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From Laughing Elephant : Santa Claus Postcard Book before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Santa Claus Postcard Book:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. All Vintage - an Enjoyable Set! By Happy Reader All of these postcard images come from illustrations that appeared in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. None of them are dated or have attributions, which doesn't detract from them. It just means that the images are not copyrighted. All show a benevolent Santa Claus, though a couple predate the version that has solidified in the American mind: white hair, beard mustache, red suit with white fur trim and usually wire-rim glasses. In case you didn't know, this version of Santa Claus was popularized by the illustrations of political cartoonist Thomas Nast I think his first well-distributed picture of this Santa Claus was around 1863. So probably a couple of the images used on this postcard set date from before then. One unusual postcard has a spectacle-less Santa holding a martini glass in one hand and a lit cigar in the other. He has a merry face, but it is a little red and looks suspiciously like W.C. Fields. Another of my favorites shows

Santa Claus celebrating with an early version of Uncle Sam. (An Uncle Sam who is tall, slender and gray haired bearded was popularized around WWI.) Each card measures a little less each way than 6 " x 4 ", and is perforated on one long end. Each card tears out fairly easily if you use them in order. It is nearly impossible to take one out cleanly from the middle of the book. So I took all the cards out at once, and store them loose with a rubber band within the book. The cardstock used is a little heavier than usual, but these postcards only require postcard mailing rates. All in all, a nice set from Laughing Elephant, keeping in mind that all the images are "vintage". Happy Reader 2 of 2 people

found the following review helpful. Perfect for POSTCROSSING! By Neil Hajba A wonderful collection of postcards!!! I bought this book for my "Postcrossing Addiction" and loved it! The recipients of the postcards really enjoyed the images. Made of sturdy card stock with lots of room for writing your message AND the address of where it's going to! Cards are easily detachable! A great value for the price! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful.

Five Stars By alwayscocacola_80 Everyone who received one of these postcards for Christmas loved it!

The end of the 19th and the early 20th century were a rich time for postcard publishing. Hundreds of millions of designs were issued, and billions sent through the million. Almost every subject was explored, holidays of course

being a favorite occasion on which to mail a card, and Christmas prime among those holidays.

About the Author Laughing Elephant houses one of the world's finest book and ephemera collections focusing on children's and juvenile art.