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WEDNESDAY
December 1, 2004

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Life is made up of desires that seem big and vital one minute, and little and absurd the next."

Alice Caldwell Rice



A delightfully unsentimental "Christmas Story" by Paul Auster.

It's time for the twee books of Christmas

By Jarrett Smith
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Does it seem as if the true meaning of Christmas gets misplaced every year somewhere between the Day-After-Thanksgiving Discount Spectacular and the New Year's White Sale? Fortunately, there's a new batch of "twee" (cute and little) books at the mall every year to help us find it again.

Some of this year's truly twee include:

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BOOKS MIDWEEK

BOOKS from E1

The cup of holiday twee books runneth over

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"A Cup of Christmas Tea," by Tom Hegg, illustrated by Warren Hanson (Waldman, \$14.95). The story of a young man's reluctant Christmas visit with an elderly aunt, which has sold more than 1.5 million copies since it was first published in 1982, gets a fresh lump of sugar in this elegant new edition with the familiar illustrations and text.



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