

Books as Gifts

The 2008 Holiday Buying Guide from Reading Rockets for children 8–9 years old

Good books last. They are truly the gift that is remembered long after the holiday or celebration is over. In fact, a book that connects with a young reader will grow with them as it is shared countless times. These books were chosen with just one criterion in mind — good literature that's so engaging that your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or student will gladly turn off the TV and put away the Gameboy. Give books as gifts and watch kids read.

Happy holidays from Reading Rockets!

For independent reading

ABC3D by Marion Bataille

Cam Jansen & the Green School Mystery
by David Adler

Chicken Feathers by Joy Cowley

Elephants of Africa by Gail Gibbons

Eye of the Emperor Penguin by Mary Pope Osborne

Judy Moody Goes to College by Megan McDonald

*Independent Dames: What You Never Knew About
the Women and Girls of the American Revolution*
by Laurie Halse Anderson

Sharks: Biggest! Littlest! by Sandra Markle

Silly School Riddles by Lisa Eisenburg

Stink & the Great Guinea Pig Express
by Megan McDonald

Stichin' and Pullin': Gee's Bend Quilt
by Patricia McKissack

There's a Wolf at the Door: Five Classic Tales
by Zoe Alley

For reading together

Donovan's Double Trouble by Monalisa DeGross

Never Kick a Slipper at the Moon by Carl Sandburg

Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out
edited by Mary Brigid Barrett

The Rabbit and the Turtle: Aesop's Fables
retold & illustrated by Eric Carle

The Runaway Dolls by Ann Martin & Laura Godwin

Sabertooth by Patrick O'Brien

Sandy's Circus: A Story about Alexander Calder
by Tanya Lee Stone

Sea Queens: Women Pirates Around the World
by Jane Yolen

Snow Leopard by Jackie Morris

Wish: Wishing Traditions Around the World
by Roseanne Thong

