

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!*

Books 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 Moooo 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

