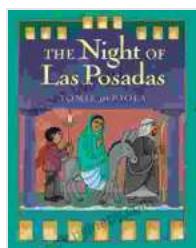


# The Night of Las Posadas: A Magical and Meaningful Christmas Celebration



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**What is Las Posadas?**

Las Posadas is a traditional Mexican Christmas celebration that takes place over nine nights, from December 16th to December 24th. The word "posada" means "inn" in Spanish, and the celebration commemorates the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, where they sought shelter before the birth of Jesus.

Each night of Las Posadas, a group of people gather at a different house to sing songs, pray, and break open a piñata. The piñata is filled with candy and fruit, and it symbolizes the breaking open of the heavens on Christmas Day.

## **The History of Las Posadas**

Las Posadas originated in Spain in the 16th century. When the Spanish missionaries brought Catholicism to Mexico, they incorporated Las Posadas into the Christmas celebrations of the indigenous people. Over time, Las Posadas became a unique Mexican tradition that is still celebrated today.

## **How to Celebrate Las Posadas**

If you want to celebrate Las Posadas yourself, there are a few things you need to do. First, you need to gather a group of friends or family members. Then, you need to choose a house to host each night of the celebration.

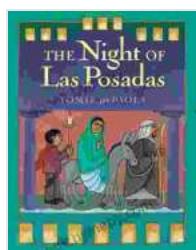
On each night of Las Posadas, the group will gather at the host house and sing songs, pray, and break open a piñata. The songs are typically traditional Mexican Christmas carols, and the prayers are generally in Spanish.

After the prayers and songs, the group will break open the piñata. The piñata is usually filled with candy and fruit, and it is a symbol of the breaking open of the heavens on Christmas Day.

## The Meaning of Las Posadas

Las Posadas is a beautiful and meaningful Christmas celebration. It is a time to come together with loved ones, sing songs, pray, and celebrate the birth of Jesus. If you are looking for a way to experience the true spirit of Christmas, Las Posadas is a great way to do it.

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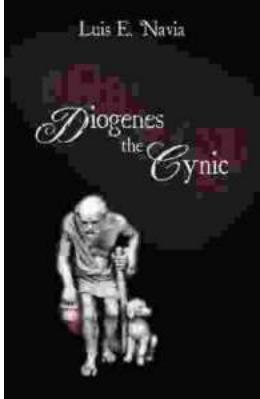
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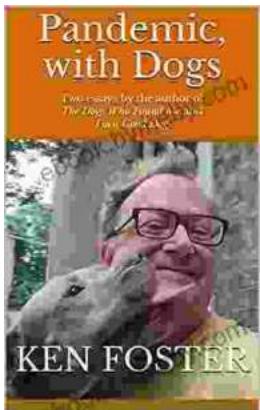
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