Great Books for Kids

A collection of great books and gift ideas for kids

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Brush, Brush, Brush!  
Scholastic  
978055323269 / $6.95

Bye-Bye, Mommy!  
Scholastic  
978055324543 / $6.95

Will You Wear a Blue Hat?  
Scholastic  
978055324541 / $6.95

They may be small and short, but these books are big on fun! Enjoy quality time with your favorite toddler as you share one of these bright and energetic board books from the Rookie Toddler series. Sturdy tabbed pages make for easy handling, and “Rookie Storytime Tips” offer helpful suggestions to enhance each story. They are delightful additions to your baby’s board book library!

Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush  
By Jane Cabrera  
Holiday House  
9780823422883 / $1.95

Sing your way from cover to cover with these two adorable puppies. Little ones who love to move and especially enjoy using their limitless song will delight as they march, jump, skip, and hop through their days at school and home.

Peek-a-Boo  
By Marie Cinarious  
Illustrated by Stephanie Peterson  
Dutton  
978052542167 / $11.99

Guess who’s hiding under the flaps? Peek-a-BOOM! It could be a crunch-monching bunny or sleep-cheering chick. Little ones will love playing peek-a-boo to discover some of the earliest signs of spring.

Maisy’s Book of Things That Go: A Maisy First Science Book  
By Lucy Cousins  
Candlewick  
9780375646141 / $12.99

Curious minds will be enthralled with this interactive accordion that explores various modes of transportation. Pull the tabs and spin the wheels for an educational science adventure with everyone’s favorite, Maisy.

I Love Bugs  
By Emma Dodd  
Holiday House  
9780823422807 / $1.95

A young boy explores his backyard proclaiming his love for all bugs, including “loowy-tiny-fruit-flutters-bugs and silly-gritter-flutter-bugs.” Colorful cartoon illustrations give the bugs charming personalities. Although the loves most bugs, you will discover the one that sends him squalling!

Polly’s Pink Pajamas  
By Vivian French  
Illustrated by Sue Heap  
Cardewick  
978080364807 / $14.99

Children love to wear outlandish outfits, and refuse to take them off, will relate to Polly and her perfectly pink pair of pajamas that her father invites her to his birthday party. Polly panics: she doesn’t have any party clothes! A bedtime favorite sure to become as well-worn as an old pair of pajamas!

Tap Tap Bang Bang  
By Emma Garcia  
Boxer  
9781910152009 / $16.99

Bong! Twist! Twirl! Clap! Whack! It’s too bad and little ones will love joining in on the noisy tools with together to complete a very special project. A must-read for budding little builders!

Dogs  
By Emily Gravett  
Simon & Schuster  
978068987001 / $16.99

“I love dogs.” From the very first page, the unfolding amusement attached to various types of dogs will keep even little ones engaged while promoting the concept of opposites. The “brown” cow when readers discover who REALLY loves dogs!

Where Is Tippy Toes?  
By Betsy Lewin  
Aladdin  
9781416978088 / $16.99

Get ready for a great game of hide and seek to find! Tippy Toes on these uniquely cut-out pages. Little ones will be thrilled with the mischievous Tippy Toes can sneak, and out of until he ends up in his favorite spot!

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes  
By Eric Litwin  
Illustrated by James Dean  
HarperCollins  
9780061972020 / $16.99

Take Pete the Cat as he walks down the street in his new white shoes. No matter what Pete steps in, this cool cat just keeps walking along and singing his song because, as the story goes, “It’s all good.” A jazzy, snazzy feel-good story for liners-lovers everywhere!

I’m a Truck Driver  
By Jonathan London  
Illustrated by David Parkinson  
HarperCollins  
9780060597480 / $12.97

Colorful trucks with “headlight eyes” are driven by an anthropomorphic boy and girl accompanied by their silly striped cat and wheezy white dog. Go along for the ride while promoting the concept of diverse personalities. Although he knows best!

