

**Socks**

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Rock and roller JD McPherson’s comical salute to Christmas curmudgeons hops from stage to page, making for the stocking stuffer of the season.

“It’s not inconceivable that JD’s song, here teamed with Anika Orrock’s brilliant illustrations, is so groovy that parents, on reading their kids’ letters to Santa, will start to see ‘and a pair of argyles, please’ at the bottom.” —singer-songwriter Nick Lowe

“The perfect holiday read for a snowy night. Don’t forget the hot cocoa, cookies, and a very cozy pair of SOCKS!” —Andrea Beaty, author of the New York Times best-selling Questioners books

*This is the worst gift I ever got!  
It doesn’t beep or buzz or bop or rattle in the box!  
Why’d they waste the paper on a lousy pair of SOCKS?*



Photo by Joshua Black Wilkins

**JD McPherson** is an acclaimed roots rocker and songwriter whose Christmas album, *Socks*, was dubbed by Rolling Stone a “no schmaltz” classic. This is his picture-book debut. JD McPherson lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma

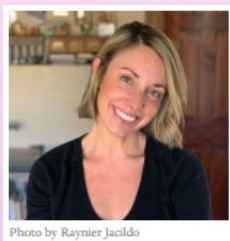


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**Anika Orrock** is an award-winning illustrator, author, and cartoonist. Her work has been featured on NPR and in the Washington Post, the San Francisco Chronicle, the New York Times, and the Society of Illustrators Annual Exhibition. She also proudly created the illustrations for *Socks*, the original 2018 Christmas album by JD McPherson and his band. Anika Orrock loves Christmastime and will cross any street to pet a dog. She lives in Nashville.



It’s the dawn of Christmas morning, and this child can no longer wait, furtively tiptoeing straight to the unlit Christmas tree. There lies a festive box, brightly wrapped, with their name on it. A shake for good measure, and then . . . wait, seriously? What did they ever do to deserve this? Based on the cult classic “Socks” (from his eponymous Christmas album), bluesy rock and roller JD McPherson pays hilarious homage to a stereotypically bad gift—and its disappointed recipients—in a deftly extended picture-book version of his song. Brought to energetic life in droll, retro artwork by Anika Orrock, who illustrated the album cover and liner, *Socks* will prove a perfect fit for anyone who has ever gotten stressed over holiday gift-giving—and everyone, big or small, who’s come to appreciate the love wrapped up in even the humblest present. Includes a QR code to the “Socks” song.



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