

### **Cast (in order of appearance)**

Carolers (singing)

Chris – a young trans-gendered man who is employed at the LGTBQ bookstore

Rachel – a lesbian employee of the LGTBQ bookstore

Bob – a gay man; long time employee at the bookstore

Carol – the founder and owner of the bookstore

Narrator

Clock (non-speaking)

Jake – A flamboyant gay man; Carol's co-founder who was killed years ago

Dolly Parton/Spirit of Christmas Past – could be played by fabulous female or in drag

Young Carol – owner of the bookstore at a younger age

Isabel – Carol's former girlfriend

Robber (non-speaking)

Cher/Spirit of Christmas Present – could be played by fabulous female or in drag

Hugo – Bob's husband

Chris' Mother – the mother of Chris who doesn't recognize his gender identity

Lila – Rachel's wife

Third Spirit (non-speaking) – a mysterious and somewhat spooky apparition

*The action of the play takes place mainly in an LGTBQ bookstore and also in Carol's bedroom.*

## Plot Synopsis

**Scene 1:** It is a few days before Christmas and we meet the employees of the bookstore as they complain how hard their boss is on them. Carol arrives and we quickly see that she is not a big fan of the holidays and has a strong political and social justice mission.

*[Music: Two Carols; You're a Mean One]*

**Scene 2:** Carol is visited by the ghost of Jake, her former partner who warns her that she will be visited by three apparitions that same night.

**Scene 3:** The first ghost, a Dolly Parton look-alike, visits Carol. The ghost reminds her of a night from her past when two important events took place that shaped her ensuing life: the break up with her girlfriend Isabel and the robbery at the bookstore during which Jake was killed.

*[Music: Hard Candy Christmas (solo)]*

**Scene 4:** The second ghost, a Cher impersonator who constantly communicates through pop song lines, visits Carol. This ghost shows Carol what is happening in the lives of her three employees. We see a brief vignette as Chris tries to reconnect with his mom and is rebuffed, a scene between Bob and Hugo and their young son, Timmy and finally Rachel and Lila as they prepare for Hanukkah.

*[Music: Hanukkah Tonight]*

**Scene 5:** The third and spookiest ghost appears and shows Carol a future where her bookstore has been turned into the headquarters for a right-wing organization. Carol begins to realize how she has shut herself off from friends and family through her zealous activism.

*[Music: I Know Where I've Been]*

**Scene 6:** It is now morning and Carol has a change of heart in how she treats her employees. She joyfully embraces life and rushes to the shop to share her new found generosity with them.

*[Music: God Bless Us Everyone]*