GREAT BOOKS FOR KIDS
Every kid’s life should be filled with books — at home, at school, and anywhere they travel. And, because kids take great pride in owning books, giving them for holidays and special occasions is a wonderful idea.

*Great Books for Kids* presents recent, high quality publications for kids of all ages — and their families. The Youth Services Department of Cuyahoga County Public Library recommends you consider these titles for gift-giving or library borrowing throughout the year.

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Follow the Line
by Laura Ljungkvist

Viking / 0670060496 / $16.99

Begin at the beginning and end at the end, but in between have fun following the line on a journey across cityscapes, through traffic... and just keep on going. Along the way you can answer the questions and play a game of seek-and-find. “How many striped shirts can you count?” “How many cars have their headlights on?” How much fun can you have?? Follow and find out.

Note: The prices listed for each selection are the publishers’ suggested prices and may vary in area stores.

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Preschoolers
A Splendid Friend, Indeed
By Suzanne Bloom
Boyds Mills Press / 1590782860 / $15.95
Just like in a parent and child relationship, Polar Bear remains patient each time Goose interrupts his quiet activity. When Goose reads a note to Polar Bear declaring him to be a “splendid friend,” Bear realizes he shares the feeling and gives Goose a big bear hug.

Welcome, Precious
By Nikki Grimes
Illustrated by Bryan Collier
Orchard Books / 043955702X / $16.99
The award-winning talents of author and illustrator create a poetic tribute to familial love. A young couple introduces their infant to the wide world of everyday wonders, family affection and wishes for wonderful tomorrows.

Walk on!: Guide for Babies of All Ages
By Marla Frazee
Harcourt / 0152055738 / $16.00
Here’s a how-to book for babies that will have the whole family up and cheering (and chuckling)! Suggestions cover the basics: “get a grip” to utilizing furniture “a chair is good to pull up on; a potted cactus is not” to emotions “it’s okay to cry after the first fall.” A must read for all babies seeking to carry their own weight!

On the Way to Kindergarten
By Virginia Kroll
Illustrated by Elisabeth Schlossberg
Penguin / 039924168X / $15.99
Newborns to preschoolers try new things, find out about the world around them and grow, grow, grow. This is a charming tale to celebrate a child’s development and to build confidence for school readiness.

Lilly’s Big Day
By Kevin Henkes
Greenwillow Books / 0060742364 / $16.99
When Lilly’s beloved teacher, Mr. Slinger announces his upcoming wedding, it is an opportunity of a lifetime for Lilly – to be a flower girl! Lilly’s usual rock solid determination comes crumbling down in the face of reality and then turns into bridge-building resolution as she helps Mr. Slinger’s niece fulfill her job. The ability to always turn things around is what makes Lilly so special and a perennial favorite.
I’m Dirty!
By Kate McMullan
Illustrated by Jim McMullan
HarperCollins / 0060092939 / $16.99
If you loved I Stink! about the alphabet, you won’t want to miss counting and getting dirty. This time you’ll get to bond with a backhoe as he clears an abandoned lot of its litter while counting down the items he removes. There’s lots of sounds, lots of lively action, and, of course, lots of mud. What more could you want?!

Lola at the Library
By Anna McQuinn
Illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw
Charlesbridge / 1580891136 / $15.95
Lola and her mommy spend a special day together at the library. Large colorful oils show Lola happily choosing books, listening to stories, singing “Twinkle, Twinkle,” making a new friend, and lots more library activities.

Love That Baby!
By Susan Milord
Houghton Mifflin / 0618563237 / $7.95
Lift-the-flap and find familiar shapes and actions that little ones will happily discover. “Baby is hungry… Feed that baby!” “Baby is hiding… Find that baby!” Simple games to entertain subtly teach cause and effect.
**Annie’s Chair**  
By Deborah Niland

Walker & Company / 0802780822 / $16.95

Benny is sitting in Annie’s favorite chair! Annie loves her puppy, but no one ever, ever, ever sits there but Annie. What to do? Annie tries, but nothing works until she starts to cry and then it’s Benny’s turn to come up with a solution. In the end, Annie learns that when you share, you both win.

**The Grandma Book**  
**The Grandpa Book**  
By Todd Parr

Little, Brown / 0316058025 / 0316058017 $9.99

Bright colors and bold coloring book outlines show all the different things that Grandmas and Grandpas do. Best of all, they like to show how much they love you with lots of hugs and kisses.

**The Little Red Hen**  
By Jerry Pinkney

Penguin / 0803729359 / $16.99

Who will help the little red hen? Not the short brown dog, the thin gray rat, the tall black goat or the round pink pig so they don’t get to share in the yummy warm bread. The classic folktale is retold with big, bright watercolor illustrations by an award-winning artist.

**What Do Wheels Do All Day?**  
By April Jones Prince  
Illustrated by Giles Laroche

Houghton Mifflin / 0618563075 / $16.00

Did you ever stop to think how many wheels you see each day and what role they play in your life? Roll on with these paper cutouts to discover wheels at work and at play and everything else along their way.

**Hardworking Puppies**  
By Lynn Reiser

Harcourt / 0152054049 / $16.00

Is your dog bored? How about a job? This counting book features dogs performing many different jobs, from being a great pet to saving lives. As each puppy leaves to go to work, the concept of subtraction is present. The puppies then come together to celebrate a job well done!
Play Ball With Me!
By Lynn Reiser
Alfred A. Knopf / 0375832440 / $9.95
Calling all sports fans! Let’s play ball. But which sport or game goes with this ball? Or this one? There are some hints on each page. Turn the half-page to find out the name of the sport or game and the equipment needed to play. This is a super way to introduce sports to aspiring athletes.

Russell and the Lost Treasure
By Rob Scotton
HarperCollins / 0060598514 / $15.99
Russell the Sheep and his friend, Frankie the Frog are back with another hilarious and heartwarming tale. They are looking for lost treasure but find a trunk full of junk (and a camera!) And what does Russell discover? True treasure can be found right in his own family.

