

So what did you get for Christmas?

Sometimes it isn't the gift, it is the thought behind it. Sometimes it is the gift. Sometimes it is both. Over the years I've had plenty of wonderful gifts. Sometimes they are things I specifically ask for. For the gift giver, it is very easy to get me exactly the gift I wanted. Sometimes the gift I want is very extravagant, and should be out of the range of anyone getting me gifts. Sometimes this is where have four daughters really pays some benefits to me. While I only get 1 gift from them, it is something I really want, and would never buy for myself.

Take two years ago, all for girls went in on an "official" Indiana Jones Fedora. I would have made to with any nice looking brown fedora, but they got me a very well made replica. I realize I should have put in in a case just to look at but I wear it almost every day. Fedoras are not made for heavy winds. They will fly off heads. That is why some hats have strings on them. ☐

This year they did it again. Something I wanted, and probably would never have spent the money on. Years ago, first on Showtime and then on PBS, there was a wonderful show called [Shelley Duvall's Faerie Tale Theatre](#). It was a wonderful show, and as soon as I had a VCR, I started taping the shows. When I could no longer get them we had the girl's grandmother tape them. Fast forward to now, and the tapes we had of these shows wore out, were misplaced or just got re-used. I never did own the complete series. The girls knew I liked the shows, so they went together and bought the DVDs of this series. So now I have hours of faerie tale enjoyment ahead of me. If asked nicely, I would even be willing to share.

From the very first faerie tale "The Frog Prince" with Robin

Williams and Terri Garr, to the very last show "The Dancing Princesses" with Leslie Ann Warren, these shows had big name stars from the 80's. The shows were made so that parents could watch them with their children. I'm not sure about any other family watching these, but after some of the shows, we would dig out the original faerie tale to read to our children. A wonderful family time and now memory.

So what did I get for Christmas this year? About the same as every year. I was given much love, wonderful memories all wrapped up with paper and bows. This was hidden in a gift given from the heart. Or in this case four very loving hearts.