhem-filled" (Kirkus Reviews)

"Dorsey serves up some zany holiday. ...Full of suspense and more than a few chuckles." (Patriot Ledger)

"Dorsey, following Carl Hiaasen's star, spin[s] goofball yarns about Florida's inherent craziness." (Star News Online)

"Hilarious" (Tulsa World)

"With a gleefully iconoclastic streak of holiday pandemonium, Dorsey ramps up the usual Serge-and-Coleman mayhem by several notches. You're in for a heck of a sleigh ride here." (EagleTribune.com)

"Plenty of mayhem, sex and, yes, death. " (Las Vegas Review-Journal)

"Hilarious. ... Dorsey never seems to run out of new and unique ways for his deranged creation to dry up the gene pools of the rude and the inconsiderate. His research of Florida's history and penchant for sprinkling

arcane trivia throughout his books make each and every one a keeper.” (Bookreporter.com)

“You Gotta Read This...best laughs.” (Macon County Herald)

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