Busy in the Garden
By George Shannon
Illustrated by Sam Williams
Greenwillow Books / 0060004657 / $16.89
Sweet faces adorn the happy children exploring the great outdoors from pond life to playing badminton. From spring to fall, watercolor illustrations illuminate the big and the small. The bouncy rhyming text will entertain one and all.

So Sleepy Story
By Uri Shulevitz
Farrar, Straus & Giroux / 0374370311 / $16.00
“In a sleepy sleepy house everything is sleepy sleepy.” Music quietly drifts in through an open window and wakes the furniture, the dishes, everything including the sleepy boy. Even the illustrations wake from slumbering blues and grays to lively yellows and oranges until the music drifts back out in to the night and once again the sleepy sleepy house is asleep once more.

I Love Tools!
By Philemon Sturges
Illustrated by Shari Halpern
HarperCollins / 0060092874 / $12.99
A family builds a birdhouse and explains the job of each tool used. After reading about the birdhouse project, how about building one with your favorite grown-up? Fun facts follow at the end.
Peek-a-Boo... Who?
By Simms Taback
Blue Apple Books / 1393541805 / $8.95
Ask the question along with an animal cutout clue and lift the flap to find “SURPRISE!” a larger illustration of the animal to confirm your child’s guess. There are many educational possibilities in this amazing board book; from guessing the animal by its silhouette to demonstrating the concept of “big and little.”

Five Little Chicks
By Nancy Tafuri
Simon & Schuster / 0689873425 / $14.95
Five little chicks ask Mama Hen “Peep, what can we eat?” in this scene from barnyard life that is ever so sweet. Bouncy rhymes make learning a delight as the chicks are counted from morning ’til night.

Take Care, Good Knight
By Shelley Moore Thomas
Illustrated by Paul Meisel
Penguin / 0525476954 / $15.99
Three little dragons volunteer to take care of the wizard’s kittens, except they can’t read his written instructions! They make many silly mistakes until the Good Knight saves the day. The grateful wizard gives them a kitten as a gift and the Good Knight gives them the gift of a lifetime… lessons on how to read!

Do Lions Live on Lily Pads?
By Melanie Walsh
Houghton Mifflin / 0618473009 / $15.00
How silly! Lions on lily pads, goats in nest, that’s not where they live, or is it? A first introduction to animal habitats. You’ll laugh while you learn.

Here We Go ‘Round the Mulberry Bush
By Iza Trapani
Charlesbridge / 1570916632 / $16.95
Sing your way through the animal’s adventures to get at the tasty garden vegetables as they go ‘round and ‘round the mulberry bush and so much more. Spring colors abound with the Lady Farmer cheerfully giving in to the animals’ antics.
Ants have escaped from Max’s ant farm and won’t leave him alone until big sister, Ruby, outwits them, aided by the vacuum cleaner. On each page, large bold letters appear in the corner with corresponding words. All’s-well-that-ends-well as Max dumps the ants out of the vacuum and they make their way back to the farm to catch some Zzzzs.
You Can, Toucan, Math: Word Problem-Solving Fun
By David A. Adler
Illustrated by Edward Miller
Holiday House / 0823419193 / $16.95
Will you use addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division to solve these 21 word problems? Have fun with math through rhymes about birds and colorful illustrations which add punch to the problems and provide visual clues to the answers.

Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?
By Jon Agee
Penguin / 0803730942 / $16.99
In this hilarious book, 14 award-winning artists each illustrate their own answers to the proverbial question as to why they think the chicken crossed the road. From Tedd Arnold’s explanation (to show possum how it’s done) to Jerry Pinkney’s (to attend a party), this book will have young and old alike concocting their own egg-cellent answers to the age-old question.

Once Upon a Banana
By Jennifer Armstrong
Illustrated by David Small
Simon & Schuster / 0689842511 / $16.95
If you give a man a banana, he’s going to throw the peel away… but what if his toss to the garbage can goes a little bit astray? A little peel causes a pile of trouble, from the grocer to the baby in the carriage! A rollicking romp of a story has pictures by a Caldecott-winning illustrator.
Sure to become part of a tradition of fine friendship stories, Ivy and Bean’s differences eventually bring them together. By themselves, Ivy seems quiet and likes to read while Bean often finds herself in the midst of trouble and mischief! Put them together and you have a friendship that brings out the best… or the worst… in both! A great choice for boys and girls getting ready for chapter books.

**Ivy and Bean**
By Annie Barrows
Illustrated by Sophie Blackall
Chronicle Books / 0811849031 / $14.95

**Ivy and Bean and the Ghost That Had to Go**
0811849104 / $14.95

Sure to become part of a tradition of fine friendship stories, Ivy and Bean’s differences eventually bring them together. By themselves, Ivy seems quiet and likes to read while Bean often finds herself in the midst of trouble and mischief! Put them together and you have a friendship that brings out the best… or the worst… in both! A great choice for boys and girls getting ready for chapter books.

**Dooby Dooby Moo**
By Doreen Cronin
Illustrated by Betsy Lewin
Simon & Schuster / 0689845073 / $16.95

Click, Clack, Moo and Giggle, Giggle, Quack…Duck and the cows are finally back! It’s talent show time down at Farmer Brown’s and all the barnyard beauties decide to get in on the act! We’ve always known Duck was ‘Born to be Wild’ and she proves it when she brings home the barnyard bacon in this talent show prize of a book!

**Trains**
By Robert Crowther
Candlewick Press / 0763630829 / $17.99

All aboard, train lovers! Explore the fascinating world of the railroad through pop-ups, lift-the-flaps, pull-tabs, and a 3-D train station as you learn about locomotives, passenger cars, record-breaking trains, and railroad challenges. You won’t be able to put this book down!

