Review of *The Nutcracker* by Alison Jay.

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It is Christmas Eve and Clara is given a present by her Uncle Drosselmeyer. A nutcracker in fact! Worried about her new beloved friend after foolish Fritz breaks the nutcracker's jaw, Clara falls into a deep slumber under the Christmas tree and experiences a night of magical adventure. An enchanting rendition of a classic Christmas tale based on the Balanchine ballet, Jay's storytelling and illustrations are a delightful combination. The story of Clara and the Nutcracker is given with accuracy and whimsy, covering all important aspects of the story, but also capturing the whimsical and dreamlike essence of Clara's adventure. The illustrations are warm and captivating, making it the perfect cozy-night-by-the-fire Christmas read. Highly Recommended. At Bacon, Centennial Library Intern, Cedarville University

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