

CONTENTS

<i>List of Illustrations</i>	xi
<i>List of Contributors</i>	xiii
<i>A Note on the Cover Image</i>	xxi

PART I HISTORY

1. The Dating of Christmas: The Early Church	3
PAUL F. BRADSHAW	
2. The Middle Ages	15
KATI IHNAT	
3. The Reformation and Early Modern Periods	27
KATRINA JENNIE-LOU WHEELER	
4. The Nineteenth Century	35
TIMOTHY LARSEN	
5. The Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries	51
CHRISTOPHER FERGUSON	

PART II THEOLOGY

6. The Old Testament	67
JOHN BARTON	
7. The New Testament	77
MARKUS BOCKMUEHL AND EVANGELINE KOZITZA	
8. Jesus Christ and the Incarnation	90
KATHERINE SONDEREGGER	
9. The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Virgin Birth	102
KATHERINE G. SCHMIDT	

PART III WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES

- | | |
|---|-----|
| 10. Roman Catholicism | 113 |
| ANNE MCGOWAN | |
| 11. Eastern Orthodoxy | 126 |
| MARY B. CUNNINGHAM | |
| 12. Lutheranism | 141 |
| KIRSI STJERNA | |
| 13. Anglicanism | 153 |
| MARTYN PERCY | |
| 14. Reformed and Dissenting Protestants | 167 |
| ANDREW R. HOLMES | |

PART IV THE NATIVITY STORY

- | | |
|--|-----|
| 15. The Holy Family | 185 |
| HOLLY TAYLOR COOLMAN | |
| 16. Gabriel and the Angels | 192 |
| DAVID LYLE JEFFREY | |
| 17. Bethlehem and the Census | 203 |
| LEROY A. HUIZENGA | |
| 18. The Magi and the Star | 213 |
| D. H. WILLIAMS | |
| 19. The Inn, the Manger, the Swaddling Cloths, the Shepherds,
and the Animals | 224 |
| JODY VACCARO LEWIS | |

PART V TRADITIONS

- | | |
|--|-----|
| 20. The Winter Solstice and other Celebrations of the Season | 239 |
| DANIEL GIFFORD | |
| 21. St Nicholas to Santa Claus | 252 |
| ADAM C. ENGLISH | |

22. Trees and Decorations	265
DAVID BERTAINA	
23. Gifts and Charity	277
ELLEN M. LITWICKI	
24. Children and Childhood	288
MARCIA J. BUNGE	
25. Food and Drink	297
PAUL FREEDMAN	

PART VI THE ARTS

26. Carols and Music to 1900	311
TOVA LEIGH-CHOATE	
27. Carols and Music since 1900	329
TODD DECKER	
28. Paintings	346
BARBARA VON BARGHAHN	
29. Plays	371
FRANCES CLEMSON	
30. Poetry	384
EMMA MASON	
31. Fiction	397
NATALIE MCKNIGHT	
32. Film and Television	411
MARK CONNELLY	

PART VII AROUND THE WORLD

33. Bethlehem and the Middle East	423
ELIZABETH MONIER	
34. Catholic Europe	433
NADINE CRETIN	

35. Germany and Scandinavia	445
JOE PERRY	
36. Russia	463
FRANCESCA SILANO	
37. The United Kingdom	475
MARTIN JOHNES	
38. The United States	489
DANIEL VACA	
39. Africa	500
JOEL CABRITA	
40. Asia	511
JOSEPH TSE-HEI LEE	
41. Latin America and the Caribbean	522
DAVID THOMAS ORIQUE, O.P.	

PART VIII THE STATE AND SOCIETY

42. Public Holidays and the Law	537
RICHARD W. GARNETT AND JACKSON C. BLAIS	
43. Commercialism and Consumerism	549
JOHN SCHMALZBAUER	
44. Secularity	560
DAVID NASH	
45. Culture Wars	570
GERRY BOWLER	
Epilogue: The Many True Meanings of Christmas	581
TIMOTHY LARSEN	
<i>Index</i>	585