Advent & Christmas

THE Classic for Simplifying Christmas!
Unplug the Christmas Machine :-)
A Guide to Putting Love and Joy Back into Your Holiday Celebration
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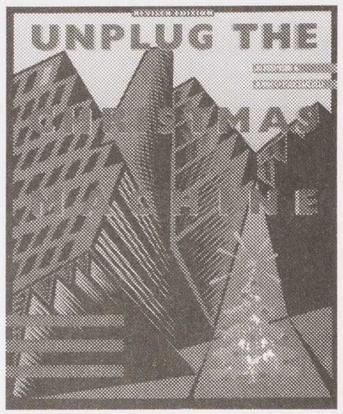

With thoughtful suggestions, creative exercises and answers to often-asked questions, this book helps people create celebrations that give them joy and satisfaction.
207 pp. $9. UNPLUG

Leader's Guide to *Unplug the Christmas Machine* Workshop

This resource guides leaders to create a four hour workshop that helps participants clarify their beliefs and make realistic plans for more joyful, meaningful celebrations.

The Participant's Manual is in the Leader's Guide and it can be photocopied. It's also available separately (with quantity discounts).

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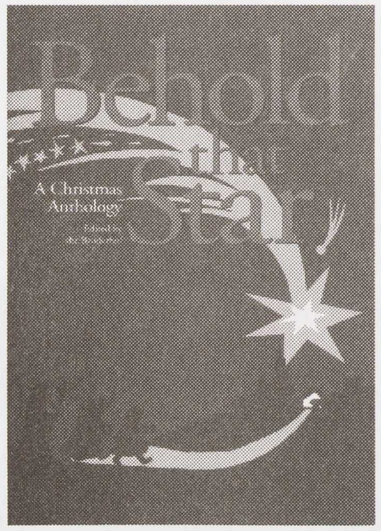

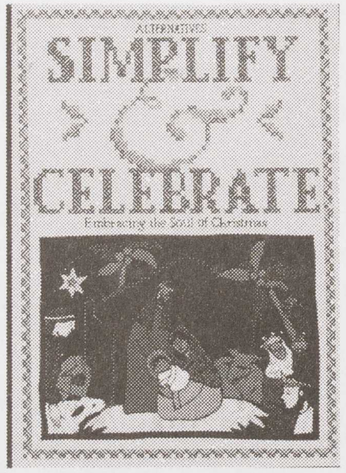

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A Christmas Reader
These old and new stories, well-loved poems and a prayer reflect the true spirit of Christmas. 24 pp. $3
XMREAD-A

A Christmas Collection
Remember the real reason we celebrate by singing a carol, reading a Christmas story or listening to actual stories of special gifts. 24 pp. $3. XMCOLL-A

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All three collections at a special price. $8. XMSET-A

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Embracing the Soul of Christmas

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Over 25 writers, including Joan Chittister, Michael Crosby, Mike and Kathe Sherer, Carolyn Hardin Englehardt, Tom Sine and Milo Thornberry.
200 pp. $16. S&C1

Worshippers of *Consumo*, we have Alternatives!

Some of them are in this catalog.

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Consumo, Overlord of Overconsumption, is being challenged this fall during the high holy season of "Consumas," commonly mistaken for Christmas. Alternatives for Simple Living calls Consumas – pronounced Con-SOOM-us – as "The REALLY Big Con."

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