Lola Loves Stories  
By Anna McQuinn  
Candlewick  
9781589250210 / $16.99

A lot of silly reverse questions like “Why do feet stink?” and “Why do feet float?” are only a sparse sampling of the inquisitive questions Jacob pondered throughout his day. Curious minds can readily relate and will love the humor and sensitivity contained in Jack’s thought-provoking questions.

Pete the Cat: Oh, Daddy!  
By Cyndy Szekeres  
HarperCollins  
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Don’t Spill the Beans  
By Ian Schoenherr  
Greenwillow  
9780618724572 / $16.99

Shhhhh... Bear has a secret! Could it have something to do with the gift wrapped box and cards he hides behind his back? Bear can’t wait and blab to all of his animal friends. It all leads up to a special message for the reader that can be revisited every time of the year.

The Hide-and-Seek Duck  
By Richard Torrey  
HarperCollins  
9780061972006 / $16.99

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Illustrated by Michael Emberley 
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Blow off and discover fascinating facts about each planet and the solar system with pages that pop-up and pull out. Test your knowledge of space with mini quizzes and fun facts. On which planet can you find pancake domes? What is the tallest mountain in the solar system? 

Disney Princess Encyclopedia  
DK / 9780500666859 / $16.99 
Here’s a book that is princess perfect! A royal welcome awaits you as you meet your favorite Disney Princesses. Learn about faraway lands, castles, spells, fairies and much more. For every princess this is truly “The Ultimate Guide to the Magical World.”

Tortoises  
By Douglas Florian 
Black Ice / 97801416966720 / $16.99 
This book is ripe with personalities … you’ll see a cedar, oak tree, too, bird, and banana, palm and guam and willow tree, plus more you’ll love tremendously. This wondrous collection of eighteen poems branches out in the “glossatree” to uncover more information about seeds, leaves, bark, rings and roots. 

Moon Bear  
By Brenda Z. Guiberson 
Illustrated by Ed Young 
Knopf / 9780375809776 / $16.99 
Adventurous moon bear, an endangered Asiatic black bear, spends the year climbing trees and mountains before preparing to hibernate again. 

Amazing Faces  
Selected by Lee Bennett Hughes 
Illustrated by Chris Soentpiet 
DK / 9780500633341 / $18.95 
Celebrate the richness and diversity of America through the faces of many special children. Portraits Longston Hughes, Nikki Grimes, Jane Yolen, Pat Maira, Janet S. Wong, Prince Redcloud, Joseph Bruchac and many others provide portraits in words of the diverse people who call America home. 

Pear Trees  
By Emily Arnold McCully 
Henry Holt / 9780805087032 / $16.99 
Meet Bill Key and his famous horse Jim Key and how he brought life through lively watercolors, this is the inspiring story of the former slave who, after gaining his freedom, become a veterinarian and wealthy entrepreneur. He championed the humane treatment for animals through the “Wonder Horse,” whom he taught, through kindness, to spell, read, identify colors and do arithmetic. 

Ecomazes: Twelve Earth Adventures  
By Rosie Munro 
Stenhouse / 9780412739399 / $14.95 
Visit a tropical rain forest or a beach in the Antarctic inhabited by penguins. Learn about the Earth’s ecosystems by traveling through mazes and searching for over 350 hidden animals. Nature lovers and puzzle people will enjoy the challenges and fun facts along the way (Answer Key included) 

Something Ate My Homework  
By April Halelley Sayre 
Illustrated by Trade Loeffler 
Dial / 9780803734043 / $16.99 
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Home on the Range  
By Lucy Nolan 
Boyds Mills / 9781600603341 / $18.95 
Fostered by Margaret Reid MacDonald illustrated by Susan Mitchell 
Marshall Cavendish / 9780803656609 / $17.99 
Clarketry, twitschity, Rumpetly, chicky the fairies are busy cleaning. An old woman who talks, talks, talks to them is thrilled when fairies come to do her housework – until they won’t leave! What can she do to make those fairies go away? This fun Irish folk tale is just perfect for reading aloud 

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Zig and Wikki in Something Ate My Homework  
By Nadja Spiegelman 
Stenhouse / 9780525478973 / $16.99 
What do you do if your best friend is a giant? Read this! A humorous comic about first grade friends, Zig and Wikki – their best friend is a giant! And the hotdog is almost impaled! 

