

Books Are for Giving, 2014

Prereaders and Other Young Ones

The Golden Rule, by Cooper, Ilene; Swiatkowska, Gabi.

Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers, [c2007] New York.

Grandpa explains that the golden rule is a simple statement on how to live that can be practiced by people of all ages and faiths, then helps his grandson figure out how to apply the rule to his own life.

What's Your Favorite Animal?, by Carle, Eric.

Publication: New York, New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2014.

With beautiful illustrations and charming personal stories, 14 children's book artists share their favorite animals and why they love them

You Were the First, by MacLachlan, Patricia; Graegin, Stephanie.

Publisher: Little, Brown and Co., 2013 New York.

Reminds firstborn children that they will always special--even if another child or children follow--because they have been the first to do many things, including teaching their mother and father to be parents.

Arlo Needs Glasses, by Barney Saltzberg

Publisher: Workman Publishing, New York: 2012

After visiting the eye doctor and getting fitted with glasses, Arlo the dog is finally able to catch the ball thrown by his owner

Animal Encyclopedia : 2,500 Animals, From-the-Field Reports, Maps, and More.

Publisher: National Geographic ; Publishers Group UK [distributor], 2012 Washington, D.C. : Enfield.

The subtitle of this book suggests its comprehensive nature. In addition to the superb trademark National Geographic photos, this book introduces the groups and subgroups of species, describes the life cycle, and touches on senses, communication, migration and endangered status of many species.

Betwixt and BeTween

The Abominables, by Ibbotson, Eva; Robinson, Fiona.

Publication: New York : Amulet Books, [2013]

A century after a yeti captures Lady Agatha Farlingham and takes her to a hidden valley to raise his motherless children, tourism threatens their peaceful existence and young Con and Ellen take these educated and civilized yetis across Europe to Lady Agatha's home in England.

Percy Jackson's Greek Gods, by Riordan, Rick; Rocco, John.

Publication: Los Angeles : Disney-Hyperion Books, [2014]

Percy Jackson, a modern-day demigod, tells the origin stories of the gods of Olympus and provides an insider's point of view - with plenty of attitude - in this illustrated collection.

The Practical Illustrated Encyclopedia of Origami : The Complete Guide to the Art of Paperfolding, by Beech, Rick.

Publisher: Natl Book Network 2014

A clear, and gorgeously illustrated, guide to paper folding includes a history of the art, photos of origami masterpieces and step-by-step instructions for over 80 projects. Perfect for beginners, there are more challenging projects for experienced folders.

Knowledge Encyclopedia, by DK Publishing, Inc; Smithsonian Institution.

Publisher: DK Publishing, 2013 New York, N.Y.

Uses text and computer-generated artworks to provide detailed, realistic explorations of a wide range of topics in six broad categories, Space -- Earth -- Nature -- Human body -- Science -- History.

Sisters, by Telgemeier, Raina.

Publication: New York : Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, 2014.

Raina can't wait to be a big sister. But once Amara is born, things aren't quite how she expected them to be

Teens and Young Adults

An Abundance of Katherines, by Green, John.

Publisher: Dutton, c2006 New York.

Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships.

Looking for Alaska, by Green, John

Publisher: Dutton Children's Books, 2005 New York.

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

Go: A Kidd's Guide to Graphic Design, by Kidd, Chip.

Publication: New York : Workman Publishing, [2013]

Go, by the award-winning graphic designer Chip Kidd, is a stunning introduction to the ways in which a designer communicates his or her ideas to the world.

Bad Feminist: Essays, by Gay, Roxane.

Publication: New York, NY : Harper Perennial, [2014]

A collection of essays spanning politics, criticism, and feminism from one of the most-watched young cultural observers of her generation.

Grownups

The Swan Gondola, by Schaffert, Timothy.

Publication: New York : Riverhead Books, a member of Penguin Group (USA), 2014.

Feeling apprehensive about how the 1898 Omaha World's Fair will change him and his Wild West city, ventriloquist and con man Ferret Skerritt falls in love with traveling actress Cecily, who discounts their relationship until the night they share a fateful gondola ride.

This is the Story of a Happy Marriage, by Patchett, Ann.

Publication: New York, NY : Harper, 2013.

Sometimes you have to walk through the desert before you can find your oasis. Essays reveal the trials and tribulations that Ann Patchett overcame, revealing how writing also led her from the wrong marriage to the right one. Discover how her writing carried her around the world, making friends and learning from the battles that made the writer she is today.

Little Failure: A Memoir, by Shteyngart, Gary.

Publication: New York : Random House, [2014]

After three acclaimed novels, Gary Shteyngart turns to memoir in a candid, witty, deeply poignant account of his life so far. Shteyngart shares his American immigrant experience, moving back and forth through time and memory with self-deprecating humor, moving insights, and literary bravado.

The Happiness Project: Or Why I Spent a Year Trying to Sing in the Morning, Clean My Closets, Fight Right, Read Aristotle, and Generally Have More Fun, by Rubin, Gretchen.

Publisher: Harper, c2009.

A thoughtful and prescriptive work on happiness filled with practical advice, sharp insight, charm, and humor.

Happier at Home: Kiss More, Jump More, Abandon a Project, Read Samuel Johnson, and My Other Experiments in the Practice of Everyday Life, by Rubin, Gretchen.

Publisher: Crown Archetype, 2012.

Gretchen Rubin embarks on a new project to make home a happier place--and goes deeper on factors that matter for home, such as possessions, marriage, time, and parenthood.

Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant? :A Memoir, by Chast, Roz.

Publication: New York : Bloomsbury, 2014.

Spanning the last several years of their lives and told through a mixture of cartoons, family photos, documents, and a narrative as rife with laughs as it is with tears, Chast's memoir is both comfort and comic relief for anyone experiencing the life-altering loss of elderly parents.

The Soul of All Living Creatures: What Animals Can Teach Us About Being Human, by Virga, Vint.

Publication: New York : Crown Publishers/Broadway Books, [2013]

Virga draws from his decades in veterinary practice to reveal how, by striving to perceive the world as animals do, we can enrich our own appreciation of life, enhance our character, nurture our relationships, improve our communication with others, reorder our values, and deepen our grasp of spirituality.

Leaving the Pink House: A Memoir, by Randolph, Ladette.

Publication: Iowa City : University of Iowa Press, [2014]

On September 12, 2001, Randolph and her husband bought a dilapidated farmhouse on twenty acres outside Lincoln, Nebraska, and set about gutting and rebuilding the house themselves.

Blue Horses : Poems, by Oliver, Mary.

Publication: New York : The Penguin Press, 2014.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *American Primitive* presents a new collection of poems that reflects her signature imagery-based language and her observations of the unaffected beauty of nature.

The Who, the What, and the When : 65 artists Illustrate the Secret Sidekicks of History, by Andersen, Kurt; Lamothe, Matt; MacNaughton, Wendy; Rothman, Julia; Volvovski, Jenny.

Publication: San Francisco : Chronicle Books, [2014]

This illustrated history reveals 65 people you've probably never heard of, but who helped shape the word as we know it.

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