# Not All Christmases Are So Magical And Santa Clauses So Good

Christmas is a time of joy and celebration for many people, but it can also be a difficult time for those who have experienced loss or trauma. For some, the holidays can be a reminder of what they have lost, and the joy and cheer that others experience can be a painful contrast.

If you are struggling with the holidays, there are things you can do to get through this challenging time.



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### Here are some tips for coping with the holidays when you are grieving:

• Allow yourself to grieve. It is important to allow yourself to feel the emotions that come up during the holidays. Don't try to bottle them up or pretend that you are feeling happy when you are not.

- Talk to someone. If you are struggling, talk to a friend, family member, therapist, or other trusted person. Talking about your feelings can help you process them and feel less alone.
- Take care of yourself. Make sure you are eating healthy, getting enough sleep, and taking care of your physical and emotional health.
- Do things that bring you joy. If there are certain activities or traditions that bring you joy, make sure to do them during the holidays.
   This could include spending time with loved ones, going to church, or volunteering.
- Set limits. If there are certain people or situations that are difficult for you, it is okay to set limits. You don't have to spend time with people who make you feel uncomfortable, and you don't have to participate in activities that you don't enjoy.
- Remember that you are not alone. Many people struggle with the holidays, especially those who have experienced loss or trauma. There are people who care about you and want to help you through this difficult time.

The holidays can be a difficult time for many people, but there are things you can do to get through this challenging time. By following these tips, you can cope with your grief and find ways to enjoy the holidays.

#### Here are some additional resources that may be helpful:

- GriefNet
- National Share
- National Alliance on Mental Illness



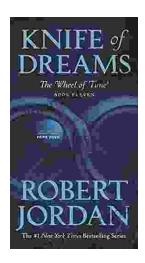
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