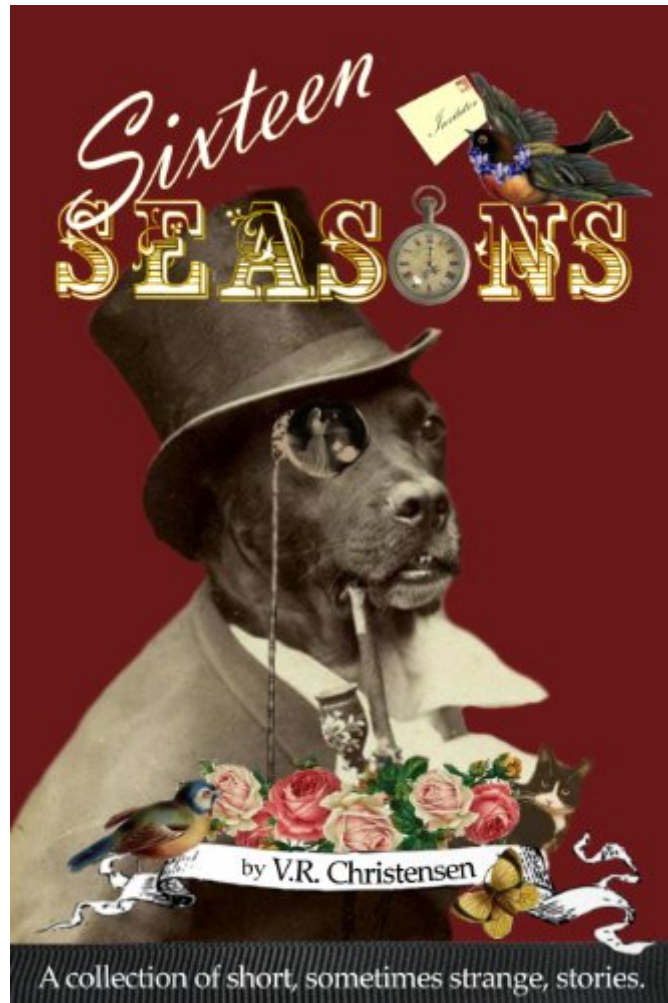


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# Sixteen Seasons - A Collection Of Short, Sometimes Strange, Stories.



## Synopsis

Bestselling author V.R. Christensen presents a collection of short, and yes, sometimes strange, stories, loosely inspired by the seasons of the year as well as those of life. Described as "elegant" and "delightful", these stories are sure to capture the imagination, entertain, enlighten, and inspire. Containing material new as well as that previously published, there is something here for every fan of historical fiction; from the traditional ghost story, to the Christmas tear-jerker, from the bit of steampunk fantasy, to the romantic comedy. And for those already familiar with the author's work, the collection contains bonus material relative to the bestselling novels *Of Moths & Butterflies* and *Cry of the Peacock*. Truly, 'tis the season for *Sixteen Seasons*!

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## Customer Reviews

I'm just not into paranormal. I enjoyed her novels "Cry of the Peacock" and "Of Moths and Butterflies". The short story collection was a disappointment after reading her novels. Read the novels and skip this one.

Can past mistakes be corrected? Can past hurts be forgiven and repaired? When a second chance beckons, can a person have the courage to grasp it and go forward? Such are some of the questions that weave their way through V.R. Christensen's evocative volume of short stories. Most of the tales take place in the Edwardian era and Christensen's prose captures both the external, sometimes claustrophobic restrictions of those times and the passionate emotions bubbling underneath. In several stories there is a touch of the paranormal as space and time constrict and expand. As in any collection, some stories are stronger than others -- Parade and Summer's End were two that I found to be particularly affecting -- but on the whole I found this to be a very rewarding read. I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Sixteen Seasons, a collection of short stories and novellas that loosely follow the seasons of a year, is exquisite. They are beautifully written tales, primarily set in the latter decades of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. These sixteen stories are in turns melancholy, comical, historical, mysterious, romantic and tragic. Taken together, they are literally and figuratively haunting. You will not be able to put this collection down once you have begun, and they are an excellent introduction to Christensen's longer work.

None of these are the same, even though they intersect and interconnect in large measure. Some brought out quite an emotional reaction in me and I thank the author for that!

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