

The 2010 Holiday Buying Guide from Reading Rockets

Books as Gifts

What better gift to give than one that can be shared again and again? Books are just that kind of gift. They create memories, too, when read by and with children. This year's list was carefully crafted with just one idea in mind — to find books so engaging that the TV is happily turned off and the iPod and electronic games are put away. Books open new windows to the world. *Happy holidays from Reading Rockets!*

For children up to 4 years old

American Babies by the Global Fund for Children
The Baby Goes Beep by Rebecca O'Connell
Bears! Bears! Bears! by Bob Barner
Bravo by Ginger Foglesong Guy
Ducking for Apples by Lynne Berry
Hello, Puppy! by Jane Cowen-Fletcher
I Like Fruit: A Touch & Feel Book by Lorena Siminovich
I'm 3! Look What I Can Do by Maria Carluccio
Little Owl Lost by Chris Haughton
Market Day! Colors; Shapes, Opposites, Numbers
by Victoria Roberts
Oh, Daddy! by Bob Shea
Pet Shop Follies by Mary Ann Fraser
Push Button by Aliki
Soup Day by Melissa Iwai
Tiny Little Fly by Michael Rosen
Tubby by Leslie Patricelli

For children 4–5 years old

Beaver Is Lost by Elisha Cooper
Alfie Runs Away by Kenneth Cadow
Chicken Little by Rebecca Emberley
The Day of the Dead/El día de los muertos
by Bob Barner
The Gobble Gobble Mooooo Tractor Book
by Jez Alborough
Guinea Pigs Add Up by Margery Cuyler
Gunner, Football Hero by James Ransome
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
Immi's Gift by Karin Littlewood
Looking Closely in the Rain Forest by Frank Serafini
Madlenka Soccer Star by Peter Sis
Miss Lina's Ballerinas by Grace Maccarone
Mr. Peek and the Misunderstanding at the Zoo
by Kevin Waldron
Moon Bear by Brenda Guiberson
One Too Many: A Seek & Find Counting Book
by Gianna Marino
No More, Por Favor by Susan Middleton Elya
The Perfect Gift by Mary Newell DePalma
Shark vs. Train by Chris Barton
Sky-High Guy by Nina Crews
Stomp, Dinosaur, Stomp! by Margaret Mayo
Time to Sleep, Sheep the Sheep by Mo Willems
The Wonderful Book by Leonid Gore

See the next page for books for kids 6–7 years old
and 8–9 years old



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For children 6–7 years old

About Raptors: A Guide for Children by Cathryn Sill
Almost Zero: A Dyamonde Daniel Book by Nikki Grimes
Art and Max by David Wiesner
Babymouse: Cupcake Tycoon by Jennifer Holm & Matthew Holm
Bink & Gollie by Kate DiCamillo & Allison McGhee
Can I Play Too? by Mo Willems
Knuffle Bunny Free by Mo Willems
Stone Rabbit: Ninja Slice by Erik Craddock
Ling & Ting, Not Exactly the Same by Grace Lin
Mercy Watson Fights Crime by Kate Di Camillo
You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fables to Read Together by Mary Ann Hoberman

To read with children 6–7 years old

The Carnival of the Animals by Jack Prelutsky
City Dog, Country Frog by Mo Willems
Dust Devil by Anne Isaacs
Elsie's Bird by Jane Yolen
Old Abe, Eagle Hero: The Civil War's Most Famous Mascot by Patrick Young
Imogene's Antlers by David Small
The Snow Leopard: The True Story of an Amazing Rescue by Juliana, Isabella & Craig Hatkoff
The Rabbit Problem by Emily Gravett
Snook Alone by Marilyn Nelson
Wonder Horse: The True Story of the World's Smartest Horse by Emily Arnold McCully
Young Zeus by G. Brian Karas

For children 8–9 years old

Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring by Jan Greenberg & Sandra Jordan
A Book About Color by Mark Gonyea
Calvin Coconut: Zoo Breath by Graham Salisbury
Clementine, Friend of the Week by Sara Pennypacker
The Fantastic 5 & 10 Cent Store: A Rebus Adventure by J. Patrick Lewis
Little House on the Prairie: 75th Anniversary Edition by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Lizards by Nic Bishop
100 Ways to Celebrate 100 Days by Bruce Goldstone
Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum by Meghan McCarthy
Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow retold by Robert San Souci

To read with children 8–9 years old

Arlington: The Story of Our Nation's Cemetery by Chris Demarest
Clever Jack Takes the Cake by Candace Fleming
The Fantastic Owen Jester by Barbara O'Connor
In the Wild by David Elliott
Mirror by Jeannie Baker
Ole! Flamenco by George Ancona
Nancy and Plum by Betty MacDonald
The Secret Cave: Discovering Lascaux by Emily Arnold McCully
Soar, Elinor! by Tami Lewis Brown
There's a Princess in the Palace: Five Classic Tales retold by Zoe Alley

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