Great Books to Give as Gifts

Babies and Toddlers

A book about the animals we share our planet with, from A to Z.
A counting book that teaches readers about our world and the universe.

**We All Play = Kimêtawânaw**, Flett, Julie, author, illustrator, ISBN: 9781771646079, 9781771646093, Vancouver ; Berkeley : Greystone Kids, 2021
From chasing, chirping birds, to swimming, squirting whales, this book for young readers reminds them how animals play just like them.

Who lives in the little garden? Meet Hedgehog, Mouse, and Sparrow and discover their playful home!
Fox, Squirrel and Badger live in the forest and introduce readers to their home: showing big trees and small, different shapes of leaves, and the many other creatures who share their world.

Tired of missing out on good things because he is the smallest and youngest in his family, Ravi turns into a tiger and gets what he wants with a great roar.

Picture Books

Oddbird feels different than the other birds, in that he's not colorful or fancy. The other birds don't want him around, but Oddbird wants to join them.

Gil the Goldfish feels crowded in his small bowl with a plant, a castle, and 138 pebbles, but when he leaves his bowl in search of a better home, he learns some important lessons.

In rhyming text, a little girl and her dog wander through the woods, saying goodnight to all her favorite wild animals before finally arriving at her own cabin for a good night's sleep.
Illustrations and easy-to-read text remind the reader that no matter what happens or how one feels, he or she matters.

A non-fiction guide to finding and observing birds for young bird-watchers

Introduce your little one to the Festival of Lights in this fun collection of twenty-six illustrations featuring Hanukkah-themed concepts, such as latkes, gelt, the menorah, and of course dreidels.

Curious Kids

This visual book represents the magic, laughter, and tears of childhood; the emotional, chaotic teenage years; the burden of being an adult; and the freedom, longing, and insight of old age.

This is the first book to be published about the Ashfall Fossil Beds, where more than two hundred perfectly preserved fossils have been found.

A whimsically illustrated collection of fascinating, surprising, and funny facts about extinct animals.

Write, draw, think, listen, and dare with the Adventure Journal: 50 Things to Try in the Winter.

An essential book of pure creativity and inspiration. Kids ages seven and up will find hundreds of ways to build, play, experiment, craft, cook, dream, think, and become outstanding citizens of the world.

Over 85 stellar, totally do-able desserts and other fun-fueled treats for kids (or adults!) to make, from Christina Tosi, founder of Milk Bar and MasterChef Junior judge!
Tweens and Teens


After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back. (Ages 10-14)

It’s been a year since Peter and his pet fox, Pax, have seen each other. Once inseparable, they now lead very different lives.

Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales

Author/Illustrator Hale’s graphic history series covers topics ranging from the American Revolutionary War, the Abolitionist Movement and World War II in an accessible style that manages to make monumental historical events both entertaining and compelling. (Ages 10-14)


In this first volume of the full-color illustrated adaptation of his groundbreaking book, renowned historian Yuval Harari tells the story of humankind's creation and evolution, exploring the ways in which biology and history have defined us and enhanced our understanding of what it means to be 'human'. (Ages 12+)


The future is anything but certain in this alternately funny and heartbreaking contemporary story about food trucks, festivals, and first loves. (Ages 14-17)

Notes from a Young Black Chef: Adapted for Young Adults, Onwuachi, Kwame author, ISBN: 9780593176009, 9780593176016, New York : Delacorte Press, 2021

This inspiring memoir, now adapted for young adults, chronicles Top Chef star and Forbes and Zagat 30 Under 30 phenom Kwame Onwuachi's incredible and odds-defying fame in the food world after a tough childhood in the Bronx and Nigeria. (Ages 12+)

Curious Adults


Award-winning geographer-designer team James Cheshire and Oliver Uberti transform enormous datasets into rich maps and cutting-edge visualizations. In this triumph of visual storytelling, they uncover truths about our past, reveal who we are today, and highlight what we face in the years ahead.
In 1580's England, during the Black Plague a young Latin tutor falls in love with an extraordinary, eccentric young woman in this "exceptional historical novel" (*The New Yorker*) and best-selling winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction.

In her second poetry collection, Barbara Kingsolver offers reflections on the practical, the spiritual, and the wild.

Writer and performer Amber Ruffin writes with her sister Lacey Lamar with humor and heart to share absurd anecdotes about everyday experiences of racism.

Recounts Dutch polar explorer William Barents' three harrowing Arctic expeditions--the last of which resulted in a relentlessly challenging year-long fight for survival.

In the Swedish criminal justice system, certain cases are considered especially strange and difficult, in Malmö, the dedicated detectives who investigate these crimes are members of an elite squad known as the Sensitive Crimes Division.

Created by the ever-curious minds behind Atlas Obscura, this breathtaking guide transforms our sense of what people around the world eat and drink.

A tender and vivid memoir about the radical grace we discover when we consider ourselves bound together in community, and a moving account of one woman's attempt to answer the essential question *Who are we to one another?*

A drama about the complicated relationships connecting the residents of a small-town farming community, *Deer Season* explores troubling questions about how far people will go to safeguard the ones they love and what it means to be a family.