

PLUME

christmas elf



TANIA MCCARTNEY

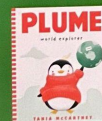


In the fourth book of this lovable travel series, it's Christmas in Antarctica and **Plume** is popping with festive excitement.

The tree is up, there are gifts to wrap, fairy lights to untangle and gingerbread to bake. Plume's penguin friends are buying mountains of gifts, but then Ava of the Albatross Express arrives with terrible news. Santa's workshop is in trouble and toy production has stopped!

With a little help from his penguin friends, Plume is off to the North Pole. It's up to him to save Christmas. Can he help Santa ... and make children's Christmas wishes come true?

Hardie Grant
EXPLORE



US \$18.99 UK £11.99
ISBN 978-1-741-17792-3
51999
9 781741 177923

Arctic Ocean

Arctic Ocean



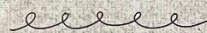
Atlantic Ocean

Pacific Ocean

Pacific Ocean



Indian Ocean



PLUME
christmas elf



Southern Ocean



home



You are here



This is **Plume**.

He lives on the frosty plains of **Antarctica** with his black and white friends, the largest **library** in the Southern Hemisphere and ...

colour,

curiosity,

creativity!

For Plume, the more **colourful**, the better.

It's the end of another year. Summer in Antarctica is just days away and Plume is decking the halls for **Christmas**.



The tree is up and the stockings are hung, but there's **gingerbread** to bake and a snaggle of **lights** to untangle. Plume needs to get a wriggle on.

Every day at a quarter-past-three, Ava of the **Albatross Express** arrives with mountains of gifts. The penguins want more, more, **more!**

Ava is **exhausted**.



She also has terrible news from the **North Pole**. Santa's elves are **sick**, and toy-making has come to a halt!

WHO WILL SAVE
CHRISTMAS?



Plume gasps! **Santa Claus** has wishlists from children all over the world – their **hearts** will be broken.

Plume and Ava know what to do.



There are only **three days** till Christmas.
They must move fast.

JINGLE ALL THE WAY!

Albatross Express



At the **North Pole**, on the polar opposite side of the world, Santa is surprised by a knock at the door.



Then, Plume and Ava – deputy elves – rush straight to the **toy workshop**. Even Santa and his reindeer work right through the night.



On **Christmas Eve**, everyone is weary but excited.
It's time to pack the sleigh for a **magical night** of deliveries.

Plume looks around.

Where is **Santa**?

Where are the **reindeer**?



He dashes to Santa's cottage.

Santa is **sick**!

The reindeer are sick, too!



Plume is **worried**. No one but Santa can deliver gifts to the world's children in a **single** night!

But Santa knows who can take the reins.

He takes a pinch of
Christmas dust and ...



Plume's eyes **twinkle** ...

Ava's beak **glows** ...

HO! HO! HO!



Santa Plume's **magical whirlwind tour** takes flight!



First stop is the island of Gotland, **Sweden**, to see Eva and her little tomten dolls. Plume lights the last advent candle and Ava admires the julbok goat ornaments on the tree. They almost crack their beaks on knäck toffees!

It's snowing in London, **England**. Olivia has been to see a pantomime, and now it's time for fruit mince pies and mistletoe kisses. There are crackers to pop ... and Ava finds the lucky silver coin in the Christmas pudding.





Ava and Santa Plume fly over Nuremberg, **Germany**. Karl greets them with spiced stollen and lebkuchen hearts. Plume opens the last adventskalender window, then Ava rings a little bell. Time to open gifts!

Next is Luca in Naples, **Italy**. There's panettone, biscotti and the sweetest presepe nativity scene. If Luca is nice, a good witch called La Befana will bring sweets, and if he's naughty, it's lumps of coal!





