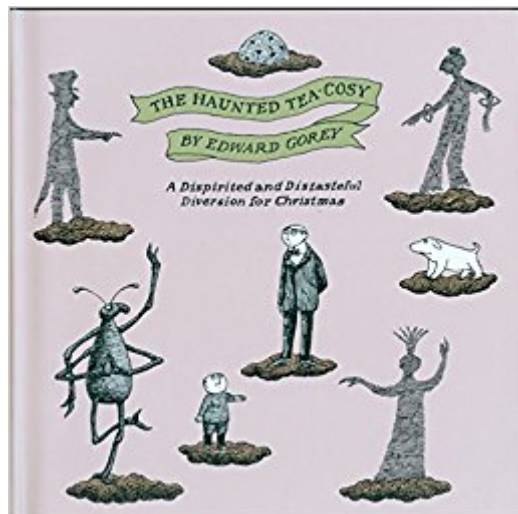




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# The Haunted Tea-Cosy: A Dispirited And Distasteful Diversion For Christmas



## Synopsis

Gorey has never been funnier or more "impossible to resist" (Boston Herald) than in this peculiar retelling of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol.

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## Customer Reviews

Edward Gorey's first book in 25 years, *The Haunted Tea-Cosy* is a classic work from that magnificently morbid master. The plot of this "dispirited and distasteful diversion for Christmas" revolves around one Edmund Gravel, an Edwardian Scrooge whose attempt to slice a stale fruitcake unleashes an assortment of guilt-inducing ghosts. There's the Spectre of Christmas That Never Was, who directs our hero's attention to a cowering orphan in a graveyard (along with some other, lower-key bits of pathos: "In the high street of the village Reverend Flannel lost his tuning-fork.") The Spectre of Christmas That Isn't also chips in with a kidnapping, a domestic dispute, and a return to the aforementioned graveyard: "To the south, in the cemetery a wrong coffin in a newly dug grave was found to contain rolls of used wallpaper." Like the Dickensian miser upon whom he's based, Gravel is transformed by this ghoulish guided tour. He renounces his life of solitude and invites all of Lower Spigot to a party, featuring "a cake taller than anything else in the room, a conflation of Chartres Cathedral and the Stupa at Borobudur iced in dazzling white sugar" (not pictured, alas). Gorey's illustrations for *The Haunted Tea-Cosy* are looser and less elaborately cross-hatched than some of his earlier creations. But like the text, these oddly stilted and very Anglophiliac scenes remain a model of delicious, deadpan hilarity. --James Marcus

In his first new book in 25 years, Gorey rethinks Dickens's A Christmas Carol. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

it's not as amusing as i expected.

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I love his twisted sense of humor.

she adores him... you have to be a bit strange to appreciate his humor. great gift - great service. If you like Gorey - cute book

Standard Gorey. Is going to be nice gift.

This arrived with very minimal wear. I'm so glad to see these and others of his stories available. Thank you!

Edmund Gravel traverses through this quick but enjoyable read by Edward Gorey, including his great illustrations. A bug-like creature leaps from Edmunds tea-cozy and takes him on a Dickens-like "Christmas Carol"-like journey. The stories are sad, depressing, and amusing all in one. Great holiday entertainment, and a great gift for the scrooge who has everything but this book.

Classic drawings and interestingly weird storyline. My first reading of it was quick, not a lot of time right now, and I look forward to reading it again and again until I get all the characters straight in my head for even more laughs.

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