A Beach Tail  
By Karen Lynn Williams 
Illustrated by Floyd Cooper 
Mill / 9780590787120 / $17.95 
Young Gregory draws a lion in the sand that he names Sandy. As he begins drawing a tail for Sandy with a stick, Dad reminds him, “Don’t go into the water, and don’t leave Sandy.” Gregory draws a very long tail, leading him far from Dad. He follows the tail drawing back to Sandy and eventually to his loving father.
Toy Story 3: The Essential Guide
By Citlán Dakota
DK / 9780500563162
$12.99
Toy Story fans will treasure this colorful, action-packed guide as they explore the background of all the characters, including such old pros as beloved Woody and Buzz Lightyear as well as such new toys as Lotso and BigFig. Discover what happens to these dear toys after Andy grows up and they are donated to a daycare.

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The True Story of a Real Giant
By Kate Klise
Illustrated by M. Sarah Klise
Dial / 9780803734036
$16.99
Imagine wearing a size 24 shoe! Born in 1872, Ella Kate Ewing grew to the towering height of 8’4”. Constantly teased because of her size, Ella Kate turned what could have been a negative into a huge advantage. Through kindness, to spell, read, identify colors and do arithmetic.

Turtle, Turtle, Watch Out!
By April Halprin Yoys
Illustrated by Annie Patterson
Chronicle / 97819821186 / $17.95
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Night herons, racoons, hungry fish and human garbage endanger the baby turtle’s trek to the ocean. Find out how to join people around the world to save the seven species of endangered sea turtles.

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The latest in a popular series, this edition offers invaluable advice for the child unfortunate enough to be accosted by aliens, mummies, ghosts, vampires (“If your friend’s bunk bed has a lid, avoid a sleepover near – ready to pounce on anyone smart-alecky sixth grader,” warns the author). Readers can peruse an alien field guide, inspect extraterrestrial coincidences, and attempt to solve puzzles on an intergalactic scale.

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The Wonder Baking Book
By Denise Smart
DK / 9780756657888 $17.99
Cookies, doughs, cakes and pastries! Culinary kids can try their hands at tasty recipes while learning baking safety, techniques and storage procedures. Plus, the pictures are just plain delectable!
The Danger Box
By Kyle Balliet
Scholastic
9780439852098 / $16.99

Scholastic Playaway
9781616950608 / $16.99

Raised by his grandparents, twelve-year-old Zooky is anxious to discover the mystery around an old notebook he finds in a seaside school. First in the Keepers of the School series.

Jade
By Audrey Couloumbis
Random House
9780375863033 / $15.99

With only a few days before Christmas, Jade finds herself alone; her mother is in the hospital recuperating from a broken leg. When her grandparents (whom she barely knows) arrives and with a dog, Jade learns what it means to be part of a family.

Out of My Mind
By Sharon M. Draper
Atheneum
9781416971702 / $16.99

Melody, born with cerebral palsy, is unable to perform the simplest of tasks, from feeding to dressing herself. At age eleven, she receives a device that enables her to "speak" for the first time and surprises most of the people around her, when they realize inside she is just like everyone else.

The Fabled Fifth Graders of Aesop Elementary School
By Candace Fleming
Schwartz & Wade
9780375863349 / $15.99

The rambunctious fifth graders of Aesop Elementary School are quite a challenge, but their teacher, Mr. Jupiter, is always one step ahead of his class! With lessons full of exciting and unusual information that will stick in a moral, the students finally accelerate to sixth grade.

Wishing for Tomorrow:
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The Clock Without a Face: A Gus Twinty Mystery
By Eli Horowitz and Mac Barnett
Illustrated by Scott Teplin
Macmillan
9781429508036 / $19.95

Roy Dodge and his sidekick Gus Twinty have a mystery to solve. Twelve emerald-studded numbers on Mr. Bevel Ternky’s clock, Emerald Twinty, have been stolen. Join in the real search since the actual numbers have been buried by the authors across the country! Find the clues hidden in the pictures and dig up the numbers yourself!

