

Good Books for Giving, 2016

Colors and Counting by Metsola, Aino-Maija 9781847807052, 9781847807069
Presents objects, colors, and flaps, asking the reader to identify colors, as well as choose which item does not match the others on the page.

Everywhere Babies by Meyers, Susan / Frazee, Marla (ILT) (HC) 9780152022266
(Board Book) 9780547510743

With rhyming text and endearing illustrations, an exuberant celebration of babies finds them playing, sleeping, crawling, making noise and doing all the things babies do best.

The Adventures of Beekle: the Unimaginary Friend by Santat, Dan 9780316199988
An imaginary friend waits a long time to be imagined by a child and given a special name, and finally does the unimaginable--he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world.

Goodnight Songs by Brown, Margaret Wise / Bean, Jonathan (ILT) / Berger, Carin (ILT) / Blackall, Sophie (ILT) / Bleck, Linda (ILT), 9781454904465
From Margaret Wise Brown, author of the beloved *Goodnight Moon*, comes a previously unpublished collection of charming lullabies, gorgeously illustrated by 12 award-winning artists and accompanied by a CD.

My Encyclopedia of Very Important Things by Dorling Kindersley Limited (COR), 9781465449689

Blending adorable, simple illustrations with rich photography and lively text, *My Encyclopedia of Very Important Things* is the perfect first reference book for young readers.

A Child's Introduction to the Night Sky: The Story of the Stars, Planets and Constellations-- And How You Can Find Them in the Sky by Driscoll, Michael / Hamilton, Meredith (ILT), 9781579123666

Provides an introduction to astronomy, discussing how planets get their names, the best time to spot a "shooting star," and why the moon changes shape.

The Skeleton Book by Morgan, Ben / Parker, Steve, 9781465453365

The Skeleton Book works down from the skull to the toes so that each one of the 206 bones are fully explored. This book also uses comparison to animal skeletons to help kids understand more about their bones and show how the human skeleton is unique.

Cars, Trains, Ships, & Planes by Gifford, Clive, 9781465438058

A vibrantly photographed, comprehensive overview of the world's different modes of transportation shares authoritative profiles of more than 1,000 vehicles, from classic cars and hybrids to luxury boats and military machines.

Outside: A Guide to Discovering Nature by Dias, Maria Ana Peixe / Rosario, Ines Teixeira Do / Carvalho, Bernardo P. / Greaves, Lucy (TRN) 9781847807694
Created in collaboration with a team of Portuguese experts, this book, which won the coveted Bologna Regazzi award, aims to arouse your curiosity about fauna, flora and other aspects of the natural world.

The Crossover, 2015 Newbery Medal Winner and 2015 Coretta Scott King Honor Award Winner and **Booked** by **Alexander, Kwame** 9780544570986, 9780544107717
Middle-grade novels in verse follow the experiences of twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan, who struggle with challenges on and off the court.

Odd and the Frost Giants by Gaiman, Neil / Riddell, Chris (ILT), 9780062567956
An unlucky twelve-year-old Norwegian boy named Odd leads the Norse gods Loki, Thor, and Odin in an attempt to outwit evil Frost Giants who have taken over Asgard.

Ghosts by Telgemeier, Raina / Lamb, Braden (ILT) 9780545540612
Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis--and Cat is even less happy about the move when she is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts, and Maya sets her heart on meeting one.

Pax by Pennypacker, Sara / Klassen, Jon (ILT), 9780062377012
When his father enlists in the military and makes him return his beloved pet fox to the wild, Peter, who has been sent to live with his grandfather hundreds of miles away, embarks on a journey filled with astonishing discoveries in order to be reunited with his fox

Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World by **Ignatofsky, Rachel**, 9781607749769

A collection of artworks inspired by the lives and achievements of 50 famous women in science, technology, mathematics and engineering profiles each notable individual in a volume complemented by infographics on such related topics as the development of lab equipment and the rates of women working in today's STEM fields.

The Care & Keeping of You: The Body Book for Younger Girls by Schaefer, Valorie Lee / Masse, Josee (ILT), 9781609580834 and **The Care and Keeping of You 2: The Body Book for Older Girls** by Natterson, Cara, Dr. / Masse, Josee (ILT), 9781609580421

A compassionate and practical reference for pre- and older adolescent girls shares advice for managing physical and emotional challenges, covering topics ranging from menstruation and body changes to personal care and peer pressure.