**I Lost My Tooth in Africa**
By Penda Diakite
Illustrated by Baba Wague Diakite
Scholastic / 0439662265 / $16.99

What does the tooth fairy give to children in other countries? In Africa, she gives you a chicken! And that’s just what the young girl hopes for in this warm, loving story as she and her family travel from Portland, Oregon, to Mali, Africa, for a visit with their extended family.
Through text and photos, here unfolds the heartwarming story of Owen, a baby hippopotamus who is separated from his family by the tsunami of December 2004, and Mzee, an Aldabra tortoise thought to be 130 years old. Owen and Mzee become fast friends after Owen is rescued and taken to the animal sanctuary where Mzee lives.
The Squeaky Door
By Margaret Read MacDonald
Illustrated by Mary Newell DePalma
HarperCollins / 0060283742 / $13.89
How many times have you been awakened by a strange sound in the night? As Grandma says goodnight, closing the squeaky door, the little boy is frightened. To allay his fears Grandma tucks in animal after animal until, finally, the bed breaks! A favorite Puerto Rican folk song comes to life, sure to delight one and all.

Once I Ate a Pie
By Patricia MacLachlan
Illustrated by Katy Schneider
HarperCollins / 0060735317 / $15.99
Dog lovers will delight in these fourteen poems, written in free verse from each dog’s point of view. Simple yet poignant, each poem reveals canine characteristics with wit and humor. Everyone agrees this one deserves “two paws up!”

Little Lost Bat
By Sandra Markle
Illustrated by Alan Marks
Charlesbridge / 157091656X / $15.95
A veteran science writer shares the story of an orphaned Mexican free-tailed bat as he is adopted and nurtured by a surrogate mother bat. Part of a 20,000,000 member Texan cave community, the realistic illustrations give an accurate view of an amazing chiropteran ecosystem. A must for budding bat enthusiasts.

Stink and the Incredible Super-Galactic Jawbreaker
By Megan McDonald
Illustrated by Peter Reynolds
Candlewick Press / 0763621587 / $12.99
Listening Library / 0739335553 / $15.95 CD
Judy Moody’s little brother Stink is back and finds out how powerful his letter writing abilities can be as he gets a 10 lb. box of candies as a response to a letter of complaint. Stink sees this as a great deal and his writing becomes ever more creative in an effort to get more stuff… that is, until Mom and Dad take paper and pen away! A great selection for kids moving up to chapter books.
Do Not Open This Book!
By Michaela Muntean
Illustrated by Pascal Lemaitre
Scholastic / 0439698391 / $16.99
How could you interrupt a pig when he is working? As the pig reprimands the reader for opening the book and bothering him while he is trying to write this story, readers will snort with delight as they continue to turn page after page just to find out where this book is leading them.

Jack and the Beanstalk
By E. Nesbit
Illustrated by Matt Tavares
Candlewick Press / 0763621242 / $16.99
Everyone loves the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. This retelling, originally published in 1908, has been newly illustrated in lush pencil and watercolor, making this a handsome gift for anyone who enjoys the world of folklore.

Clementine
By Sara Pennypacker
Illustrated by Marla Frazee
Hyperion / 0786838825 / $14.99
Fans of Judy Moody and Ramona will enjoy making a new friend in Clementine, a lovable third grader with ‘spectacularful ideas’ always ‘sproinging up’ in her brain. With her almost magnetic attraction to silliness and trouble, familiar readers moving from second to third grade will find a new friend who they’ll hope to see again and again!

Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Sharks and Other Sea Monsters
By Robert Sabuda
Illustrated by Matthew Reinhart
Candlewick Press / 076362229X / $27.99
Dive into this treasure trove for colorful pop-ups and interesting facts about marine creatures of the past! As you explore the depths of this book, you’ll meet “sea monsters” like the mammoth shark megalodon, the turtle archelon that was fifteen feet long, and the odd amphibian diplocaulus with its boomerang-shaped head! Along the way, you’ll encounter fascinating trivia such as where the tongue twister “she sells seashells” originated!
Look! Look! Look!
By Nancy Elizabeth Wallace
Marshall Cavendish / 0761452826 / $16.95
Take a “look” into this delightful introduction to art as a family of mice examines a postcard of a famous painting. Much to their surprise, they discover patterns, colors, lines, and shapes within the painting. Instructions for creating your own self-portrait postcard are included.

Seymour Makes New Friends: A Search-and-Find Storybook
By Walter Wick
Scholastic / 0439617804 / $8.99
Toy boy Seymour is back in another search-and-find series of stories which also encourages children to create some search-and-find toys all their own. Creative learning fun!

Can You See What I See? Once Upon a Time
By Walter Wick
Scholastic / 0439617774 / $13.99
Twelve favorite fairy tales, classic stories and folk tales become the palette for Wick’s newest rhyming search-and-find adventure. Young readers and listeners will delight in finding the oh-so-many picture clues in this once-upon-a-time toyland!

Flotsam
By David Wiesner
Clarion Books / 0618194576 / $17.00
Fans will appreciate another captivating, wordless story by David Wiesner as his watercolors tell the fantastic tale of a young boy who discovers an old camera washed ashore. After developing the film, he examines the photographs and is amazed to discover a picture within a picture within a picture going back into time to reveal the young boy who was the original subject of the photograph.
Drooling and Dangerous: The Riot Brothers Return!
By Mary Amato
Illustrated by Ethan Long
Holiday House / 082341986X / $16.95
Life is never boring with the Riot Brothers around! In fact one of Orville and Wilbur’s favorite sayings is, “A riot a day keeps the boredom away.” In this second book of their adventures, they become spies, star in a movie, and have a dwitch say (witch day), all with hilarious results. They even give the reader some ideas for ways to ward off boredom.

The Clue of the Linoleum Lederhosen
By M.T. Anderson
Illustrated by Kurt Cyrus
Harcourt / 0152053522 / $15.00
Kate Mulligan, star of a children’s mystery book series, Jasper Dash, also star of a mystery series, albeit one that is quickly losing popularity; and, their ordinary friend, Lily, decide to take a little vacation at the Moose Tongue Lodge and Resort. When they get there, they meet other mystery book series heroes also on vacation. Of course with this many sleuths in one place there has to be a mystery and they all want to find out “who done it?”

