

## TERRIFIC TITLES FOR TEENS

**Edward's Eyes** by Patricia MacLachlan: This sweet tale by the author of *Sarah Plain and Tall* introduces two brothers. Meet Edward through the eyes of his big brother Jake during the summer Edward learned to throw the perfect knuckle ball. Have a tissue ready.

**Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment** by James Patterson: Six children who are genetically modified to fly and the scientist who is trying to capture them take the reader on a fast paced adventure.

**Thoreau at Walden** by John Porcellino: A beautiful graphic novel of Thoreau's *Walden's Pond* - this book is a joy to read.

**The Books of Ember** by Jeanne DuPrau: Four books comprise this wonderful series beginning with *The City of Ember*. Where is the City of Ember and why is there suddenly such a shortage of food and electricity?

**Zen and the Art of Faking It** by Jordan Sonnenblick: Eighth grader San Lee decides to recreate himself in the image of a Zen master in his new school, but is he prepared for the effects of his deception?

## HIGH SCHOOL HITS

**Blindsided: Why the Left Tackle is Overrated and Other Contrarian Football Thoughts** by KC Joyner: ESPN's football scientist explores the myths, legends, and misconceptions of pro ball.

**Gadget Nation** by Steve Greenberg: Entrepreneurs and budding inventors will enjoy this look at the gadgets that caught the eye of our nation. This book will delight and amaze!

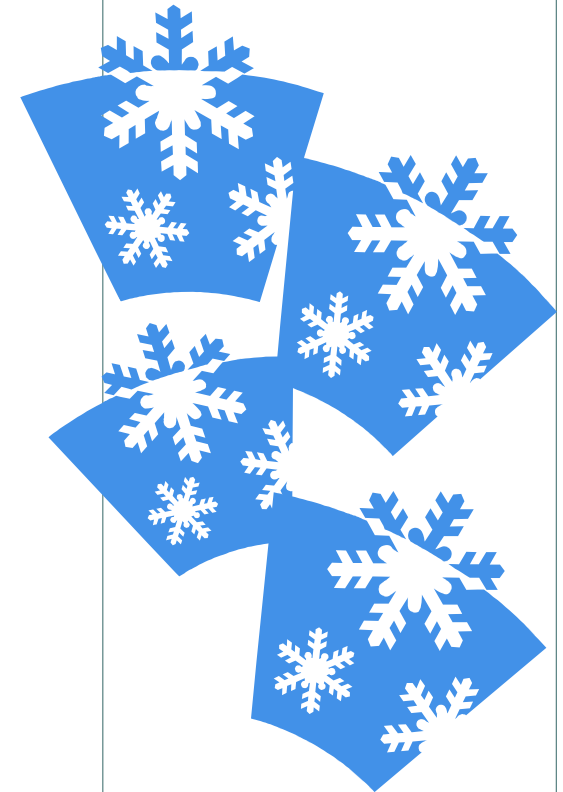
**I'm Just Here for the Food** by Alton Brown: Bake or make a gift during this season of giving using Brown's award winning recipes.

**Inkdeath** by Cornelia Funke: Fans of *Inkheart* and *Inkspell*, take heed. Dark magic rules the Inkworld, and chaos reigns supreme as characters flip between the book world and the other world in the conclusion of this series.

**Sovay** by Celia Rees: *Sovay* portrays a male counterpart in an adventurous time that precedes the French Revolution. Her journey transforms from danger to treason.

**Wicked: The Grimmerie** by David Cote: Fans of the theater will enjoy this trip down the Yellow Brick Road in a behind the scenes look at this Broadway musical.

## BOOKS FOR HOLIDAY GIVING



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## PICTURE BOOKS

***A Visitor for Bear*** by Bonny Becker: Mouse will not give up trying to make friends with Bear – even when Bear hangs a sign on the door saying “No Visitors Allowed!”

***Bad Kitty Gets a Bath*** by Nick Bruel: Just when you thought this feline was behaving, Bad Kitty is back in this chapter book that humorously gives detailed directions on how to properly give Bad Kitty a bath!

***Gingerbread Friends*** by Jan Brett: In this sequel to *Gingerbread Baby* the Gingerbread Baby enters a bakery in search of friendship but instead gets chased by characters, like the original Gingerbread Man tale.

***If You Give a Cat a Cupcake!*** by Laura Numeroff: The newest book in the *If You Give* series features an adorable cat and lots of what ifs!

***My Dog May Be a Genius*** by Jack Prelutsky and illustrated by James Stevenson: If you ever thought about mowing your bathtub, sitting on scrambled eggs or buying a dinosaur, then this collection of poems will make you laugh out loud.

***Snow Party*** by Harriet Ziefert: When the first snow falls, all the snowmen, snow-women, and snowchildren celebrate with food, dancing, and singing. Share the magic of winter as you enter their special world.

***The Pet Dragon: A Story about Adventure, Friendship, and Chinese Characters*** by Christoph Niemann: The title says it all! Use this brightly illustrated book as a fun story about a lively heroine and her unusual pet, or as a creative and fun introduction to written Chinese. It’s a winner either way.

## FAMILY READS

***Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman*** by Marc Tyler Nobleman: The true story of how Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster created Superman and spent four years trying to get their story published.

***ABC3D*** by Marion Bataille: This innovative, tactile, stylish book will mesmerize readers from 3 to 100 years old.

***Lump of Coal*** by Lemony Snicket: Can a lump of coal dream about art and food? This little gem will leave you in stitches, but beneath all of the crusty humor is a message about gratitude and friendship.

## NOTABLE NONFICTION

***Abe’s Honest Words*** by Doreen Rappaport: A beautifully illustrated biography for young readers explores the reason why the 16<sup>th</sup> president of the United States was known as “Honest Abe.”

***Looking For Miza*** by Juliana Hatkoff: Baby Miza, a silverback mountain gorilla, is separated from her mother in the Congo. Can her father find her and bring her home?

***My Family*** by Sheila Kincade: This book looks at all types of families in our world. The end of the book features a large world map showing all the locations photographed in the book.

***Our Three Bears*** by Ron Hirschi: No, not THOSE bears! Take a fascinating look at the three bear species that are native to North America: black bears, grizzly bears and polar bears.

***Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out***: Over 100 award-winning children's book authors and illustrators collaborated on this most unusual book that includes stories, pictures, puzzles, trivia and more.