

JOSÉ FELICIANO'S FELIZ NAVIDAD

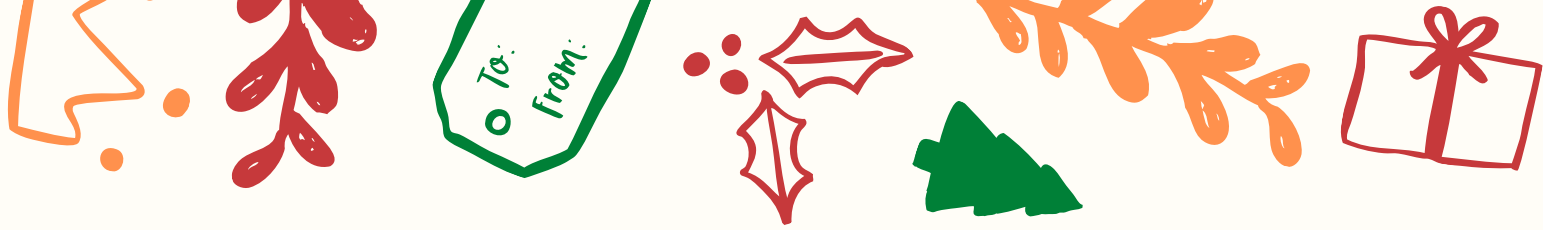
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Enjoy this beautiful narrative, the introduction included in the book, which explains Puerto Rico's long-standing holiday traditions.

Join in the parranda, a long-standing Christmas tradition in Puerto Rico. During the holiday season, natives of this tropical island go caroling from house to house singing classic songs called Aguinaldos. Los parranderos get together and play instruments such as guitarras, tambarillos and maracas to serenade a neighbor. The surprised neighbors invites los parranderos into their home for singing, dancing and delicious food. But the party does not end there.

The traveling party parades through the neighborhood bringing the festivities to another house, then another, and another. This fun cycle of singing and dancing continues all night as the party gets bigger and bigger with family and friends young and old.





At the last house a huge outdoor cookout is prepared complete with homemade foods and desserts and the typical lechon asado, or slow roasted pig. This feast unites family, friends and neighbors for a magical celebration during the Christmas season. It is within the spirit of Christmas that family and friends come together to share the magic of this festive holiday.

From winter wonderlands to warm tropical climates, people from every background celebrate the joy and beauty of Christmas. The essence of Christmas crosses all cultural boundaries and it sweeps people away in the excitement of parties, feasts, and celebrations around the world. Christmas trees and poinsettias, hot apple cider and eggnog are just some of the classic traditions. But the real miracle of Christmas is the power of giving and the wonderful connections people make with each other around this enchanting holiday.

