

Books as Gifts

The 2009 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!

Books to read on their own

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, & Other Natural Disasters by Lenore Look

Bad News for Outlaws by Vauda Micheau

The Daring Miss Quimby by Susanne George Whitaker

Friend or Fiend? With the Pain & the Great One by Judy Blume

How Oliver Olson Changed the World by Claudia Mills

Moonshot by Brian Floca

Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine and a Miracle by Major Brian Dennis

Rich: A Dyamonde Daniel Book by Nikki Grimes

Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again by Juliana, Isabella, and Craig Hatkoff

You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax? by Jonah Winter

Books to read together

Crow Call by Lois Lowry

Django: World's Greatest Jazz Guitarist by Bonnie Christensen

Falling Down the Page: A Book of List Poems edited by Georgia Heard

Homework by Arthur Yorinks

Marsupials by Nic Bishop

Mission to the Moon by Alan Dyer

Paulie Pastrami Achieves World Peace by James Proimos

Sky Magic selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins

Strawberry Hill by Mary Ann Hoberman

Testing the Ice by Sharon Robinson

The Wonderful O by James Thurber

