HOLIDAY GIVING GUIDE FOR KIDS

Holiday giving can be a challenge; it is sometimes hard to pick out the right book. That is why we asked our PBS Books Readers’ Club and our PBS Books followers to share their favorite books to gift kids for the holidays. PBS Books is also making recommendations of some interesting kids’ books, which complement our PBS programs. Look for the ** symbols for exclusive author interviews that can be found at www.pbsbooks.org and on our Facebook and YouTube channels. Cheers for health, safety, and a more normal 2021!

readers’ choice

Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland
<< Lewis Carroll (Author). John Tenniel (Illustrator). Ages 7 and up.
A young girl named Alice falls through a rabbit hole into a fantasy world filled with peculiar creatures.

A Wrinkle in Time
<< Madeleine L’Engle (Author). Ages 12 and up.
Meg, Charles, and Calvin are in search of Meg’s father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem.

Where the Sidewalk Ends
<< Shel Silverstein (Author). Ages 4-8.
About a place where you wash your shadow and plant diamond gardens, where shoes fly, sisters are auctioned off, and crocodiles go to the dentist.

Anne of Green Gables
<< L.M. Montgomery (Author). Ages 8 and up.
Anne Shirley arrives at the white farmhouse called Green Gables and wants to stay forever. She knows she’s not what the Cuthberts were expecting and must convince them to let her stay.

Charlotte’s Web
The story of a little girl named Fern who loved a little pig named Wilbur—and of Wilbur’s dear friend Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider who lived with Wilbur in the barn.

The Boy, The Horse, The Fox and The Mole
<< Charlie Mackesy (Author). Ages 8 and up.
A boy, a mole, a fox and a horse find themselves together in difficult terrain, sharing their fears and making discoveries.

The One and Only Bob
Bob finds courage he never knew he had and learns the true meaning of friendship and family as he ventures on an adventure in search of his long-lost sister.

Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You
<< Sonia Sotomayor (Author). Rafael López (Illustrator). Ages 4-8.
The kids work together to build a community garden, while asking questions of each other. This book encourages readers to do the same: Just Ask.

Saturday
<< Oge Mora (Author). Ages 4-8.
Mom is nearing a meltdown when everything goes wrong during a special Saturday routine…until her daughter reminds her that being together is the most important thing of all.

Sofia Valdez, Future Prez!
<< Author: Andrea Beaty (Author) ** David Roberts (Illustrator) Ages 5-8.
Sophia goes to City Hall and is told that she can’t build a park because she’s just a kid! She sets out to prove what she can do.

pbs books picks

Lift
Iris is forced to choose between going on new adventures alone or letting her little brother tag along, and finds that sharing a discovery with the people you love can be wonderful.

Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World
<< Vashti Harrison (Author). ** Ages 8-12.
This book shows the Dreamers as both accessible and aspirational so readers know they, too, can grow up to do amazing work.

The Day You Begin
This is a book that reminds us that we all feel like outsiders sometimes—and how brave it is that we go forth anyway.

Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks
Read about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and take a look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.

Becoming Muhammad Ali
Follow Ali’s journey from childhood to fame. The documentary called Ali by Ken Burns is slated for broadcast on PBS in 2021/22.

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