

## The 2011 Holiday Buying Guide from Reading Rockets

# 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. *Happy holidays from Reading Rockets!*

### For children up to 4 years old

- *Animal Baths* by Bob Barner
- *Color-by-Penguins* by Ed Heck
- *Counting in the Garden* by Emily Hruby
- *The Construction Crew* by Lynn Meltzer
- *Farmyard Beat* by Lindsey Craig
- *Feeding Friendsies* by Suzanne Bloom
- *Gossi/Gansi* by Olivia Dunrea
- *Grandma Calls Me Gigglepie* by J.D. Lester
- *Have You Seen Duck?* by Janet Holmes & Jonathan Bentley
- *I Am a Tyrannosaurus* by Anna Grossnickle Hines
- *Let's Look at Dinosaurs* by Frances Barry
- *Love Waves* by Rosemary Wells
- *Moomin's Little Book of Words and Moomin's Little Book of Numbers* by Tove Jansson
- *Reaching* by Judy Ann Sadler
- *What Puppies Do Best* by Laura Numeroff
- *Who Do I See?* by Salina Yoon

### 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



See the next page for books for kids 6–7 years old and 8–9 years old

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## For children 6–7 years old

- *About Hummingbirds: A Guide for Children* by Cathryn Sill
- *Amphibians: True or False* by Melvin Berger & Gilda
- *The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man* by Michael Carbon
- *Dodsworth in Rome* by Tim Egans
- *Fly Guy vs. the Flyswatter!* by Tedd Arnold
- *Friendship: True Stories of Extraordinary Animal Friendships* by Catherine Thimmesh
- *The Guardian Team: On the Job with Rena & Roo* by Cat Urbigkit
- *Hocus Pocus* by Sylvie Desrosiers & Remy Simard
- *Squish: Super Amoeba* by Jennifer Holm & Matthew Holm
- *Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature* by Joyce Sidman

## To read with children 6–7 years old

- *The Book with a Hole* by Hervé Tullet
- *Coral Reefs* by Jason Chin
- *Doggy Whys* by Lila Prap
- *Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Suite* by Anna Harwell Celenza
- *First Garden and How It Grew* by Robbin Gourley
- *The Hound Dog's Haiku & Other Poems for Dog Lovers* by Michael Rosen
- *Good-bye, Havana! Hola, New York!* by Edie Colon
- *I Am Tama, Lucky Cat: A Japanese Legend* by Wendy Henrichs
- *Mouse & Lion* retold by Rand Burkert
- *Polka Dot Penguin Pottery* by Lenore Look
- *A Zeal of Zebras: An Alphabet of Collective Nouns* by Chronicle Books

## For children 8–9 years old

- *Around the World: Three Remarkable Journeys* by Matt Phelan
- *The Bippolo Seed & Other Lost Stories* by Dr. Seuss
- *Butterflies* by Seymour Simon
- *Clementine, Friend of the Week* by Sara Pennypacker
- *Clementine and the Family Meeting* by Sara Pennypacker
- *Dear Hot Dog* by Mordicai Gerstein
- *Ellray Jakes is NOT a Chicken!* by Sally Warner
- *Emma Dilemma: Big Sister Poems* by Kristine O'Connell George
- *Ivy & Bean: No News is Good News* by Annie Barrows
- *Melonhead & the Undercover Operation* by Katy Kelly
- *Mystery Math: A First Book of Algebra* by David Adler

## To read with children 8–9 years old

- *E-mergency!* by Tom Lichtenheld & Ezra Fields-Meyer
- *Little Kitchen: 40 Delicious and Simple Things that Children Can Really Make* by Sabrina Parrini
- *Mathemagic! Number Tricks* by Lynda Cogan
- *A Nation's Hope: The Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis* by Matt de la Peña
- *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* by Michael Morpurgo
- *Talk, Talk, Squawk! A Human's Guide to Animal Communication* by Nicola Davies
- *Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes & Monsters* by Donna Jo Napoli
- *What's the Big Idea? Amazing Science Questions for Curious Kids* by Vicki Cobb
- *Weird & Wacky Inventions* by Jim Murphy
- *Wild Women of the Wild West* by Jonah Winter

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