The American Story: 100 True Tales From American History
By Jennifer Armstrong
Illustrated by Roger Roth
Alfred A. Knopf / 0375812563 / $34.95
America’s story is told through colorfully illustrated narratives that are sure to pique the reader’s interest in learning more. There are stories of disasters and triumphs, and of human kindness and treachery. Some are well known and others not so well known but they are all true American stories.
The Wright 3
By Blue Balliett
Illustrated by Brett Helquist
Scholastic / 0439693675 / $16.99
Listening Library / 0307284298 / $28.00 CD
In an exquisite blend of art and mathematical puzzles, sixth-grade friends Petra and Calder from Chasing Vermeer are back with Calder’s long-time buddy, Tommy, returning from New York to their Chicago Hyde Park neighborhood. The trio becomes enmeshed in a suspenseful campaign to save Frank Lloyd Wright’s Robie House from being divided and sent to museums around the world. Great logic! Great story! Great fun!

Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters
By Lesley M. M. Blume
Alfred A. Knopf / 0375835237 / $15.95
Cornelia S. Englehart is the only child of a famous concert pianist who is constantly touring. Cornelia spends most of her after-school time with her French housekeeper, Madame Desjardins. Cornelia considers words to be her friends, so she’s never lonely, and she loves using big words to insult people. Cornelia finds her quiet world turned upside-down when she meets her mysterious, well-traveled next-door neighbor, Virginia Somerset.

Room One: A Mystery or Two
By Andrew Clements
Illustrated by Chris Blair
Simon & Schuster / 0689866860 / $15.95
A mysterious face in an abandoned farmhouse window is all sixth grader Ted Hammonds needs to go into detective mode. The secrets he learns forces him to make difficult decisions, choosing the right, rather than the easiest, thing to do. A story of balance, conflict, responsibility and courage.
Gregor and the Marks of Secret
By Suzanne Collins
Scholastic / 0439791456 / $16.99
In this fourth volume of the Underland Chronicles, Gregor’s role as a warrior and his abilities as a rager are put to the test. The mice are disappearing and young queen, Luxa is determined to find out why. Gregor is drawn deeper into the crisis which points the way to a final prophecy which he must fulfill.

Bhangra Babes
By Narinder Dhami
Delacorte Press / 0385733186 / $14.95
In this final volume of Dhami’s trilogy, Amber, Geena and Jazz’s dreams have come true. Their interfering auntie is getting married and moving out. A new school year begins in which Amber is paired up with the sullen new girl, Kira. She falls head over heels for the new boy, Rocky Gill, a rapper with a bad attitude. Amber uses her skills at managing people’s lives so that auntie’s wedding is a beautiful occasion.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
By Kate DiCamillo
Illustrated by Bagram Ibatouline
Candlewick Press / 0763625892 / $18.99
Listening Library / 0307245950 / $19.95 CD
In a tale reminiscent of Margery Williams’ The Velveteen Rabbit, a Newbery award-winning author introduces us to haughty and dapper Edward, a china rabbit belonging to 10-year-old Abilene Tulane. Though much loved, Edward’s self-centered and smug attitude is put to the test when he becomes a rabbit-overboard during a trans-Atlantic journey. His consequent adventure sets off a chain of events that show him the true meaning of love and that you really can come home again. A powerful and touching story of selfless love.

Babymouse: Volume 1: Queen of the World
By Jennifer Holm
Illustrated by Matthew Holm
Random House 0375832297 / $5.95

Babymouse: Volume 2: Our Hero
0375832300 / $5.95

Babymouse: Volume 3: Beach Babe!
0375832319 / $5.95

Babymouse: Volume 4: Rock Star!
0375832327 / $5.95
These delightful, clever graphic novels unveil a new heroine. Making mundane chores and school activities into full-blown heroic adventures, Babymouse greets every obstacle – her locker, fractions, waking up, taking out the trash – by imagining she is a superhero conquering villains and monsters who come her way.
Regarding the Bathrooms: A Privy to the Past
By Kate Klise
Illustrated by M. Sarah Klise
Harcourt / 0152051643 / $15.00
In this fourth book in the Regarding the series, Principal Russ has a couple of serious problems. First, he absolutely has to have the bathrooms redone before hosting a conference. Second, due to the stress involved with planning the conference, he has developed a certain blockage in his own pipes. Get ready for lots of bathroom humor, wordplay, and general confusion in this entertaining book of correspondence.

The Story of Salt
By Mark Kurlansky
Penguin / 0399239987 / $16.99
Salt, common and taken for granted, has played an important role in human history and culture. Obtaining this necessary mineral has led to exploration, wars and social protest. Based on Kurlansky’s adult bestseller, Salt: A World History, this work enables young readers to discover the importance of salt.

First Dive to Shark Dive
By Peter Lourie
Boyds Mills Press / 159078068X / $17.95
Scuba, sharks and Suzanna, oh, my! Prolific photo-essayist Lourie and his 12-year-old daughter Suzanna share their parallel stories of a family Bahamian vacation. Shark and scuba enthusiasts will enjoy watching Suzanna progress from her beginning scuba dive through a dive with 17 sharks. Beautiful color photographs and folklore of the islands round out this adventure which is armchair travel at its very best!

Sabuda & Reinhart Present Castle: Medieval Days and Knights
By Kyle Olman
Illustrated by Tracy Sabin
Orchard Books / 043954324X / $19.99
The paper engineers extraordinaire team up once again to travel back in time to the Middle Ages. Experience life in the castle from the stone workers and armories to life at court in all its regal splendor. Pop-ups, pull tabs and cutaways help tell the story of the days when chivalry was alive and well... and wondrous.
Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich and Other Stories
You’re Sure to Like Because They’re About Monsters,
and Some of Them Are Also About Food
By Adam Rex
Harcourt / 0152057668 / $16.00
Even monsters get hungry, write songs, get spinach in their teeth... and have to go to the bathroom! You’ll find all of this and more in this poetical collection of funny foibles of some fiendish figures that will be sure to gather ghoulish grins and guffaws from guys and girls!

Mom and Dad Are Palindromes:
A Dilemma for Words... and Backwards
By Mark Shulman
Illustrated by Adam McCauley
Chronicle Books / 0811843289 / $15.95
Bob is anxious. He is a palindrome, and they’re all around him! Can he escape from those words and phrases that are spelled exactly the same way, forward or backward? Can you find all 101 of them?

