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