One Crazy Summer
By Rita Williams-Garcia
HarperCollins
9780060760892 / $15.99

Recorded Books CD
9781441821968 / $46.75

Eleven-year-old Delphine and her relatives want Mo to move to Red Riding Hood, are menaced by the Panther movement, and more in this much-anticipated sequel.

A Book of Reversible Verse
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HarperCollins / 9780061989148 / $19.99
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Dear George Clooney, Please Marry My Mom
By Susin Nielsen
Turtle / 9780887767971 / $15.95
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Girl’s Life Head-to-Toe Guide to You
Edited by Sarah Wassner Flynn
Silhouette / 978055220367 / $18.99
Any girl can look and feel fabulous about herself with the real scoop on everything female. Enjoy fun tips, quizzes, myth busters and how-to tips. Growing up doesn’t have to be confusing when you put yourself “in the know.”

Tea Cuisine
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Awakening Chef of Iron Award-winning chef Matthew Loricchio invites teens into the kitchen to prepare a variety of delicious and colorful dishes. This well-designed cookbook will engage novice cooks and budding chefs with classic and adventurous recipes they can sink their teeth into.

Fixin’s of the Rock
By Melina Marchetta
HarperCollins / 9780060710321 / $25.00
Thirteen-year-old Samuel is a skilled hunter and warrior expert. He has no tracking, hunting and survival skills to use after British soldiers and,Iroquois Indians attack his settlement and capture his parents. Follow Samuel in this wild tale of a young boy caught up in a harsh war. Interesting historical facts about frontier life and the Revolutionary War are interspersed between chapters.

Wicked Girls: A Novel of the Salem Witch Trials
By Stephanie Hemphill
HarperCollins / 9780061853299 / $16.99
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K.J. Carson and Virgil Whitman begin a battle in their high school newspaper about the Wall Reenactment Project in Yellowstone National Park. “Wall Notes” starts a political firestorm between ecologists and local ranchers who view wolves as menaces to their livestock. K.J. and Virgil become targets of violence and must consider how far they will go to stand for what they believe.

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Alton is drawn into mysteries, intrigues and a cross-generational romance, where even death can be trumped.

Right Turn
By Aprilynne Pike
HarperCollins / 9780156068007 / $16.99
Laurel has been summoned to magical Avalon to take classes and learn more about her faerie heritage. She learns potions to help protect her from evil trolls who stalk her in the human world. Laurel’s other problem is the affections she feels for both her earthly love, David, and her faerie sentry, Tamani. Spells is the second book in the Wings series.

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Don’t Slam the Door! By Dori Chaconas Illustrated by Will Hillenbrand Candlewick 978-0763637095 / $15.99 How many times have we been told not to slam the door? and here's why…. The cumulative, cause-and-effect chaos all begins with the slamming of the screen door and the cat who gets spooked! Yarn literally flies in this last-springing tale, leaving the reader right back where he started!

Emma’s Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty By Linda Glaser Illustrated by Claire A. Nivola Houghton Mifflin 978-0547184855 / $17.00 Emma Lazurus never personally experienced the poverty so familiar to the immigrants who fled their homelands looking for new opportunities in America. How could she possibly understand their plight? More importantly, how could she help?

Cupcake By Charise Harper Hyperion / 978-1423189788 $14.99 Plain vanilla cupcake loves meeting his fancy family but turns sad when he is left at the end of the day. With the help of a small green candle and some special toppings, together they are anything but ordinary.

Palazzo Inverse By D. B. Johnson Houghton Mifflin 978-0547200650 / $17.00 It may be up… it may be down… it all depends on your point of view! This circular tale shows that the power is all in the pencil!

Brettonia By James Hovie Illustrated by Randy Cecil Candlewick 978-0763644376 / $15.99 Brettonia Apatosaurus doesn’t let her size or lack of proper footwear keep her from pursuing her dream of becoming a ballerina. With her big talent, willingness to work and the support of her friends, she pirouettes to success!