John, Paul, George & Ben
By Lane Smith
Illustrated by Lane Smith
Hyperion / 0786848936 / $16.99
No, it’s not the Beatles, but almost as fun! What do you get when you mix the Stinky Cheese Man with American history? Meet John Adams, Paul Revere, George Washington and Ben Franklin, with a little Tom Jefferson on the side, before they became ye olde Founding Fathers! History with a hilarious twist!

The Beatrice Letters
By Lemony Snicket
Illustrated by Brett Helquist
HarperCollins / 0060586583 / $19.99
Want to know more about the mysterious Lemony Snicket and Beatrice Baudelaire? Check out this collection of correspondence, complete with removable love letters and a poster.
The End
By Lemony Snicket
Illustrated by Brett Helquist
HarperCollins / 0064410161 / $12.99
Harper’s Children’s Audio / 0060579528 / $25.95 CD
Thirteen can be a lucky number if you want to read the latest in the Series of Unfortunate Events… or it can be unlucky since it is the last book. Enjoy… if you must!

Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon
By Catherine Thimmesh
Houghton Mifflin / 0618507574 / $19.95
…five, four, three, two, one… BLAST OFF! Take a behind-the-scenes look at the first Apollo moon landing through the eyes of the technicians, seamstresses, contractors, and engineers. The striking design is complete with photographs, personal accounts and oral histories. A wonderful tribute to a moment of triumph.

My Name Is Sally Little Song
By Brenda Woods
Penguin / 0399243127 / $15.99
Escaping the cotton fields of Georgia, an 11-year-old slave and her family flee to the swamps of Florida and the Seminole Indians. While sharing some of her little songs she creates for comfort, Sally tells of their perilous journey fraught with danger and tragedy.

Doodle a Zoodle
By Deborah Zemke
Blue Apple / 1593541406 / $12.95
Grab a pencil and paper and doodle your way to fun! Follow the simple steps, as lines, shapes and squiggles turn into some of your favorite animals.
Ages 11 - 12
**Firegirl**  
*By Tony Abbott*  
Little, Brown / 0316011711 / $15.95  
Seventh grader, Tom, and his classmates at St. Catherine’s School are shocked by the new girl in their class. Jessica, disfigured by burns, has changed schools to get treatment at a local hospital. While most of his classmates avoid her, Tom slowly begins a friendship with Jessica, in a powerful book that shows how even the smallest of gestures can have a profound impact on someone’s life.

**Crispin: At the Edge of the World**  
*By Avi*  
Hyperion / 078685152X / $16.99  
From the Newbery Award-winner comes the second action-packed installment featuring Crispin and his burley companion, Bear, in 14th century England. The two have high hopes they have left their troubles behind and set off from Great Wexley to enjoy their trade as traveling minstrels. But their freedom is short-lived when the rebel brotherhood Bear turned against seeks revenge.

**Strange Happenings**  
*By Avi*  
Harcourt / 0152057900 / $16.99  
In a short story collection, five thought-provoking tales chill readers with strange changes—a boy and his cat exchange lives; an invisible girl finds herself. By turns ethereal and surreal, these stories will intrigue anyone who has wondered what it would be like to be someone, or something, else.

**Nabbed (Crime Through Time series)**  
*By Bill H. Doyle*  
Little, Brown / 0316057371 / $15.95  
Each book in this new series stars a young sleuth who solves a suspenseful mystery. Readers learn about historical periods in newspaper clippings, while tech tips profile actual investigative techniques. In *Nabbed!* it’s 1925, and G. Codd Fitzmorgan is invited to a stormy island’s eerie mansion filled with hidden passages, secret towers and dark dungeons to track down the missing pilot of a “ghost” plane.
**Water Street**  
By Patricia Reilly Giff  
Random House / 0385730683 / $15.95  
Listening Library / 0739336460 / $27.00 CD  
Bird Mallon, youngest daughter of Irish immigrants Nory and Sean (Nory Ryan’s Song, Maggie’s Door) hopes to follow her mother’s trade as a midwife-healer, but the work can be daunting and even scary. Thomas Neary, motherless, lives above the Mallons with his alcoholic father, and wishes for a family like his friend, Bird has. Told in alternating voices, the two friends share their hopes and dreams, their family struggles and hard work living in Brooklyn, 1875.

**Among the Free**  
By Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Simon & Schuster / 0689857985 / $16.95  
Third-child Luke, illegal in a future society where families can only have two children, is now working undercover with the Population Police, the very institution that would eliminate him if they knew his real identity. When a woman who refuses government orders sets off a revolt, Luke sees an opportunity to strike a blow against the oppressive regime, to fight back and be counted, and to allow all the “shadow children” to at last be free.

**Snatched**  
By Pete Hautman and Mary Logue  
Penguin / 0399243771 / $16.95  
Roni and Brian, two clever, likeable but offbeat teen detectives, try to discover who abducted their classmate, Alicia Camden. Short chapters alternate the voices of all three teens in a mix of suspense, humor and unusual plot twists. This is the first in a series set in Minnesota; The Bloodwater Mysteries.

**Sheep**  
By Valerie Hobbs  
Farrar, Straus & Giroux / 0374367779 / $16.95  
A young Border collie finds himself homeless and alone after lightning destroys the ranch where he was born. He narrates an engaging series of adventures as he searches for a name, a home and a friend. Fans of Black Beauty and The Incredible Journey will cheer for this canine Oliver Twist.
Though she was born in the United States, Sumiko’s Japanese heritage makes people suspicious of her loyalty after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Sent to an internment camp in sweltering Arizona, far from her home and the flower fields her family cultivates, she must come to terms with a harsh new life and discovers much in common with a Mohave boy, whose own tribe once claimed the land.

