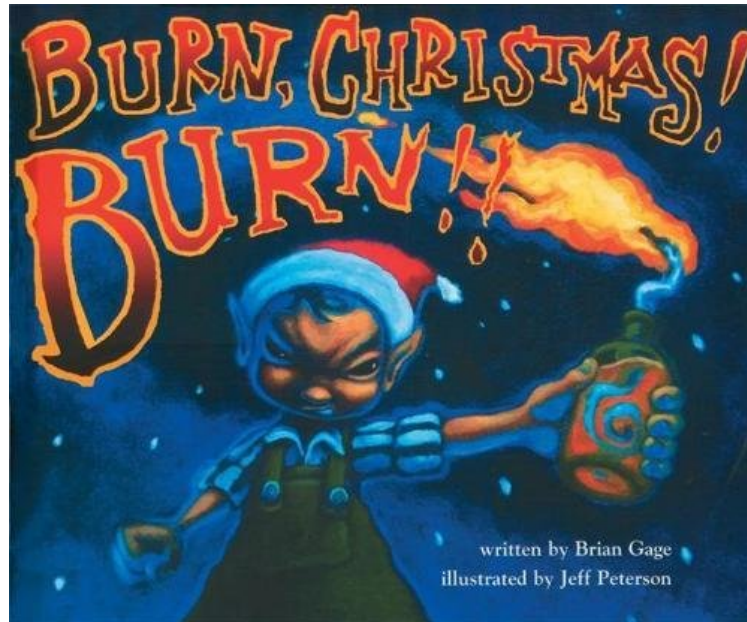


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**Brian Gage : Burn, Christmas! Burn!!** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Burn, Christmas! Burn!!:

3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Christmas Inferno (Burn the Mutha' Down)By Jessica FergusonDark and angry, and yet hysterically funny, Brian Gage and Jeff Peterson have created a scathing commentary of Christmas that looks like a children's picture book. Bippy the Elf (whose real name is Eugene Vladimir Von Triton Krinkeltoot), gives us a rhyming tour of Santa's famous "workshop" where the head CEO himself forces the elves to work night and day and where they never get any benefits in return, ("Last year reindeer droppings were the bonus to the staff.") all so that YOU can have a Merry Christmas. So this year, Bippy and the elves decide to stage an Elven Revolution to get out of Santa's Sweatshop and are planning to come right into YOUR HOME! Anyone who has overloaded on Christmas marketing and the exploitation of the worldwide labor force will love this little book, even if the symbolism is a bit obvious. I would recommend one for everyone on your Christmas list...but it is printed in China...Burn, Christmas, Burn!!! 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Burn it Down! Loved it. By Heather Roade I thought it might be a little strange to order this book during the summer, but hey Christmas in July why not? Although, it's not quite what I expected, I surprisingly got a big kick out of this mean-spirited little book I think due to my own aversion to Christmas festivities. Particularly well done was the demise of the other reindeer at Rudolph's hands: "And all the reindeer games at which Rudolph could never play, He'll be the one who's laughing and name calling Christmas Day." The illustration that accompanies it is very well done and really sick-minded. If you like books that are a little out there, and convey a sick sense of humor, then you can't go wrong here. I thought it was really audacious. 1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Burn, "Burn, Christmas! Burn!!" Burn!! By Peter Pearson While I sympathize with the anti-consumerism ideals behind it, this book is just poorly done. The rhyming scheme is stilted and forced, it's overly wordy, and the narrative is disjointed. It's bad, folks. This book is bad. As Dorothy Parker said, "This book

should not be set aside lightly. It should be thrown with great force." Do yourself and those Chinese printers a favor: suppress your consumerist tendencies! DON'T BUY THIS BOOK! May it go out of print immediately. Amen.

*Burn, Christmas! Burn!* is a humorous Christmas book about Santa's Elves who are tired of being third-rate drones in his oppressive sweatshop. Santa is greedy and old. Mrs. Claus is the crotchety and mean CFO. And Rudolph? He's got a score to settle too. Years of backbreaking labor have finally done in the Elve's patience. They've reached boiling point. They're mad as hell and not going to take it anymore. What to do? Well, overthrow Christmas, of course. Thus the Elve's plot: to turn the reindeer into raindeer stew (guided into the reindeer stables by Rudolph's nose); booby-trap the children's presents; smash Santa's factory. Unless...all the little children (naughty, nice, who cares!) agree to send demands for elfin freedom to Santa, instead of their wish lists...This book incorporates many beloved Christmas tales only to turn them on their head. Or knock their heads together.

About the Author Brian Gage is also the author of *The Saddest Little Robot* that was awarded the Booksense 76 Children's Selection in 2004. Jeff Petersen's work regularly appears in *SF Weekly* and *SF Bay Guardian*. He has also illustrated for *10,000 Maniacs*.