



## Greatest Gift: A Christmas Tale

By Phillip Van Doren Stern

Simon & Schuster. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Greatest Gift: A Christmas Tale, Phillip Van Doren Stern, For almost seventy years, people the world over have fallen in love with Frank Capra's classic Christmas film *It's a Wonderful Life*. But few of those fans know that Capra's film was inspired by a short story by author Philip Van Doren Stern, which came to Stern in a dream one night. Unable at first to find a publisher for his heart-warming tale of a man named George Pratt who ponders suicide until he receives an opportunity to see what the world would be like without him, Stern ultimately published the story in a small pamphlet and sent it out as his Christmas card for 1943. One of those 200 copies found its way into the hands of David Hempstead, a producer at RKO films, and the film that has become a cherished holiday tradition for many was born. Now fans of *It's a Wonderful Life*, or anyone who loves the spirit of Christmas, can own the story that started it all in an appealing hardcover edition that's perfect for holiday giving to family, friends, co-workers, neighbours, and more.



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