



Chantelle Celebrates Christmas

By Nicola Tenyue

PRESS RELEASE

Excited about Christmas, six-year old Chantelle is surprised to learn that some of her friends celebrate different religious festivals, in this delightful and educational children's picture book.

In the lead up to Christmas Day, Chantelle is caught up in all things festive, at home and at school; from fun decorations, to the chance of snow and, of course, shopping for presents for her family. But as the days pass by, Chantelle learns that her friends - Abigail, who is Jewish and Ade, who is Muslim - have different beliefs, each with their own traditions. So what do you do when your friends don't celebrate Christmas? Create your own festive party of course, which everyone can enjoy together!

The second instalment in the *Chantelle* series, **Chantelle Celebrates Christmas** is a sweetly entertaining story for younger children, brought to life with bright, modern illustrations. Since become a mother to twin girls, Nicola Tenyue was inspired to write; firstly for the opportunity to give young children from diverse backgrounds a positive character to identify with, and secondly to improve children's self-confidence. Hoping to emphasise the message that all children should embrace and accept their own — and others — individual differences and beliefs, Nicola's *Chantelle* series of educational picture books will help equip children with the social and emotional skills they need to navigate the challenges of the multi-cultural world we live. It's a wonderful, positive story that parents, primary school teachers and extended families will enjoy sharing with children in the lead up to Christmas.

About the author: Children's author Nicola Tenyue lives in South-London with her twin daughters. Graduating from UCL Pg Cert in Low Intensity Cognitive Behavioural Interventions she has since transferred her expertise to her writing, focussing on encouraging self-esteem and emotional well-being in young children. Tenyue gives readings at her local primary schools with the aim of creatively highlighting vital life skills in self-awareness and understanding of cultural diversity that are important to instil in young children. As a psychological wellbeing practitioner, Nicola is active in the wider community, delivering self-confidence and emotional wellbeing workshops. The first book in the *Chantelle* series is **Chantelle's New Tooth** (Clink Street Publishing, November 2015). **Chantelle Celebrates Christmas** (published 1st December 2015 RRP TBC) is available online from retailers including [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) and can be ordered from all good bookstores. For more information please visit www.chantellebooks.com and follow her @chantellebooks.

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