

Praise for *The Christmas Heist*

Lawyers and tax collectors, can there be any more hard hearted people on the planet? Yet, this lovely Christmas tale by Landis Wade may restore your faith in a humanity that believes and cares. A modern day court battle pits wrong against right with Christmas in the balance. And how do they keep that “naughty and nice” list? I will never pass by a Salvation Army bell ringer again without wondering if they have some Christmas secret to tell. Be sure to add this story to your Christmas traditions.

Major Larry Broome,
Area Commander, The Salvation Army

The Christmas Heist: A Courtroom Adventure brings the magic of *Miracle on 34th Street* into the modern day. The twists and turns of this courtroom drama surprise and delight and have the reader believing all over again!

J.D. DuPuy
author of *Poetic Justice, Legal Humor in Verse*

Give yourself a present this Christmas. Forget Rudolph reruns and skip the DVD of *It's a Wonderful Life*. Renew your spirit instead with this laughable, lawyerly look at the case of Santa Claus vs. the internet. It's a win-win.

Mary Ann Claud, author of *The Dancin' Man*
and *Whirlygig: The Dancin' Man's Daughter*
(coming spring, 2016)

Even our favorite North Pole resident and his helpers have gone digital and they're not immune to glitches. When it all ends up in a courtroom two days before Christmas, we're into a fine holiday tale. Landis Wade gives us a fast-paced story in the lineage of *Miracle on 34th Street* and the Grinch, fun to read and just right for the season. Sit back, pour the eggnog, and enjoy.

Joyce Allen,
author of *Hannah's House* and the *Threads* trilogy

Anyone who has spent any time in the justice system will recognize the courtroom and its players in Landis Wade's opening scene. The judge, prosecuting attorney, defense counsel, defendant, and prosecuting witness live in Anywhere, USA—until the witnesses transport us to unfamiliar places where we are very willing to go. Landis Wade writes a script somewhere between the screenplays for *My Cousin Vinny* and *Miracle on 34th Street*, and that's a wonderful place to be.

Suzanne Reynolds, Dean,
Wake Forest University School of Law

I found this book creative. Mysterious. Imaginative. Funny. Fun. The descriptions of people and places are so vivid that it feels like I'm there with the characters. And the story is told in a magical way. When I let my imagination loose, I was flooded with memories of Christmas.

Jeffrey J. Davis, author of *Beliefs and Choices*

Praise for *The Legally Binding Christmas*

Well, would you look at that. It warms my heart to see an attorney burning the midnight oil on a creative endeavor, of all things, and this story will surely warm the hearts of readers. If you don't feel like watching *It's a Wonderful Life* for a third time this holiday season, mix things up a bit and read this sweet Christmas story instead.

- Mary Laura Philpott, co-author of
Poetic Justice: Legal Humor in Verse

In *The Legally Binding Christmas*, lawyer Landis Wade continues the good fight to save Christmas for True Believers in a riveting courtroom drama. Defense attorney Thad Raker returns to battle a high-powered opponent intent on using eminent domain to take a humble-looking property that, as it turns out, is critical to the very spirit of Christmas. Along the way, his own faith in the season and himself is restored. A heart-warming story for all ages.

- Charles Blackburn, Jr.,
author of *Sweet Souls and Other Stories*

Landis Wade once again proves that the combination of Christmas cheer and courtroom drama makes for an irresistible read. Only a lawyer at home in the courtroom could have conjured the intrigue of the jury trial that appears here. From

judge to opposing attorney to the client who listens—but only partly—to his lawyer, Wade deftly weaves together large amounts of verisimilitude with a good bit of Christmas magic. The result is a rollicking story that serves justice up on a colorful Christmas platter.

- Maxine Eichner,
Graham Kenan Professor of Law, UNC Law School

If you don't believe in Santa when you start this book, then you will when you finish. A perfect complement to *The Christmas Heist*, with just the right mix of suspense, humor and magic, this book will be equally enjoyable to teenagers and adults alike. I love it!

- Bud Schill, co-author of
Not Exactly Rocket Scientists and Other Stories

Landis Wade brings to life the genuine and true magic of Christmas in a classic legal battle. Attorney extraordinaire Thad Raker again accepts the challenge of protecting Christmas, as well as an unusual client who is about to lose his property to the government. The courtroom duel pitches Raker against a well-funded, pompous opponent. The outcome will warm your heart and *The Legally Binding Christmas* will be an instant seasonal favorite.

