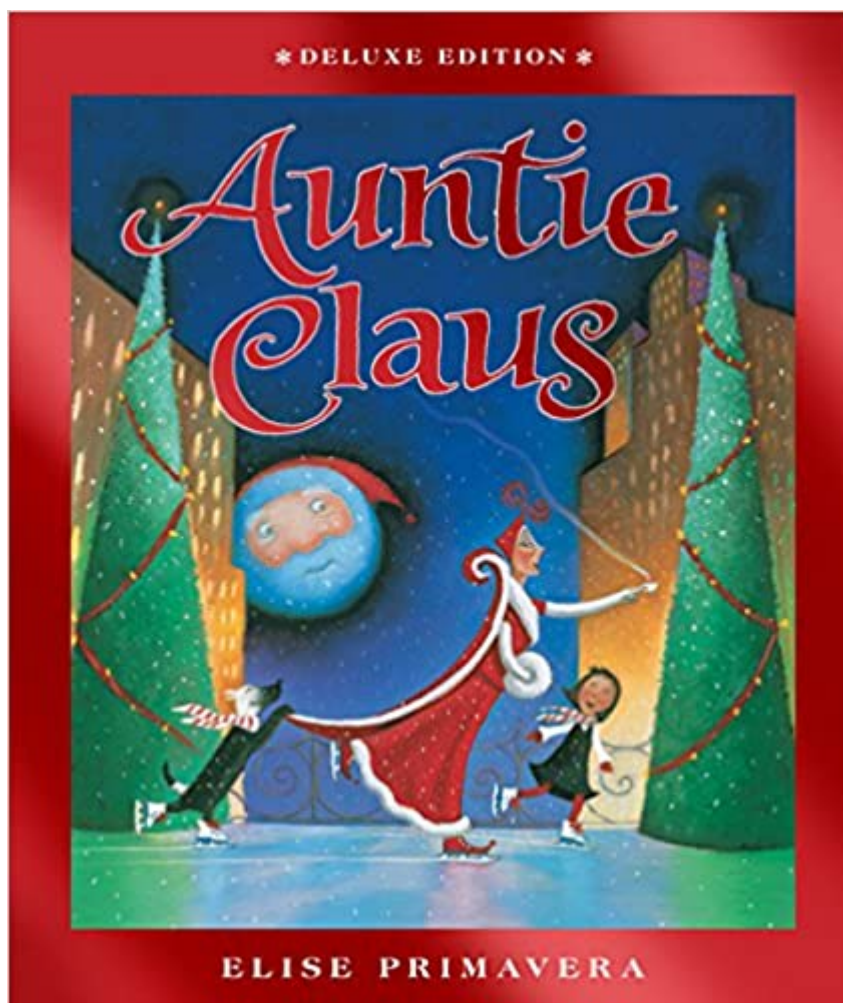


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# Auntie Claus Deluxe Edition



## Synopsis

A deluxe gift edition of the modern Christmas classic, featuring an access code to a printable Christmas party kit, plus downloadable audio read by Academy Award-winning actress Ellen Burstyn! Auntie Claus is just another eccentric New Yorker--or is she? Young Sophie has often wondered about her unusual great-aunt, Auntie Claus. She lives in penthouse 25C at the Bing Cherry Hotel and is so curious! After all, Auntie Claus serves Christmas cookies all year long and her tree is always the best-decorated in the city. And then there's her annual "business trip," right around the holidays. This year Sophie is determined to get to the bottom of Auntie Claus's mysterious ways. Put on your mittens and bundle up for an adventure beyond your wildest dreams. Ho, ho, ho!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

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## Customer Reviews

"Sophie wondered about her great-aunt a lot. She's so mysterious! Sophie thought. And this was true. There were many strange goings-on up in penthouse 25C. Most people considered Auntie Claus just another eccentric New Yorker. But Sophie knew there was more to her than met the eye." As if Auntie Claus's everyday red velvet gown with furry white trim isn't unusual enough, there is the diamond key that hangs around her neck. During her year-round tea and Christmas cookie rituals, she always leaves young Sophie with the words, "And darling, always remember my first and

final rule--whether it's birthdays, Christmas, or Halloween, it is far better to give than to receive!" Oddest of all, every year she departs on a "business trip" right after Halloween and doesn't return until Valentine's Day. One year, the spoiled and rather unpleasant Sophie (who, like her little brother, is all about "receiving," and as much as possible) decides to stop wondering about her great-aunt and start investigating. She stows away in a large box, is loaded into a Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator-style enclosure with all of her great-aunt's luggage, and is shot off into the sky. Landing with a thunk, she is greeted by Mr. Pudding, who assumes she is the new elf and sets her to work in the mailroom. As Mr. Pudding extols the virtues of hard work, Sophie thinks, "Rules, schmules." But her work hasn't quite yet begun. When Santa asks for one brave elf to volunteer to go to the coal mines and pick up the "B-B-and-G List," Sophie gets nervous. The B-B-and-G List is the list of bad boys and girls who will go without Christmas presents... or worse. She volunteers, thinking she just may be on that list. But when it's her little brother she sees on the list, Sophie finally learns the important lesson that Auntie Claus has been trying to teach her. When that happens, Sophie whirls up out of the coal mines into the Grand Ballroom of the North Pole, where Auntie Claus is revealed to be Santa's sister with much fanfare. Award-winning illustrator Elise Primavera's gorgeous artwork is positively luminous, recalling the splendid Christmas television specials *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and the Claymation version of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* in extraordinary compositions, compellingly portrayed characters, and unusual perspectives. Not at all surprisingly, Nickelodeon Films has already secured the rights to this action-packed, highly visual story to make a full-length live-action film in the year 2000. (Ages 4 and older) --Karin Snelson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A healthy dose of holiday magic abounds in a picture book poised to make a big splash. A little bit Auntie Mame, a little bit Coco Chanel, Sophie Kringle's glamorous great-aunt lives in a penthouse atop Manhattan's Bing Cherry Hotel. Auntie Claus disappears every holiday season on a mysterious business trip and, determined to discover her destination, Sophie stows away and follows her. Larded with scrumptious visual foreshadowing, Primavera's hilariously arch gouache and pastel illustrations are the highlight of this merry confection. Ages 4-8. (Oct.) FYI: The author has established a Web site for the book at [www.auntieclaus.com](http://www.auntieclaus.com), and Saks Fifth Avenue in New York City has chosen Primavera's tale as the theme for its holiday window display. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I love this book. It was shared with me by a friend and I have since purchased it to read to my

grandkids.Great story!

Using with class discussions

Fun holiday reading.

love all of these...

read it to my kids, now that they are grown up, i am still buying this as baby shower giftshighly recommend

I loved this female perspective on Christmas--my daughter's name is also Sophie which made it even more special. I was trying to teach her about the value of giving presents and loved having a great female role model in the form of Auntie Claus to help me along. She is so effortlessly sophisticated but at the same time a giver and a hard worker. We do voices when we read this, which my Sophie loves!!

My daughter has to have this read to her every night. I do the voices as if we were in a high rise in Manhattan. She love it so much that she can recite lines by memory now. Cannot wait to get the other books in the series.- Joy

When I first read this to my Kindergarten class, I was hooked! The children and I loved the suspense and mystery of the storyline. I then purchased the other two Auntie Claus books, and highly recommend that you read this one first though.

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