The second in the *Children of the Lamp* series, 12-year-old Djinn twins John and Philippa Gaunt, magical powers in hand, return to their roots in Old Babylon but for very different reasons… one for a traditional rite… the other for a suspenseful rescue!
Pirateology: The Pirate Hunter’s Companion
By Captain William Lubber (Ed. Dugald A. Steer)
Candlewick Press / 0763631434 / $19.99
Ahoy, Mateys! If you want to learn everything there is to know about pirates, this is the book for you! This jumbo book is chock-full of maps, flags, knots, and everything else from the world of the pirate. This is not just a book for reading, it has lots to touch, interact with, and explore. Perfect for the aspiring pirate in your life.

The Fall of the Amazing Zalindas
By Tracy Mack and Michael Citrin
Orchard Books / 0439828368 / $16.99
In a previously undocumented case of Sherlock Holmes, told from the point of view of the Baker Street Irregulars, the theft of a treasure from Buckingham Palace and the seemingly accidental death of high wire acrobats are solved thanks to the detective work of the street urchins. For added fun, there is a secret code embedded in the story.

Peeps: A Candy-Coated Tale
By Mark Masyga and Martin Ohlin
H.N. Abrams / 081095995X / $16.00
The most prominent family of marshmallow Peeps in Peepsville is missing! Follow the clues in this wacky whodunit, enjoy the delicious style, and get to know America’s favorite non-chocolate candy in a whole new way.

Amazing Life of Birds: Duane’s Puberty Journal
By Gary Paulsen
Illustrated by Javaka Steptoe
Random House / 0385746601 / $15.99
A baby bird in a nest outside Duane’s window struggles to grow up in a process that mirrors Duane’s own struggles to survive both middle school and puberty. Zits, bad hair weeks, a voice that goes from foghorn to flute – readers will laugh out loud as Duane bemoans the trials of a boy’s first life change.
Mr. Collins, a burned-out middle school math teacher, enlists four of his students in an after school club to build a giant tetrahedron from 16,384 smaller ones and get into the Guinness Book of World Records. Armed with reams of paper and glue sticks, teacher and students tell their stories as they build a huge structure, piece by piece, and discover that the rainbow-colored composition isn’t the only thing joined together.
**Chew On This: Everything You Don’t Want to Know About Fast Food**
By Eric Schlosser
Houghton Mifflin / 0618710310 / $16.00
Adapted from the author’s *Fast Food Nation*, get a glimpse of the history of fast food and the agribusiness and animal husbandry methods that foster it. From the 37-day life of the pre-McNugget chicken, the appalling conditions of slaughterhouses and meatpacking plants, and commercials planned to hook young consumers, learn the gruesome details behind the tasty treats we love, the truth about soda pop and obesity, fries and lies.

**Endymion Spring**
By Matthew Skelton
Delacorte Press / 0385733801 / $17.95
Listening Library / 0739336444 / $40.00 CD
Blake, an American teen living in Oxford, stumbles upon *Endymion Spring*, part of “the most legendary, sought-after book in the world.” Now he must try to complete the fragment and evade the cutthroat members of an antiquarian book society. Flashback chapters told by an apprentice of the great Gutenberg himself reveal connections to his original printing press.

**Listen!**
By Stephanie Tolan
HarperCollins / 0060579358 / $15.99
The dog is a thin, homeless stray and keeps its distance from humans, but Charley decides she wants to tame him. Charley’s efforts to work with the dog she names Coyote, brings her back to the woods and painful memories of her mother who was a nature photographer. Over the course of a summer, Charley learns through her memories to “listen” with ears, eyes and self and develops an unusual ability to communicate with Coyote.
Ages 13 - 14
Clay
By David Almond
Delacorte Press / 038573171X / $15.95
Davie’s life in a small English town changes when he befriends Stephen Rose, a mysterious boy with a talent for making lifelike clay figures – figures he breathes life into – figures that will do anything he asks. But will the boys use their powers wisely, or will the Frankenstein monster they create end up destroying everything?

The Warrior Heir
By Cinda Williams Chima
Hyperion / 078683163 / $16.99
Recorded Books / 1428111131 / $104.75 CD
Jack, an ordinary, small town boy, is stunned to learn he has magical powers that place him at the center of an age-old wizard conflict. As the fabled Warrior Heir, Jack is claimed as champion by both feuding houses, the White Rose and the Red. But Jack isn’t sure he wants to fight for either side.

The Loud Silence of Francine Green
By Karen Cushman
Clarion Books / 0618504559 / $16.00
Listening Library / 142813173 / $35.00 CD
Francine has always been the “good girl,” obeys her parents and teachers, and never, ever thinks for herself. But she worries about hydrogen bombs, the Cold War communist threat, and the fallout shelter in her back yard. Then her new friend, outspoken Sophie Bowman, confides that her screenwriter father and his actor friend are blacklisted by the McCarthy hearings, and now, at last, Francine decides to speak her mind.

Samurai Shortstop
By Alan Gratz
Penguin / 0803730756 / $17.99
Listening Library / 142811131 / $39.00 CD
When Commodore Perry opens Japan to Western influences, like the game of baseball, young Toyo is torn between his family values and the warrior tradition and his dream of fitting in at a new school where bullying is an everyday trial. Making the school baseball team might be the way to connect his old world with his new life.
Scrambled Eggs at Midnight
By Barkley and Heather Hepler
Penguin / 0525477608 / $16.99
Calliope: Why do you keep looking at me that way? Why are your lips green? Eliot: When you first meet a girl, make sure you are accidentally conducting a science experiment on your lips. So begins a whirlwind teen romance during a hot North Carolina summer, heard through Cal and Eliot’s alternating voices. But newfound love is bittersweet, as Cal must say goodbye when her mother decides to move on, and they realize how much they’ve learned about first love, finding family and a place to belong.

Winter Road
By Terry Hokenson
Front Street / 1932425454 / $16.95
Willa has had her pilot’s license three years and is sure she can handle her uncle’s delivery route on her own. When the plane crashes in the wintry Ontario wilderness, it takes all of her courage and ingenuity to find a way to survive in this gender-bending adventure story.

