

# A Priceless Holiday Gift

## Cherished Tools for an Iconic Aspiring Writer

25 memorable Christmas moments from iconic TV shows, specials, movies and Hollywood films aired recently on a cable channel.

Wonder how many viewers know that one entry was based on actual events?

By the time he was six-years-old, Earl Hamner had written and had a poem published in the town's newspaper and knew he would be a writer.

Years later, the Walton's Homecoming Christmas special, based on Hamner's family, included the story of a son getting a surprise gift of writing tools from his father, who had struggled to find work and had been forced to live away from home, walking for miles to return to the family for the holidays.



A simple yet priceless cherished gesture Because n not only was the gift a sacrifice because money was hard to come by for the family,

but the meaning underscored validation and acceptance of a son's decision to pursue the arts despite a time of nationwide economic catastrophe.

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