

Meet Sherryl Clark, author of the Rose books

Sherryl, how do you usually spend Christmas?

Usually with my husband and his family – sometimes I travel to see my family in New Zealand but if not, we do big internet phone call link-ups on Christmas Day.

Tell us about your happiest Christmas memory.

One year we had Christmas at my nana's house (I was about 11, I think) and my cousins and I set up an obstacle course race around her garden and had a wonderful time. I don't think we did her garden any good, though!

What were the best and worst presents you received when you were a kid?

The best one was a doll called Little Tuppence, when I was about 8. I'd been asking for it for ages and Mum kept saying, No, we can't afford it. Then there she was in the parcel! I confess that I used to hate presents from my nana, as she made everything and we'd get embroidered face cloths and soap holders. We were not allowed to complain, however!

We'd love you to finish these sentences for us:

If I were Santa Claus, I'd give every child in the world a... book or two or three or a hundred!

If my Australian girl were alive today, I think the thing she'd like best about the Christmas holidays would be... the food!
She would be like me and especially like trifle and turkey.