The Emotionary: A Dictionary of Words That Don't Exist for Feelings That Do
by Sher, Eden / Wertz, Julia (ILT), 9781595148384

Presents a compendium of humorous words invented by the author that provide expressions for conveying complicated feelings.

Fangirl by Rowell, Rainbow, 9781250073808 and **Carry On: The Rise and Fall of Simon Snow**, 9781410484161

When twin sisters Cath and Wren go to college, Cath fears that it may be time to give up her love of the Simon Snow series, and possibly grow apart from her sister.

Simon Snow's final year at the Watford School of Magicks is overshadowed by a painful breakup, an overprotective mentor, a roommate's disappearance and a plethora of monsters

Welcome to the Universe: An Astrophysical Tour by Tyson, Neil deGrasse / Strauss, Michael A. / Gott, J. Richard, 9780691157245

Three of today's leading astrophysicists offer a guided tour of the cosmos, discussing the latest discoveries in the field, explaining why Pluto lost its planet status and covering everything you need to know about planets, stars, galaxies, black holes, wormholes and time travel.

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Harari, Yuval Noah, 9780062316097

A narrative history of humanity's creation and evolution explores how biology and history have defined understandings of what it means to be human, detailing the role of modern cognition in shaping the ecosystem, civilizations and more

The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness, by Montgomery, Sy 9781451697711

An investigation of the emotional and physical world of the octopus

The Rainbow Comes and Goes: A Mother and Son on Life, Love, and Loss

by Cooper, Anderson / Vanderbilt, Gloria, 9780062454942

A poignant correspondence between the CNN journalist and his iconic designer mother, exchanged in the aftermath of the latter's brief illness, shares a rare window into their relationship and the life lessons imparted by an aging mother to her adult son.

A Wild Swan: And Other Tales, by Cunningham, Michael / Shimizu, Yuko (ILT), 9781250097309

Reimagined by one of the most gifted storytellers of his generation, and exquisitely illustrated by Yuko Shimizu, rarely have our bedtime stories been this dark, this perverse, or this true.

A Warrior of the People: How Susan La Flesche Overcame Racial and Gender Inequality to Become America's First Indian Doctor, by Starita, Joe, 9781250085344

A moving biography of Susan La Flesche Picotte's inspirational life and dedication to public health.

The Bones of Paradise by Agee, Jonis, 9780062413475

When a white rancher and a young Native American woman are found murdered on a remote part of the rancher's land a decade after Wounded Knee, the scattered members of his family gather to investigate and expose damning secrets.

Why I'm an Only Child and Other Slightly Naughty Plains Folktales by Welsch, Roger / Cavett, Dick (FRW), 9780803284289

One day Roger Welsch ventured to ask his father a delicate personal question: "Why am I an only child?" His father's answer is one of many examples of the delightful and laughter-inducing ribald tales Welsch has compiled from a lifetime of listening to and sharing the folklore of the Plains.

What Good Cooks Know: 20 Years of Test Kitchen Expertise in One Essential Handbook by America's Test Kitchen (EDT), 9781940352664

A handbook provides home cooks at any level with a one-stop resource for shopping, preparing and cooking through extensively tested and proven tips, tricks and techniques, recommendations for picking the best equipment and ingredients and includes 50 essential recipes.

Wild Things, Wild Places: Adventurous Tales of Wildlife and Conservation on Planet Earth by Alexander, Jane, 9780385354363

The author writes of her steady and fervent immersion into the world of wildlife conservation, of her coming to know the scientists throughout the world, and her travels with them to save many species from extinction.

Gardenista: The Definitive Guide to Stylish Outdoor Spaces by Slatalla, Michelle / Gardenista Editors (CON) / Carlson, Julie (EDT) / Williams, Matthew (PHT), 9781579656522

A do-it-yourself garden design manual from the team behind the popular Gardenista.com website shares lushly photographed tours of 12 sophisticated gardens designed around ideas ranging from a yoga studio to a chicken coop.

Dirt Meridian, by Moore, Andrew (PHT), 9788862084123

Haunting photos of the high plains and the people who inhabit these sparse spaces.