



I - Read the text below!

The Modern-Day Origins of Secret Santa in the USA

Secret Santa history, as we know it today, starts with a man named Larry Dean Stewart. Known by many as the “original Secret Santa,” Stewart was a philanthropist who loved to spread holiday cheer through anonymous giving. For over 25 years, he secretly handed out \$100 bills to strangers, brightening the holidays for thousands of people in Kansas. His acts of kindness weren’t limited to just one state—after the tragic events of 9/11, Stewart also made a memorable impact in New York City by donating \$25,000 in \$100 bills to those in need after the tragedy.

So, how did Secret Santa originate from Stewart’s actions? Only in 2006 Stewart revealed himself as the mysterious “Secret Santa.” His anonymous giving during the holiday season inspired a movement, and soon, people began playing the Secret Santa game at holiday parties and family gatherings during the Christmas season to capture the same spirit of surprise and generosity.

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II - Answer the questions based on the text.

1. Who was Larry Dean Stewart?

- a. A very generous man
- b. A physiotherapist from Kansas
- c. A kind man who liked to receive money

2. What did he like to do during Christmas?

- a. He gave toys to homeless kids
- b. He liked to make strangers happy
- c. He loved to donate money to the city of New York

3. What did Larry do after the 9/11 in NYC?

- a. Larry donated goods to those in need
- b. He gave dozens of thousands of dollars to people
- c. He helped the firefighters' families with U\$25.000

4. How did Larry inspire the Secret Santa game?

- a. He inspired people to be more generous and caring
- b. He inspired people to donate money to their relatives
- c. Larry told people to start playing this game with kids

5. How was the Secret Santa game in the movie?

- a. It was generous and kind
- b. It was chaotic and surprising
- c. It was a friendly family game

