

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 6-7 years old

Books to read on their own

- *About Raptors: A Guide for Children* by Cathryn Sill
- *Almost Zero: A Dyamonde Daniel Book* by Nikki Grimes
- *Art and Max* by David Wiesner
- *Babymouse: Cupcake Tycoon* by Jennifer Holm & Matthew Holm
- *Bink & Gollie* by Kate DiCamillo & Allison McGhee
- *Can I Play Too?* by Mo Willems
- *Knuffle Bunny Free* by Mo Willems
- *Stone Rabbit: Ninja Slice* by Erik Craddock
- *Ling & Ting, Not Exactly the Same* by Grace Lin
- *Mercy Watson Fights Crime* by Kate Di Camillo
- *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fables to Read Together* by Mary Ann Hoberman

Books to read together

- *The Carnival of the Animals* by Jack Prelutsky
- *City Dog, Country Frog* by Mo Willems
- *Dust Devil* by Anne Isaacs
- *Elsie's Bird* by Jane Yolen
- *Old Abe, Eagle Hero: The Civil War's Most Famous Mascot* by Patrick Young
- *Imogene's Antlers* by David Small
- *The Snow Leopard: The True Story of an Amazing Rescue* by Juliana, Isabella & Craig Hatkoff
- *The Rabbit Problem* by Emily Gravett
- *Snook Alone* by Marilyn Nelson
- *Wonder Horse: The True Story of the World's Smartest Horse* by Emily Arnold McCully
- *Young Zeus* by G. Brian Karas