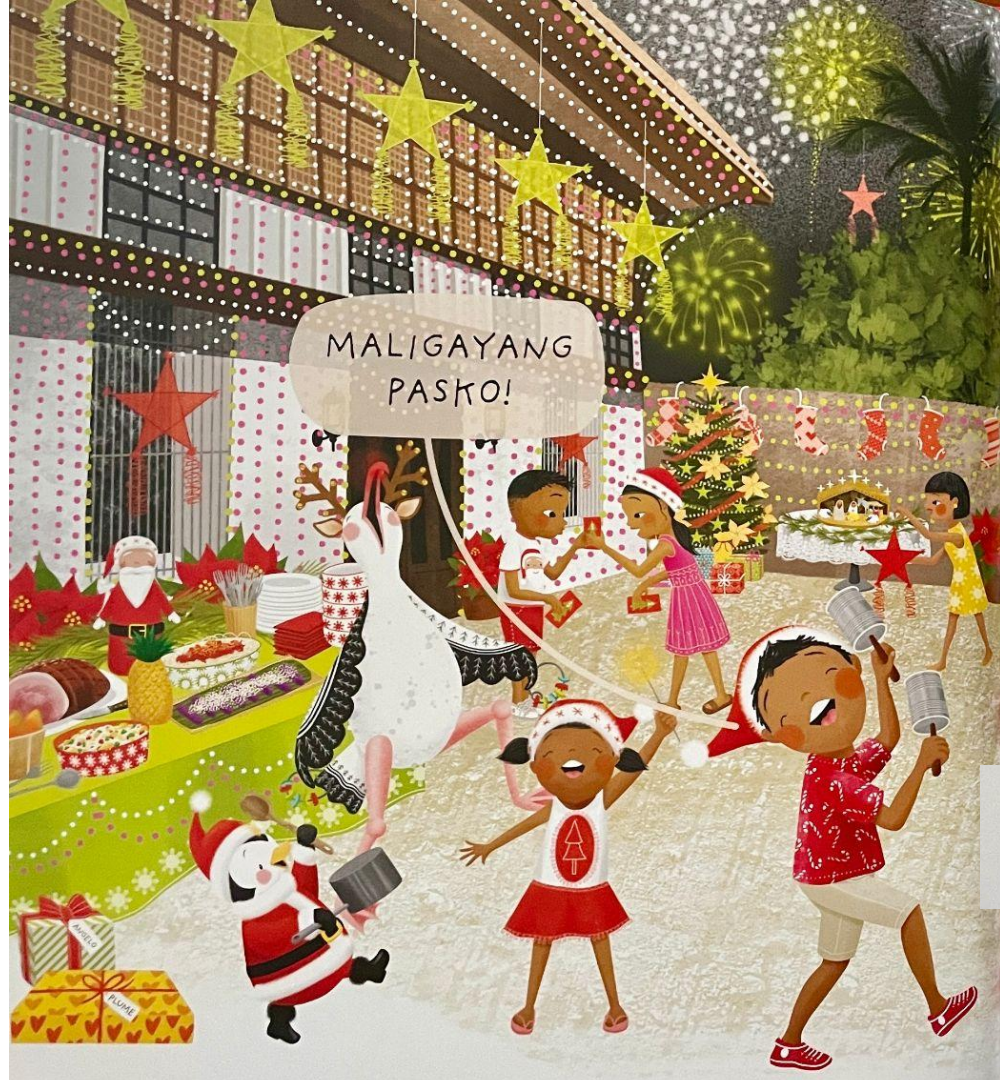
In Cape Town, **South Africa**, Siya has new clothes and a slick hairdo. It's time for chillas – dancing and singing, drinks and sweets. Ava nibbles choice biscuits and Santa Plume joins Siya on the diturupa drums!



'Tis the night before Christmas in the **United States**. In New York City, Plume helps Hamish finish the gingerbread house, then it's cookies and hot chocolate and apple pie. Ava is the very best caroller of them all.

In Santa Marta, **Colombia**, Ava and Plume visit Alicia for tamales and buñuelos cheese fritters. Ava can't get enough of the natilla custard. At midnight, gifts are opened, and Plume puts baby Jesus in the cradle.





It's midnight in Manila in **the Philippines**. Angelo's day starts with fireworks, paról lanterns and ang pao envelopes stuffed with money. Neighbours grab handmade instruments and sing carols till dawn.

On a hot summer's day in Sydney, **Australia**, Grace meets Ava and Plume at Bondi Beach. After a picnic of seafood and pavlova with mango and berries, Ava plays a game of cricket and Plume learns how to surf!



It's **Christmas Day** back in Antarctica. As they come in for landing, Ava and Santa Plume are met with festive **chaos**.



Forests of **paper!**

Rivers of **ribbon!**

Acres of **cards!**

Mountains of **gifts!**



The penguins are thrilled – **more gifts!** But as soon as Plume comes in to land, Santa's magic **melts away** ... sleigh, gifts and all.

The penguins are crushed. They wanted more, more, **more** ...
and now Christmas is **ruined**!

Then, Plume remembers the heartfelt gifts
from his **friends** around the world.

Curious, the penguins bustle over.





There are tomten dolls from **Sweden** ...



mistletoe from **England** ...



sweaters from the **United States** ...



a nativity from **Colombia** ...



adventskalendars from **Germany** ...



panettone from **Italy** ...



paróls from **the Philippines** ...



and a cricket set from **Australia!**



diturupa drums from **South Africa** ...



palm leaves from **Puerto Rico** ...



The penguins share, marvel and play. Inspired by the **true meaning** of Christmas, they sneak off to prepare their own **special** gift ...

... the most **magical** gift of all.

LOVE!



The penguins feel the **love, joy, laughter** and **togetherness**.



And Plume's belly **jiggles** like a bowl full of **jolly**.