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. Happy holidays from Reading Rockets!

Books for children 4-5 years old

- **A Ball for Daisy** by Chris Raschka
- **The Busy Beaver** by Nicholas Oldland
- **Cars Galore** by Peter Stein
- **Chirchir Is Singing** by Kelly Cunnane
- **Colores de la Vida** by Cynthia Weill
- **Cows to the Rescue** by John Himmelman
- **Dinosaur Dig!** by Penny Dale
- **Happy Pig Day!** by Mo Willems
- **How Did That Get in My Lunchbox? The Story of Food** by Chris Butterworth
- **Jack and the Beanstalk** by Nina Crews
- **Kimonos** by Annalore Parot
- **A Little Bitty Man and Other Poems for the Very Young** by Halfdan Rasmussen
- **Monkey: A Trickster from India** by Gerald McDermott
- **Motion, Magnets and More** by Adrienne Mason
- **One Foot Two Feet: An Exceptional Counting Book** by Peter Maloney & Felicia Zekauskas
- **Over and Under the Snow** by Kate Messner
- **Press Here** by Hervé Tullet
- **Sea of Dreams** by Dennis Nolan
- **Seasons** by Anne Crausaz
- **The Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs and The Little Red Hen** by Paul Galdone
- **Time for a Bath** by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page
- **Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star** illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
- **Where’s Walrus?** by Stephen Savage
- **Who Has These Feet?** by Laura Hulbert

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