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**Christmas comes but once a**  
**year once again!**

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Christmas keeps on coming, returning like clockwork every December. We all know what to expect. It should be possible to plan ahead. And yet most of us somehow manage to grapple with the same old questions year after year. Should I buy the tree in early December or wait for a last-minute bargain? How do you put together the techno monsters lurking under the Christmas tree? Who can look after the guinea pig when we head off after the holidays? You'll find all the answers in Axel Hacke's Christmas collection. A rich array of Christmas booty: short stories, satires and indispensably witty reflections upon the festive season.



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