Ark Angel
By Anthony Horowitz
Philomel Books / 0399241523 / $17.99
Recorded Books / 1419394304 / $74.75 CD
Alex Rider, teenage spy working for M16, has a new mission involving eco-terrorists, rockets to space, and maniacal killers. Fans of James Bond will enjoy this action-packed adventure, sixth in a series. Read one, and you’ll want to read them all.
It’s the Fifties, the dawn of the civil rights movement, when sophomore Rob Garrett leaves his segregated school in Virginia and enrolls as the first black student at an exclusive Connecticut boarding school. There he learns that bigotry goes beyond black and white when he befriends an Italian Jewish boy.

Fairest
By Gail Carson Levine
HarperCollins / 0060734086 / $16.99
Fate takes Aza to Ontio Castle, where her voice charms even Prince Ijori. Aza discovers that Prince Ijori’s scheming bride, Ivi, owns a mirror that can transforms anyone into a beauty, but at a terrible price. In a song-filled, fast-paced fairy tale, a musical heroine who loves gnomes and discovers there’s more to life than how you look.

Call Me Henri
By Lorraine M. Lopez
Curbstone Press / 1931896275 / $17.95
Enrique has a rough life with family problems, school problems, neighborhood gangs. But he’s determined to succeed and find a better life for himself, and the first step is to drop his English as a Second Language class, enroll in French and rename himself Henri.

Heat
By Mike Lupica
Philomel / 0399243011 / $16.99
Michael Arroyo has a terrific, once-in-a-generation pitching arm, and calls baseball his “best friend.” Far from his native Cuba, Mike’s family now lives near Yankee Stadium, and 12-year-old Mike dominates Little League games. But there’s trouble when an opposing team questions his age, and without a birth certificate from Havana, Mike is benched.

500 Manga Heroes and Villains
By Helen McCarthy
Barrons / 0764132016 / $18.99
Manga, the Japanese cartoon art format, is almost 800 years old, and increasingly popular with young American readers. Here’s an illustrated guide showcasing the best of the good and bad guys, along with a brief history about manga’s basis in folklore, myth and legend.
Dairy Queen
By Catherine Gilbert Murdock
Houghton Mifflin / 0618683070 / $16.00
D. J. comes from a football family; her two older brothers were high school legends, her father a coach. But with her dad’s bad hip, D. J. must quit sports and take over the family farm. Then she spends the summer coaching a cocky quarterback from a rival team, breaks away from expectations, and wins a place for herself as a defensive linebacker on the Red Bend football team. Then she faces the quarterback she trained so well!

Summer of Kings
By Han Nolan
Harcourt / 0152051082 / $17.00
In the turbulent year 1963, Esther Young is determined to change her own life, and befriends a young African-American militant follower of Malcolm X. As she struggles to understand the issues of race and civil rights, Esther learns that while King-Roy’s anger and frustration are justified, she doesn’t believe that violence is the only answer.

Here There Be Dragons
By James A. Owen
Simon & Schuster / 1416912274 / $17.95
Three young students inherit an atlas of imaginary places, the Imaginarium Geographica. They must guard it with their lives as they embark on an adventure through the extraordinary lands it maps. They find allies to defeat the Winter King in battles that mirror World War I raging in the Real World. Readers will delight in following clues that reveal the identities of John, Jack and Charles, writers whose fantasies may not be fiction at all!
Sixteen-year-old Simone Turner Bloom is content with her adoptive family and her life, and has no desire to meet her birth mother. Then her parents announce “Rivka called. She wants to meet you.” Though she resists at first, when they are finally brought together, Simone and her mother find much in one another to enrich their lives.

When Juliana’s parents separate, her mother moves with the children to an English artists’ colony. During the windswept winter, Juliana has flashes of memory and strange feelings of déjà vu. When a local artist is murdered, Juliana starts her own investigation.

In this companion to *Holes*, Armpit is home in Austin, working for a landscaper. His five-step plan to turn his life around (1. graduate high school, 2. get a job, 3. save money, 4. avoid violent situations, and 5. lose the name Armpit) is threatened when X-Ray, another Green Lake alum, convinces him to scalp Kaira DeLeon concert tickets.

*What can I do with these old jeans?* Well, look no further. This colorful book will let teens transform an old pair of pants into fabulous new “stuff.” Slippers, halters, purses, headbands and pillows are only a few of the “injeanious” ideas in this how-to book.
Blind Faith
By Ellen Wittlinger
Simon & Schuster / 1416902732 / $15.95
Liz struggles to understand the bonds between mothers and daughters after her beloved grandmother, Bunny, dies and Liz’s own mother plunges into depression. A non-believer, Liz hopes that her mother’s growing interest in a church that claims to channel the dead will comfort her and give them a way to grow closer. And then there’s her own growing interest in a new neighbor and his sister, who move in with their cantankerous grandmother because their mom is dying of cancer.

Georgie’s Moon
By Chris Woodworth
Farrar, Straus & Giroux / 0374333068 / $16.00
With her father serving in Vietnam, Georgie Collins, a fierce, angry 7th grader, struggles to adjust to a new school and her fear she may not see her father again. Forced into a program where students visit elderly nursing home patients, Georgie makes some choices that hurt people she loves, and finds a way to begin her own healing process.

Troll Bridge: A Rock ‘n’ Roll Fairy Tale
By Jane Yolen and Adam Stemple
TOR Starscape / 0765314266 / $16.95
Moira, a gifted harpist, is one of 12 “princesses” at the Minnesota State Fair, all of whom are whisked away by a troll. He takes them to a magic land to be brides for his troll sons. There, they discover a popular teen boy band, The Griffsons, slated to become the main course at the wedding feast, and they join forces to escape their fates. It’s a fantastic adventure with rocking music, a talking fox, and romance that breathe new life into dusty folktales.
Raisin and Grape
By Tom Amico
Illustrated by Andy Snair
Penguin / 0803730918 / $12.99
Take a walk along with Grandpa Raisin and his favorite little Grape. Grandpa has a story for each of his gazillion wrinkles as the duo shares fun times, silly jokes and loving moments. They are “from the same vine, after all!”

