

The 2012 Holiday Buying Guide from Reading Rockets

Books as Gifts

Stories come alive when they are shared. And there is no better time than during the holidays to make memories by sharing stories. They come in lots of formats — as physical books, eBooks, recordings and more. Take a look, find a story of fact or of fiction, and make a memory.

Happy holidays from Reading Rockets!

For children up to 4 years old

- *African Animal Alphabet* by Beverly & Dereck Joubert
- *Alphasaurus* by Megan Bryant
- *Baby Sounds* by Joy Allen
- *Bea at Ballet* by Rachael Isadora
- *The Big Book of Words and Pictures* by Ole Koonecke
- *Cat Tale* by Michael Hall
- *Dini Dinosaur* by Karen Beaumont
- *Duck Sock Hop* by Jane Kohuth
- *Fabulous Fishes* by Susan Stockdale
- *I Like Old Clothes* by Mary Ann Hoberman
- *Kite Day: A Bear and Mole Story* by Will Hillenbrand
- *In the Woods* by Elizabeth Spur
- *I'm Fast* by Kate and Jim McMullan
- *Little Tug* by Stephen Savage
- *Look Look Outside* by Peter Linenthal
- *A Mary Blair Treasure of Golden Books* by Mary Blair
- *Mice on Ice* by Rebecca & Ed Emberley

For children 4–5 years old

- *Bear Has a Story to Tell* by Philip Stead
- *Bird Talk: What Birds Are Saying and Why* by Lita Judge
- *Birds of a Feather* by Bernadette Gervais & Francesco Pittau
- *Chloe and the Lion* by Mac Barnett
- *Cock-a-Doodle-Do, Creak, Pop-Pop, Moo* by Jim Aylesworth
- *Count Me In! A Parade of Mexican Folk Art* by Cynthia Weill
- *Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett
- *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs* by Mo Willems
- *A Home for Bird* by Philip Stead
- *I Am So Handsome* by Mariou Ramos
- *Into the A, B, Sea* by Deborah Lee Rose
- *The Island* by Marlje & Ronald Tolman
- *Lemonade in Winter* by Emily Jenkins
- *More* by I.C. Springman
- *Nighttime Ninja* by Barbara DaCosta
- *Oh, No!* by Candace Fleming
- *Olive and the Big Secret* by Tor Freeman
- *Oliver* by Judith Rossell
- *Seahorses* by Jennifer Curtis
- *This Is Not My Hat* by Jon Klassen
- *Z Is for Moose* by Kelly Bingham
- *Zephyr Takes Flight* by Steve Light



See the next page for books for kids 6–7 years old and 8–9 years old, as well as audio books.

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For children 6–7 years old

- *Body Actions* by Shelley Rotner & David White
- *Everything Goes in the Air* by Brian Biggs
- *Laundry Day* by Maurie Manning
- *Let's Go for a Drive* by Mo Willems
- *Look! Another Book* by Rob Staake
- *Penny and Her Song* by Kevin Henkes
- *Saving Yasha: The Incredible True Story of an Adopted Moon Bear* by Lia Kvatum
- *The Sneaky Snow Fox* by Patricia Reilly Giff
- *There's a Fly Guy in My Soup* by Tedd Arnold
- *Who Has This Tail?* by Laura Hulbert

To read with children 6–7 years old

- *Abe Lincoln's Dream* by Lane Smith
- *Dreaming Up* by Christy Hale
- *Hello! Hello!* by Matthew Cordell
- *Jangles: A Big Fish Story* by David Shannon
- *Just Ducks!* by Nicola Davies
- *Land of Milk and Honey* by Joyce Carol Thomas
- *Magical Life of Mr. Renny* by Leo Timmers
- *Ostrich and Lark* by Marilyn Nelson
- *Seed by Seed: The Legend and Legacy of John "Appleseed" Chapman* by Esme Codell
- *The World's Greatest Lion* by Ralph Helfer
- *Unspoken: A Story from the Underground Railroad* by Henry Cole

For children 8–9 years old

- *A Place for Bats* by Melissa Stewart
- *The Boy Who Cried Alien* by Marilyn Singer
- *Dinosaurs Before Dark* by Mary Pope Osborne
- *Halfway to Perfect* by Nikki Grimes
- *The Hero of Little Street* by Gregory Rogers
- *The Legend of Diamond Lil: A J.J. Tully Mystery* by Doreen Cronin
- *Make Your Mark: The Drawing Book for Children* by Sarah Richardson

- *Meat-Eating Plants: Toothless Wonders* by Ellen Lawrence
- *Ringtale: Miner's Cat* by Joyce Markovics
- *Snakes* by Nic Bishop

To read with children 8–9 years old

- *The Arrow Finds Its Mark: A Book of Found Poems* by Georgia Heard
- *Hide & Seek* by David Carter
- *I Have a Dream* by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
- *Moby Dick: Chasing the Great White Whale* by Eric Kimmel
- *Return to the Willows* by Jacqueline Kelly
- *A Strange Place to Call Home: The World's Most Dangerous Habitats and the Animals That Call Them Home* by Marilyn Singer
- *Starry River of the Sky* by Grace Lin
- *Tilly's Moonlight Garden* by Julia Green

Audio Books and Games

- *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White, read by the author
- *Cheshire Cheese Cat: A Dickens of a Tale* by Carmen Agra Deedy & Randall Wright, read by Katherine Kellgren & Robin Sachs
- *Dumpling Days* by Grace Lin, read by Angela Lin
- *Malcolm at Midnight* by W. H. Beck, read by Charlotte Parry
- *Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum, read by Brooke Shields & Paul Rudd
- *A Steve Light Storybox, Hansel and Gretel* by Guidecraft

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