



Books: The Doctor-Recommended Holiday Gift for Children

Pediatricians who give away brand-new books to their youngest patients through the Reach Out and Read early literacy program know from experience that books make fantastic holiday gifts. Not only do books promote literacy skills and a love of reading, they can actually help bring families closer together. Below are some of the favorite gift book recommendations from Reach Out and Read pediatricians across the country.

Babies



Peek-A-Who?

The Going to Bed Book

The Wheels on the Bus

Global Babies

by Nina Laden

by Sandra Boynton

by Jerry Smith

by Maya Ajmera

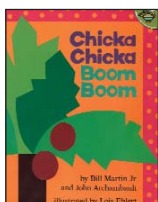
Who's there? Is it you?

Rhyming fun as animals bound to bed.

Sing-along fun on the noisiest bus in town.

A world filled with beautiful babies.

Preschoolers



Good Night, Gorilla

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Jamberry

Sheep in a Jeep

Mouse Paint

by Peggy Rathmann

by Bill Martin, Jr.

by Bruce Degen

by Nancy E. Shaw

by Ellen Stoll Walsh

It's bedtime at the zoo – Shhh!

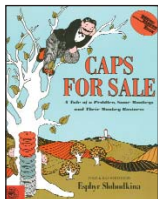
A rhyming alphabet book and lots of fun.

A romp and lots of rhymes on a berry hunt.

Get carried away by the jeep-driving sheep.

Mice mixing paint make a colorful mess.

Ages 4-8



Millions of Cats

The Big Snow

Caps for Sale

One Morning in Maine

Time of Wonder

by Wanda Gag

by Berta & Elmer Hader

by Esphyr Slobodkina

by Robert McCloskey

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How do you decide which is the prettiest cat?

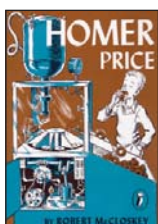
What do you name a new pup?

How can a peddler retrieve his hat from a tree?

What happens when a tooth really gets lost?

An examination of a wondrous Maine summer.

Ages 9-12



Homer Price

A Long Way from Chicago

The Best School Year Ever

Mr. Tucket

Dealing With Dragons

by Robert McCloskey

by Richard Peck

by Barbara Robinson

by Gary Paulsen

by Patricia Wrede

Homer foils bandits with the help of his pet skunk.

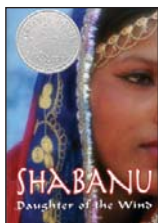
Joey and sister visit their infamous grandmother.

The Herdmans make it an interesting school year.

Mr. Tucket relies on a mountain man for survival.

A princess with common sense deals with dragons.

Young Adult Books



Squashed

The Darkangel

Freak the Mighty

Shoeless Joe

Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind

by Joan Bauer

by Meredith Ann Pierce

by Rodman Philbrick

by W. P. Kinsella

by Suzanne Fisher Staples

A tale of growing a pumpkin and growing up.

For teens who love "Twilight" by Stephanie Meyer.

Two boys create a magnificence friendship.

"Field of Dreams" is based on this baseball classic.

A young woman must wed a powerful landowner.