Green Eggs and Ham Cookbook
By Georgeanne Brennan
Illustrated by Frankie Frankeny
Random House / 0679884408 / $16.95
Are you hungry for some Moose Juice or how about some Schlopp or maybe a plate of Green Eggs and Ham? Whip up some new recipes inspired by the work of Dr. Seuss. Each one comes with a dash of the outrageous, spiced up by humor and stirred up with plenty of laughter. Bon appetíte!

Please Play Safe!
By Margery Cuyler
Illustrated by Will Hillenbrand
Scholastic / 0439528321 / $15.99
Penguin’s friends head to the playground but do they know how to play safely? Penguin describes what his friends are doing and then asks the reader: “Is that right?” Children and their caregivers have a chance to discuss the situation before turning the page for the answer. In the end, everyone happily leaves the playground safe and sound, anxious to play together again another day.

Where’s Waldo?: The Great Picture Hunt!
By Martin Handford
Candlewick Press / 0763630438 / $14.99
Guess who’s back and waiting just for you! Visit Odlaw’s Picture gallery and search for hidden objects along with everyone’s favorite elusive character in a red and white striped shirt.
All animals have their own unique way of moving but share the type of movements they make. A spider “floats away on a thread of silk” while “a polar bear floats in dark, icy water.” Follow the way each animal is connected to another and then ask yourself: How do you move? Can you move like them? Notes on each animal are included for those who want to learn more.
Jazz
By Walter Dean Meyers
Illustrated by Christopher Meyers
Holiday House / 0823415457 / $18.95
Bold perspectives, pulsating images and rhythmic poems celebrate the jazz experience, from the first note to the last lingering chord. From Louis Armstrong, to the sights and sounds of New Orleans, the senses are awakened to the spirit of jazz.

The Monster Health Book: A Guide to Eating Healthy, Being Active and Feeling Great for Monsters and Kids!
By Edward Miller
Holiday House / 0823419568 / $16.95
Do as the monster tells you; “Vary your veggies!” and “Focus on fruits!” Pick up healthy tidbits about the five food groups, healthy lunches and snacks, food labels and exercise – all packed with humor. How many peanuts does it take to make a 12 ounce jar of peanut butter? Check it out!

Wow! America!
By Robert Neubecker
Hyperion / 0786838167 / $16.99
Follow Izzy and her dog as they chase her runaway little sister across the United States. From New England to Alaska, be “wowed” by our nation’s capitol, Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon and Mauna Loa. The overs-sized book with poster-sized paintings makes for a perfect family travel planner.
Building With Dad
By Carol Nevius
Illustrated by Bill Thomson
Marshall Cavendish / 0761453121 / $16.99
Building from the ground floor up takes on a whole new meaning when the construction is viewed from the ground, up! Dad is in charge of building the new elementary school and invites his son to ride along on some of the machines. You get to come too as the grader flattens the dirt, the cement mixer pours the foundation and everything is completed in time for the first day of school.

So Few of Me
By Peter H. Reynolds
Candlewick Press / 0763626236 / $14.00
Leo has a to-do list… a very longgggggg list! Would it be easier if there were more Leos to complete the tasks? Maybe… maybe not. A humorous look at a problem often facing children of all ages.

Read and Rise
By Sandra L. Pinkney
Illustrated by Myles C. Pinkney
Scholastic / 0439309298 / $15.99
Focusing on reading as a means to reach one’s full potential, beautiful photographs of children and poetic text deliver an uplifting message to benefit all. This is another wonderful addition in the Read and Rise Literacy Initiative series.

Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons
By Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Illustrated by Jane Dyer
HarperCollins / 006058081X / $12.99
A bite or two of cookie helps some key life lessons go down more easily. Respect, trustworthiness, patience, politeness, cooperation and loyalty are easier to understand when paired with a favorite treat.
Black? White! Day? Night!
By Laura Vaccaro Seeger
Roaring Brook Press / 1596431857 / $16.95
Black? ____ ; Day?_____. Guessing opposites is an educational game the whole family can play. Here, lift-the-flaps and unusual pairings take the game to a whole new level. You may even come up with some on your own.

Tour America: A Journey Through Poems and Art
By Diane Siebert
Illustrated by Stephen Johnson
Chronicle Books / 0811850560 / $17.95
Celebrate the wonders of our country from coast to coast! Explore the Washington Monument, the “El” in Chicago, the Badlands of South Dakota, the Great Salt Lake and the Golden Gate Bridge. Plenty of history, geography, art and poetry are all packed and ready to go.

Moon
By Robert Louis Stevenson
Illustrated by Tracey Campbell Pearson
Farrar, Straus & Giroux / 0374350469 / $16.00
Against the background of this famous poem, “The moon has a face like a clock in the hall;/She shines on thieves on the garden wall,/On streets and fields/and harbour quays,” a father and son take a boat ride under a moonlit sky that turns the ordinary world luminous. Watercolor and ink illustrations create magical images and memories.

Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom
By Carole Beaton Weatherford
Illustrated by Kadir Nelson
Jump at the Sun / 0786851759 / $15.99
Masterful, poetic free-verse and elegant, emotion-filled illustrations chronicle the journey of Harriet Tubman to freedom and her mission to aid others in their escape from slavery. An inspirational story, perfect for sharing.

Carry Me
By Rosemary Wells
Hyperion / 0786803967 / $15.99
Read to Your Bunny urged parents to read to their children at even the earliest age. Wells continues her message of parental involvement by encouraging parents to “Carry Me!” “Talk to Me!” “Sing to Me!” to help with a child’s healthy development.
My Shining Star: Raising a Child Who Is Ready to Learn
By Rosemary Wells
Scholastic / 043984701X / $8.99
A favorite author and illustrator of children everywhere and advocate for early literacy shares some special words for parents. Read them once and then read them again and again because if you “Give me a child who is ready to learn… I’ll give you a shining star in return.”

Mommy?
By Arthur Yorinks
Illustrated by Maurice Sendak
Scholastic / 0439880505 / $24.95
Is it Frankenstein? Is it Dracula? Or is it the Werewolf?
“Where is my Mommy,” a little boy wonders??? With just one word and the creativity of award-winning and gifted authors and illustrators, a pop-up of epic proportions results. A true tour de force.
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