

Books for Holiday or Anytime Giving: A Gift List

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A Book by Mordecai Gerstein: A girl in search of *her story* travels through many different kinds of stories to find her own.

The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth by Kathleen Krull: Can you imagine a world without TV? Meet the man who invented it, inspired by an idea that he had when he was only 14 years old.

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown: Liam discovers some struggling wildflowers in the middle of a city. Over time, Liam's garden delivers some surprising results.

The Lion & the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney: Stunningly illustrated with images from the African Serengeti, this book uses richly detailed pictures to retell a classic fable about the value of kindness.

Robot Zot! by Jon Scieszka, illustrated by David Shannon: A fierce warrior from outer space is determined to conquer Planet Earth.... Oh, wait, he's only three inches tall! Hilarity ensues as our hero battles appliances and falls in love with a pink cell phone.

Round Like a Ball by Lisa Campbell Ernst: Each page brings a new clue, both text and visual, in this guessing game in a book.

Skippyjon Jones: Lost in Spice by Judy Schachner: He's battled Bumblebeetos, bobble-itos, mummies and dinosaurs. But everyone's favorite Skippito has some new battles ahead...with Martians

The Sleepy Little Alphabet by Judy Sierra: Snuggle together with this alphabet bedtime rhyme that's the perfect way to end the day!

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Family Fireplace Favorites

Afghan Dreams: Young Voices of Afghanistan by Tony O'Brien and Mike Sullivan: Afghan children ages 10 to 18 share what their lives are like in their war-torn country. The beautiful photographs and the children's own words make this a wonderful "picture" book to share with children.

Down Down Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea by Steve Jenkins: Travel all the way to the bottom of the ocean in this spectacularly illustrated non-fiction book that explores the fauna and wildlife at every level of the sea.

Julie Andrew's Collection of Poems, Songs and Lullabies: Share and enjoy this beautifully illustrated collection with the whole family.

Kris Kringle by Maria Ciampi: Kris Kringle comes to life in this new family favorite that blends theatrics with magic and fun characters.

The LEGO Book by Daniel Lipkowitz: Did you know the first LEGOs were made of wood? This two-volume set explores the entire history of everyone's favorite plastic brick.

Listen to the Wind by Greg Mortensen: Lost while climbing a mountain in Pakistan, the author vows to help the townspeople who save him by building them a school.

A Really Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson: Sure to make those long car rides to Grandma's house pass quickly, this book will delight family members who want to know the whys and hows of the world.

A World of Colors: Seeing Colors in a New Way by Marie Houblon: A photographic treat brought to you by National Geographic, this book invites readers to experience color using photos from around the globe.



Each Chapter Makes Winter Flow Faster



Ghosts : A Magic Treehouse Non-Fiction Companion (#20) by Mary Pope Osborne: Add more shivers to your winter with Jack and Annie's non-fiction guide to ghost stories from all over the world.

Magic Tree House: A Good Night for Ghosts by Mary Pope Osborne: Jack Frost isn't the only thing that's going to give you the shivers this winter. Jack and Annie travel to New Orleans in 1915 on the scariest night of the year.

The Magician's Elephant by Kate DiCamillo: In this mysterious tale, a fortune teller reads the future of a young orphan boy - sending him down a magical path that will change his life.

Million-Dollar Throw by Mike Lupica: Nate Brodie, nicknamed "Brady", is offered the chance to win a million dollars by throwing a football at a Patriots Game. Sure to be a hit for all football fans!

A Season of Gifts by Richard Peck: Following A Year Down Yonder and A Long Way from Chicago, unpredictable and eccentric Grandma Dowdle is back and sure to bring excitement to the lives of her new next door neighbors.

The 39 Clues Book 5: The Black Circle by Patrick Carman: Dan and Amy Cahill travel to Russia in their quest to be the first to find 39 clues that will lead them to the source of their family's power and fortune.

Zoobreak by Gordon Korman: Griffin Bing, the Man With a Plan, and his friends plot to rescue Cleo's pet from captivity in the zoo without any monkey business!



Great Gifts for Teens



Eragon's Guide to Alagaesia by Christopher Paolini: Created by the producers of Dragonology, the world of the Inheritance Cycle comes to life in 15 double page spreads. This book is a visual delight that Paolini's fans will relish!

ESPN: The Mighty Book of Sports Knowledge: Sports fans will relish this new compendium of facts, quizzes, quotes, lists, and other curiosities of this discipline.

Purple Heart by Patricia McCormack: After waking up with a traumatic brain injury in a military hospital, Matt earns a Purple Heart for his valor. As his memory slowly returns, Matt wonders if he deserves his honor.

Skulduggery Pleasant: The Faceless Ones by Derek Landy: That's right, he's back! Join Skulduggery and Valkyrie for adventure, laughs and another battle against evil forces.

Sphinx's Princess by Esther Frienser: When Nefertiti discovers her arranged marriage with the crown prince, she decides to take matters into her own capable hands.

The True Meaning of Smekday by Adam Rex: Imagine if earth were taken over by a group of aliens called the Boov and all humans were forced to move to Florida! That is until the Boov decide they really like oranges and send all the humans to Arizona. On the way to Arizona however, another race of aliens, the Gorg decide they want the earth for themselves. And that's just the beginning of this rollicking great ride of a book!

Twilight Director's Notebook: The Story of How We Made the Movie Based on the Novel by Stephenie Myer by Catherine Hardwicke: Sit in the director's seat and consider Hardwicke's decisions that contributed to the success of this blockbuster film.

