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!

Books 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