- Tommy Odom,
North Carolina Eminent Domain Trial Attorney

Landis Wade has employed his considerable legal skills to wrap a fanciful Christmas tale in the package of a hotly contested eminent domain lawsuit. An interesting array of trial participants, matched with numerous literary comparisons such as the landowner's opposing pompous counsel, who "would blow like a whale in distress," keeps one's attention as the trial proceeds until the marvelous verdict is pronounced.

Wade convinces us that to once again achieve True Believer status is a worthy goal.

- Forrest A. Ferrell,
Superior Court Judge, retired

Praise for *The Christmas Redemption*

In *The Christmas Redemption*, Landis Wade spreads a bounty of presents under the reader's Christmas tree. Whether you are young with a facile imagination about the activities of North Pole elves, or have a liking for real life courtroom drama, complete with skillful, zealous lawyers facing a judge with his mind already set, or whether you like action stories with quick, quirky plot twists, you will enjoy this hilarious Christmas tale. You also will find answers to long-held questions such as why naughty kids get lumps of coal.

The story reminds us that those things which are most real and meaningful in our lives—e.g. love, courage, forgiveness—are never seen in the abstract; and that the experience of unseen things is what make us True Believers in the goodness, peace and joy we celebrate at Christmas.

- Don Carroll author of *The Bequines and the Search for Visionary Consciousness*; *King Arthur and the Consciousness Gene*; and *The Consciousness Trilogy*

The Reindeer Hoverboard is supposed to fly, which makes it the most popular Christmas gift in the past 50 years. But it carries a warning that says it only works for True Believers. It's up to the husband and wife legal team of Thad Raker and Sarah Kennedy to defend the lawsuit brought against Tip Top Toy Company, who made the hoverboard.

This charming courtroom drama weaves a dour judge, colorful personalities and the magic of Christmas in one tale. Intricacies of North Pole politics and little-known

details about Santa and his family come to light in this entertaining story for young and old. Readers will delight in the surprising, multi-layered plot and cleverly-drawn characters, and their hearts will be warmed.

- Ann Campanella, author of
Motherhood: Lost and Found

***The Christmas Redemption* could only have been written by an experienced attorney who understands the power and traps of legal proceedings, and who can create and solve complex, human puzzles.**

This is a drama of serious courtroom competition, Christmas fantasy, and international issues. The weaving of these forces is brilliantly done.

- Jack Hemphill, author of
Exhibition of the Song Bo Paintings;
Redbriar; and *The Ridge Walker*

“Believing without seeing.” It’s a powerful idea, and it’s at the heart of *The Christmas Redemption*.

There are many books and movies on the subject of Christmas. Enough so that you might think there’s nothing new to say, that every story has been told. You’d be wrong, though. Landis Wade has concocted an entertaining, well-paced and very readable Christmas story. It has a villain, a mysterious central character, a well-crafted plot, and a happy ending. Read this book and remind yourself how much fun it is to read a good story.

- Ralph Peebles, Professor of Law,
Wake Forest University.

It's John Grisham meets Santa Claus, for a hoverboard ride that seamlessly blends courtroom drama, corruption, climate change and Christmas with great humor—and with a message about the true meaning of Christmas and the importance of family.

A fast and funny read, full of legal laughs and Christmas chaos, Landis Wade makes a True Believer out of me, in the magic of the holiday season!

- Tracy Curtis, humorist and author of *Holidazed*; *Beach Bummed*; and *Trophy Mom*

With intelligence, a jurist's wit, and his usual panache, Landis Wade's latest yuletide saga evokes the magic of *Miracle on 34th Street* in a lawsuit by Santa skeptics against a toy company making Reindeer Hoverboards that only fly for True Believers. The implications soon become global, and lawyer Thad Raker and his daughter, Liz, fight to save the future of Christmas—and the planet—from the effects of an international conspiracy.

At once clever, heartfelt, and engaging, *The Christmas Redemption* is a merry legal adventure that is perfect for holiday reading.

- Phillip Lewis, author of *The Barrowfields*