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Little, Brown 978-0316058710 / $15.99

Bellewreck Audio CD 978-1417711740 / $24.94

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Abandoned in a book drop on the coldest night of the year, Dewey Readmore Books became the purr-fect library cat for the people of Spencer, Iowa. Library visitors delighted in Dewey’s friendship. Adapted for a middle school audience from the adult bestseller.

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How to Clean a Hippopotamus: A Look at Unusual Animal Partnerships

By Robin Page

Illustrated and written by Steve Jenkins

Houghton Mifflin 978-0374341347 / $16.00

It sounds like dangerous work, but animals can develop strange partnerships for their mutual benefit and survival! From the 20-foot African crocodile to the 1/6-inch black ant, many species instinctively develop a “truce” with possible predators! Fascinating anecdotes combine with colorful, cut paper collage illustrations.

Chalk

By Bill Thomson Marshall Cavendish 978-0761453526 / $15.99

Walking through a park on a rainy day, three children happen to find a bag of chalk. Watch as their rough sidewalk drawings become real and amazing adventures! No words needed here!

First Pop: The Real Story of How Bo Got to the White House

By Bob Staake

Feiwel & Friends 978-0312613464 / $16.99

Tune up the trumpets and roll out the red carpet… the nation’s First Pop deserves no less! Playful pictures illustrate how Bo went from “farm boy” to first pet with the help of the Secret Service and a stretch limousine.

Can You See What I See? Treasure Ship

By Walter Wick

Scholastic 978-0439026437 / $13.99

Zooming out from a photo of a single coin to an entire beach, find over 200 objects hidden in plain sight in these highly detailed pages about the Bountiful and its shipwreck. You’ll find this game absorbing for all ages!
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Want to check the toys out? The toys below are just some of the available titles that can be requested through Cuyahoga County Public Library’s online catalog and sent to a branch near you.

**Chime Garden**
Manhattan Baby / I 3 2290
$24.99
Ages 9 – 24 months

Based on the children’s book Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. Infants can explore the play mat sounds and textures and when older, fill the vinyl jug with soft shapes and textures and when older, fill the vinyl jug with soft shapes and textures to wash it. A loop attachment keeps the cheery bouquet safely within arms reach.

**Concert Master Violin**
Environmental Toy Co
$23.99
Ages 3 – 7

Encourage your budding musician with this electronic violin for free play or listen and play along with recorded classical music pieces.

**Magnetic Dress-Up**
Melissa & Doug
Magnetic Dress-Up
Now Ballerina / $14.99

Magnetic Dress-Up Princess Elsa / $12.99
Magnetic Pretend Play Jewels / $12.99

Ages 3 & up
Two sets in one, traditional on one side of the board and on the reverse side is the quick chess board that’s fast paced but helpful for those just learning the game. With 10 levels of play in all, there’s something for everyone here.

**Gwirkle**
Masterpiece / 32016
$24.99
Ages 6 & up

Similar to dominoes, the object of this 2 – 4 player board game is to match colors and/or shapes on the tiles. But with the strategy of Scrabble, players quickly learn to string together many matches. An award-winning game that is easy to learn yet designed to keep even the adult players engaged.

**Rock and Scoot Little Tikes**

Fire Truck / 615153 / $34.99
Horse / 615184 / $34.99
School Bus / 615146 / $36.99

Ages 12 – 36 months
How do you improve a classic like the rocking horse? Little Tikes has made the base removable to give the child the option of rocking or scooting about the floor using their feet! Cherry character faces in durable plastic pull these toys alongside the classic Cozy Coupe for ride-on fun for generations to come.

