

Christmas Eve Blizzard

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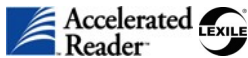
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"Christmas Eve Blizzard is a heart-warming tale with beautiful illustrations by Emanuel Schongut and several entertaining resources at the back of the book." – *Mom Central*

"Christmas Eve Blizzard is a lovely story of a grandfather sharing his past and a child who puts the welfare of a bird before his own. The illustrations are beautiful and children will long to touch the pictures."- *Armchair Interviews*

"It makes a heartwarming addition to any library collection and is a perfect read-aloud book during the holidays or any time of year."- *Families.com*

Join Nicholas and his grandfather

in *Christmas Eve Blizzard* as they push aside their Christmas traditions to lovingly care for a cardinal trapped in the snow of a blizzard on Christmas Eve. The next morning, Nicholas is more concerned about the bird than he is with his gifts. Reminiscent of a classic storybook, this tender tale is guaranteed to touch your heart.



Children, parents, and teachers will love the educational "**For Creative Minds**" section, which was vetted for scientific accuracy by the Education Department of the Audubon Center at Beidler Forest.

The section includes:

- A Spanish/English glossary
- Fun facts about cardinals
- Information on making a bird-happy backyard habitat
- Easy bird feeder crafts
- Information on what to do if you find an injured or orphaned baby bird

There are also "**Related Websites**" and "**Teaching Activities**" on Sylvan Dell Publishing's website to help parents and educators expand the learning possibilities!

About the Author and Illustrator



Andrea Vlahakis is a busy children's author, having been published in *Highlights for Children*, *Turtle*, *Ladybug* and *AppleSeeds*. In addition to her own writing, Andrea is an instructor at the Institute of Children's Literature. A large portion of Andrea's work revolves around nature and birds. The inspiration for this book came from her childhood home; when she was eight, her father hung a cardinal red birdfeeder from an old apple tree, and her love of bird watching was born! Her inspiration also comes from her own rescue of a bird during a blizzard a few years ago, with

the help of an equally snowbound wildlife rescue person on the other end of the phone. Andrea lives in Connecticut surrounded by woods and streams, with many birds to watch. She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, the Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, where she participates in Project Feederwatch. Visit her website at www.AndreaVlahakis.com.

Emanuel (Manny) Schongut is a prolific, multi-faceted freelance illustrator who works in children's books, book covers, textbook illustration, editorial art, posters and advertising art—essentially, he does it all! Some of his many clients include Masterpiece and Mystery Theater, Public Television, *New York Magazine* and the *New York Times Magazine*. His cover art and/or illustrations grace books from a wide variety of book publishers including Harper & Row, MacMillan, Doubleday, Morrow, Green Willow Books and, of course, Sylvan Dell. In addition to his own artwork, Manny taught reportorial art and figure drawing at the Pratt Institute in New York for several years. Currently he illustrates and teaches in the San Francisco Bay area.



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