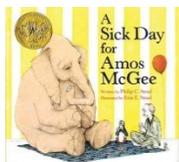
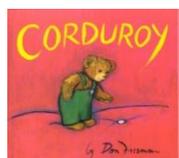


GREAT READS!

Great Books to Give: Recommended Gifts for Children and Teens



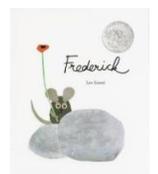
[A Sick Day for Amos McGee](#) by Philip C. Stead, Illustrated by Erin Stead
Amos McGee always makes time to visit his good friends at the zoo, but when a cold keeps him home in bed, his animal friends arrive to provide comfort. A charming, quiet picture book in the spirit of *Goodnight, Moon*. Ages 2-6.



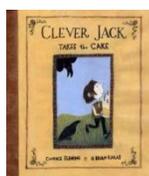
[Corduroy](#) by Don Freeman
This classic picture book tells the tale of a teddy bear searching for his lost button who finds something even more special – a child to love him. Originally published in 1968, *Corduroy* still deserves a spot on every child's bookshelf. Ages 2-6.



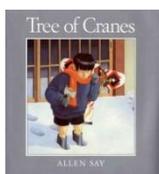
[Press Here](#) by Hervé Tullet
This interactive picture book is sure to charm even the most tech-savvy reader. Who needs gadgets when an old-fashioned book can get kids pressing, clapping, shaking, and blowing brightly colored dots that “magically” change and multiply? Ages 3-8.



[Frederick](#) by Leo Lionni
While the others gather food, Frederick stores up memories and creates poetry to warm the hearts of his fellow mice during the darkest days of winter. A perfect read aloud and classic tribute to the creative spirit that will inspire young artists. Ages 4-8.



[Clever Jack Takes the Cake](#) by Candace Fleming, Illustrated by G. Brian Karas
Jack is confident that his delicious cake will make the perfect gift for the princess's birthday – but can he get it to the castle in one piece? A rollicking modern fairy tale that families will enjoy reading again and again. Ages 4-8.



[Tree of Cranes](#) by Allen Say
A Japanese boy learns about Christmas when his American-born mother decorates a pine tree with paper cranes. A beautifully illustrated, multicultural holiday story perfect for family sharing. Ages 4-8.

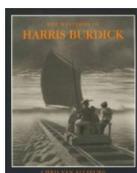


[The Velveteen Rabbit](#) by Margery Williams Bianco
The classic story of a toy rabbit's quest to become real through the love of his boy. Originally published in 1922, it's sure to resonate with any child who loves a stuffed animal, and makes a cozy bedtime read aloud. Ages 5-8

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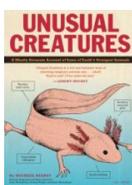
[Bink and Gollie](#) by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee, Illustrated by Tony Fucile
In three short stories, short, excitable Bink, and tall, unflappable Gollie navigate the challenges of being best friends. Full of humor and lots of interesting vocabulary words, this title makes a great gift for newly independent readers. Ages 6-8.



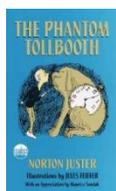
[The Mysteries of Harris Burdick](#) by Chris Van Allsburg
Fourteen mysterious black-and-white illustrations, each with nothing more than a caption, invite budding storytellers to imagine their own fantastic tales. A great gift for young writers, alone or paired with [The Chronicles of Harris Burdick](#), a collection of short stories by acclaimed children's authors based on the original illustrations. Ages 6-10.



[Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing](#) by Judy Blume
Life with his troublesome little brother, Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. This timeless tale of sibling hijinks is sure to keep elementary school readers laughing, and makes a great gift for reading aloud or for independent readers. Ages 7-10.



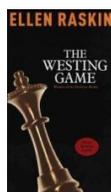
[Unusual Creatures: A Mostly Accurate Account of Earth's Strangest Animals](#)
by Michael Hearst
This year's best gift for animal lovers provides up-close examinations of fifty of the Earth's most curious critters. From the barking spider to the blobfish to the flying snake, young readers are sure to be fascinated by these amazing animals and by Hearst's often-humorous accounts of their abilities. Ages 8-12.



[The Phantom Tollbooth](#) by Norton Juster
In this classic fantasy, Milo travels to the Kingdom of Wisdom where he must settle the war between words and numbers, visit the Island of Conclusions (which can only be reached by jumping), and traverse the Mountains of Ignorance. Share this one with young fans of humor, action, and clever wordplay. Ages 8-10.

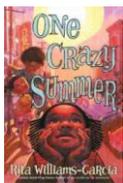


[Breadcrumbs](#) by Anne Ursu
When Hazel's best friend Jack disappears into the snowy Minnesota woods with a mysterious woman in white, Hazel sets off on a quest to rescue him in this atmospheric tribute to fairy tales and fantasy stories. Perfect for curling up with on a winter night, it makes a great gift for fantasy fans and voracious readers. Ages 8-12.



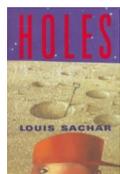
[The Westing Game](#) by Ellen Raskin
The death of the reclusive Sam Westing brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim his fortune. This award-winning and funny novel is sure to keep young mystery fans delightfully puzzled. Ages 8-12.

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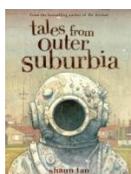
[One Crazy Summer](#) by Rita Williams-Garcia

This heartbreaking yet funny tale takes place in 1968 Oakland as feisty eleven year old Delphine and her sisters try to reconnect with the mother who abandoned them. Effortlessly combining American history with dynamic, memorable characters, this is one historical fiction title that kids won't mind reading for fun. Ages 9-12.



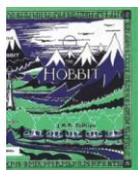
[Holes](#) by Louis Sachar

When Stanley Yelnats is sent to a juvenile detention camp for a crime he didn't commit, he finds the solution to reversing four generations of family bad luck in this award-winning and hilarious story. Ages 10-14.



[Tales from Outer Suburbia](#) by Shaun Tan

An exchange student who's really an alien, a water buffalo in an abandoned lot - these odd details of everyday life are featured in fifteen illustrated short stories, some humorous and some haunting. A quirky collection perfect for teen dreamers. Ages 12-18.



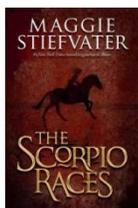
[The Hobbit](#) by JRR Tolkien

If you know a young fantasy fan who hasn't yet read Tolkien's classic, this is the perfect year to gift them with *The Hobbit*. The new movie will be released in December, and even those already familiar with Bilbo's journey will want to brush up on their Middle Earth knowledge before the premiere. Ages 10 and up.



[Where Things Come Back](#) by John Corey Whaley

In the remarkable summer before Cullen's senior year, he is forced to re-examine his small town when his cousin overdoses, an extinct woodpecker allegedly reappears, and his gifted brother suddenly and inexplicably disappears. An award-winning and extraordinary novel for teens who like their reads more realistic. Ages 14-18.



[The Scorpio Races](#) by Maggie Stiefvater

Some race to win. Others race to survive. Sean, a young man of few words, is the returning champion. Puck is the first girl ever to enter. Only one can win, and many will die. This heart-stopping tale of love and courage will have readers on the edge of their seats. A perfect gift for teens looking for something exciting, magical, and utterly unique. Ages 14-18.

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