

Great Books to Give as Gifts

Babies and Toddlers

Book of Animals and Book of Numbers, Jeffers, Oliver, ISBN 9780593466094, 9780593466124, New York: Philomel, 2021

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 = Kimêtaŵânaw, 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.

My Little Garden, Wiehle, Katrin, 1982- , ISBN: 9781328543950 & **My little forest**, ISBN: 9781328534828, Boston, Massachusetts : Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2019

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.

Ravi's Roar, Percival, Tom, 1977- author, illustrator., ISBN: 9781547603008, New York : Bloomsbury, 2020.

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, Desierto, Derek, author, illustrator. ISBN: 9781250765314, New York : Feiwel and Friends, 2021

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.

Too crowded, Podesta, Lena, author, illustrator. , ISBN: 9781728222387, Naperville, Illinois : Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2021

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.

Woodland Dreams, Jameson, Karen, ISBN: 9781452170633, San Francisco : Chronicle Books, 2020.

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.

You Matter, Robinson, Christian author, illustrator, ISBN: 9781534421691, New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, [2020]

Illustrations and easy-to-read text remind the reader that no matter what happens or how one feels, he or she matters.

How to Find a Bird, Ward, Jennifer, 1963- author ISBN: 9781481467056, New York, New York : Beach Lane Books, [2020]

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

D is for Dreidel, Paprocki, Greg, ISBN: 9781423650386, Layton, UT: Gibbs Smith, 2021

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

All the Colors of Life, Aisato, Lisa, illustrator, author ISBN: 9781646900114, Stamford, CT : Arctis, 2021.

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.

Rhinos in Nebraska : The Amazing Discovery of the Ashfall Fossil Beds, Stevens, Alison Pearce, author , ISBN: 9781250266576, New York : Godwin Books ; Henry Holt and Company, 2021.

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

Animals of a Bygone Era : An Illustrated Compendium, Säfström, Maja, 1987- , ISBN: 9780399578526, California : Ten Speed Press, 2017

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

50 Things to Try in Winter, Hankinson, Kim, ISBN 9781423657118, Layton, UT: Gibbs Smith, 2021

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

Highlights Book of Things to Do, Highlights, ISBN: 9781684376421, Penguin, 2021

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.

Milk Bar: Kids Only, Tosi, Christina, ISBN: 9780593231920, New York: Random House, 2020

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

Pax & Pax: Journey Home, Pennypacker, Sarah, ISBN: 9780062377012,9780062930347, New York, Balzer + Bray, 2016, 2021

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)

Sapiens : A Graphic History, Volume One, The Birth of Humankind, Harari, Yuval N., author, creator **ISBN:** 9780063051331, 9780063055087, New York : Harper Perennial, 2020. 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+)

Donuts and Other Proclamations of Love, Reck, Jared, author., ISBN: 9781524716110, 9781524716127, New York : Alfred A. Knopf, 2021

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

Atlas of the Invisible: Maps and Graphics That Will Change How You See the World, Cheshire, James, **ISBN:** 9780393651515, W. W. Norton & Company 2021

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

Hamnet : A Novel of the Plague, O'Farrell, Maggie, 1972- author. , ISBN: 9780525657606, New York : Alfred A. Knopf, 2020.

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.

How to Fly (In Ten Thousand Easy Lessons) : Poetry, Kingsolver, Barbara author , ISBN: 9780062993083 New York : Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2020
In her second poetry collection, Barbara Kingsolver offers reflections on the practical, the spiritual, and the wild.

You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey : Crazy Stories about Racism, Ruffin, Amber, author , ISBN: 9781538719367, New York, NY : Grand Central Publishing, 2021.
Writer and performer Amber Ruffin writes with her sister Lacey Lamar with humor and heart to share absurd anecdotes about everyday experiences of racism

Icebound : Shipwrecked at the Edge of the World, Pitzer, Andrea, author, ISBN: 9781982113346, 9781982113353, New York : Scribner, 2021
Recounts Dutch polar explorer William Barents' three harrowing Arctic expeditions--the last of which resulted in a relentlessly challenging year-long fight for survival.

The Department of Sensitive Crimes, McCall Smith, Alexander, 1948- author., ISBN: 9781524748210, New York : Pantheon Books, [2019]
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.

Gastro Obscura : A Food Adventurer's Guide, Wong, Cecily, author, ISBN: 9781523502196, New York : Workman Publishing, 2021
Created by the ever-curious minds behind Atlas Obscura, this breathtaking guide transforms our sense of what people around the world eat and drink.

Home Made : A Story of Grief, Groceries, Showing up--and What We Make When We Make Dinner, Hauck, Liz, author, ISBN: 9780525512431, New York : The Dial Press, 2021
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?*

Deer Season, Flanagan, Erin, ISBN: 9781496226815, Lincoln, Nebraska, University of Nebraska Press.
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.