

Book of the Month

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The Christmas Pine

Julia Donaldson

Deep in a snowy forest stands a little pine tree with a special destiny: when it grows up, it's going to be a famous Christmas tree!

Every year a Christmas tree is given by Norway to the UK, to thank us for sheltering their king during the Second World War. The tree is decorated with lights and stands in London's Trafalgar Square. In 2020 tJulia Donaldson was asked to write a poem about this tradition and decided to tell the story of the tree's life in its own words, and also to celebrate carol-singing at a time when – because of Coronavirus – singing was being discouraged, Her poem is now a book, illustrated by Norwegian illustrator, Victoria Sandoy, who has so sensitively captured the spirit of the tree's journey from the snowy forest to the festive city.

<https://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/books/picture-books/the-christmas-pine/>