**My Electronic Library**
Scholastic
School Bus – Storytime Favorites
0-545-19890 / $22.99
0-545-19891 / $22.99
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**Tactile Discs**
Beyond Play
Set #1 (5 discs) / E024 / $86.55
Set #2 (5 discs) / E979 / $86.55

Complete 10 disc set $199.50

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Manhattan Baby / I 3 660X
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Mega Brand
Build in 6 on Table / 8237
$44.99

Ages 12 months – 4 years

200 Piece Duffle Bag Set / $30.99

Ages 2 – 6

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**Quick Chess**
International Playthings
Quick Chess
(i play) / P20051 / $14.99

Ages 6 & up

A quick chess board that’s fast paced and on the reverse side is the classic Cozy Coupe for ride-on fun for generations to come. Great for visually impaired children.

**Magnetic Pretend Play Joey**
Melissa & Doug
Ninja Ballerina / $14.99

Paper dolls are all about imagination, and the stories your children create help improve their narrative imagination, and the stories your children create help improve their narrative and pre-literacy development. A loop attachment keeps the cheery bouquet safely within arms reach.

**Winter Wonderland Stories for Girls**
Scholastic
0-545-19890 / $22.99
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Manhattan Baby / I 3 2290
$24.95
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Based on the children’s book Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. Infants can explore the play mat sounds and textures and when older, fill the vinyl jug with soft shapes and textures and spill them out over and over. An early introduction to the world of letters will get them ready for reading!

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Alphabet Fill and Spill
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Chime Garden
Lomaze / LC27205
$72.99
Ages 6 months & up

Even though little ones can’t pick the flowers, they will reach for this toy again and again to hear the soft music and chimes from the colorful, textured cloth flowers. A loop attachment keeps the cheesy bouquet safely within arms reach.

Concert Master Violin
Environmental Toy Co
$29.99
Ages 3 – 7

Encourage your budding musician with this electronic violin for free play or listen and play along with recorded classical music pieces.

Super Spiral Speedway
Fisher-Price / $24.99
Ages 2 – 6

Ready, Set, Go! Cars race down a side-by-side race track fueled with kid power, requiring no batteries or electricity! Two cars are included and a built-in handle means it is ready to go anywhere, anytime.

Mega Bloks
Mega-Build
List $47.95 / In stock $44.99
Ages 12 months – 4 years

200 Piece Duffle Bag Set
$30.99
Ages 4 & up

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Quick Chess
International Playthings
$19.95
Ages 6 & up

Two sets in one. Traditional on one side of the board and on the reverse side is the quick chess board that’s fast paced but helpful for those just learning the game. With 10 levels of play in all, there’s something for everyone here.

Werewolf
Mega-Build
List $41.99 / In stock $34.99
Ages 12 – 36 months

How do you improve a classic? Make it “Little” little ones can carry in their own duffle bag. The duffle bag has a built-in handle means it is ready to go anywhere, various themed player is included, and pre-loaded for take-along ease. Each themed player is designed to keep even the community helpers engaged.

Snowman
Scholastic
0-545-19890 / $22.99
0-545-19891 / $22.99
0-545-21335 / $22.99

Scholastic has created an audio book player with four popular picture books pre-loaded for take-along ease. Each themed player is shaped to coordinate with the theme and includes four books so children can follow the story or just look at the pictures as they listen.

Smart Snacks

Learning Resources
ABC Lacing Sweets
LER 7204 / $18.99

Counting Cookies
LER 7201 / $16.99

Counting Fun Fruit Revel
LER 213 / $18.99

Hide ‘n’ Seek Chocolates
LER 7272 / $16.99

Mix & Match Donuts
LER 7205 / $16.99

Rainbow Color Cones
LER 7203 / $16.99

Sorting Shapes Cupcakes
LER 7202 / $16.99

Stack & Count Layer Cake
LER 7212 / $18.99

Sweet Heart Sycups
LER 7273 / $18.99

Imaginative play with high educational value, the Smart Snacks series combines pretend play with the basic skills — counting, recognizing, matching, sorting, stacking and more. Children will learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes and colors with these well-made toys that are satisfying but with no calories!

Tactile Discs
Beyond Play

Set 1* (5 disks) / E979
$16.95

Set 2* (5 disks) / E993
$16.95

Complete 10 disk set
$33.95

Ages 2 – 5

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