Read unlimited* books and audiobooks on the web, iPad, iPhone and Android. His most famous short stories include "The Story of the Other Wise Man" and "The First Christmas Tree", which, like many of his other works, centered around moral and religious themes. After a lifetime of public service and religious leadership, Henry van Dyke died in 1933 at the age of 80. Read more. The Spirit of Christmas: Creative Holiday Ideas Book 10 by Anne Van Wagner Childs Hardcover $4.90. Only 1 left in stock - order soon. Ships from and sold by jenrho4. Leisure Arts Presents the Spirit of Christmas (Bk. 11) by Leisure Arts Hardcover $3.99. In Stock. I have most of the Spirit of Christmas books by Leisure Arts and I love them. This was the only one I didn't have. Now my set is complete. Although not strictly a Christmas story, this book covers the Battle of the Bulge, which took place during WWII from December 19, 1944, to January 17, 1945. It was the bloodiest battle of the war, and as many of the soldiers lacked basic cold gear, it was also one of the most physically testing. The Battered Bastards of Bastogne is comprised of 530 soldiers' accounts of the battle. He is drawn to the belltower of a church where he finds the spirits of the bells and goblin attendants. Through a series of visions, he learns why he must not give up hope in man's ability to improve. 27 Amazing Peace by Maya Angelou.