



# 88 AWARD-WINNERS

## That Your Kids Will Love



A shopping list for the year's top toys, story CDs & DVDs, books, music, software and video games



### toys

#### For Infants & Toddlers

- **Baby Einstein™ Animal Exploration Tunnel**, The Baby Einstein Company, \$39.95; [www.BabyEinstein.com](http://www.BabyEinstein.com); ages 6 months and up.
- **Elmo Tickle Hands**, Fisher-Price, \$30; [www.ticklehands.com](http://www.ticklehands.com); ages 18 months and up.
- **Flutterby Teether**, Sassy, Inc., \$3.99; [www.sassybaby.com](http://www.sassybaby.com); ages 3 months and up.
- **If the Shape Fits eebee**, Every Baby Co., \$32; [www.eebee.com](http://www.eebee.com); ages 0 and up.

#### For Preschoolers

- **Adorable Kinders Rag Doll Alise**, Granza Inc., \$59.99; [www.adorablekinders.com](http://www.adorablekinders.com); ages 3 and up.
- **Dino Adventure Rig**, Sprig Toys, \$29.99 each; [www.sprigtoys.com](http://www.sprigtoys.com); ages 3 and up.
- **Dolphin Explorer Boat**, Sprig Toys, \$29.99 each; [www.sprigtoys.com](http://www.sprigtoys.com); ages 3 and up.
- **Kidizoom™ Digital Camera Plus**, VTech Electronics, \$59.99; [www.vtechkids.com](http://www.vtechkids.com); ages 3 and up.
- **Make Your Own Animal Puppets**, Creativity for Kids, \$17.99; [www.creativityforkids.com](http://www.creativityforkids.com); ages 3 and up.
- **Rainbow River Stones**; Wee Blossom; \$151; [www.munchkinfield.com](http://www.munchkinfield.com); ages 3 and up.

#### For Ages 5 & Up

- **Digital Blue SNAP Video Camera**, Digital Blue, \$79.99; [www.digiblue.com](http://www.digiblue.com); ages 7 and up.
- **Razor™ Rip Rider™ 360**; Razor USA, LLC; \$129.99; [www.razor.com](http://www.razor.com); ages 5 and up.
- **Swinxs**, Swinxs BV, \$150; [www.swinxs.com](http://www.swinxs.com); ages 4 and up.

#### For Ages 7 & Up

- **LEGO® Mindstorms® NXT 2.0**, LEGO Systems Inc., \$279.99; [www.LEGO.com](http://www.LEGO.com); ages 10 and up.
- **Ridemakerz**, Ridemakerz \$10 and up for cars, \$2 and up for accessories; [www.ridemakerz.com](http://www.ridemakerz.com); ages 8 and up.
- **The Shred Sled**, Skyking Worldwide, \$119.99; [www.theshredsled.com](http://www.theshredsled.com); ages 8 and up.

### games

#### For Preschoolers

- **Counting Rainbows**, Dowling Magnets, \$19.95; [www.dowlingmagnets.com](http://www.dowlingmagnets.com); ages 4 and up.

#### For Ages 5 & Up

- **Gobbet Gobblers**, Blue Orange Games, \$19.99; [www.blueorangegames.com](http://www.blueorangegames.com); ages 5 and up.
- **Sherlock**, Playroom Entertainment, \$10; [www.playrooment.com](http://www.playrooment.com); ages 5 and up.
- **Ticks Tacks Toes**, Educational Insights, \$24.99; [www.educationalinsights.com](http://www.educationalinsights.com); ages 6 and up.

#### For Ages 7 & Up

- **Exago**, Goliath Games, \$29.99; [www.goliathgames.us](http://www.goliathgames.us); ages 7 and up.
- **Squiggle Connect**, RandomLine, \$19.99; [www.randomline.com](http://www.randomline.com); ages 8 and up.

#### For Ages 8 & Up / Family Fun

- **Telestrations™**, USAopoly, \$29.95; [www.usaopoly.com](http://www.usaopoly.com); ages 13 and up.
- **Quelf**, Imagination, \$29.95; [www.imaginationgames.com](http://www.imaginationgames.com); ages 12 and up.

### dvds

#### For Infants & Toddlers

- **Olivia**, Chorion/Nickelodeon, 2009; 99 min.; \$16.99; [www.nickshop.com](http://www.nickshop.com); ages 1 to 5.

#### For Infants & Toddlers – Series

- **So Smart! Baby's First-Word Stories**, Echo Bridge Home Entertainment, 2009; 30 min. each; \$15.99 each; [www.echobridgeentertainment.com](http://www.echobridgeentertainment.com); ages 1 to 3.

#### For Preschoolers & Up

- **Classical Baby "I'm Grown Up Now": The Poetry Show**, HBO, 2008; 30 min.; \$9.97; <http://store.hbo.com>; ages 2 to 5.



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- **The Jumpitz Celebrate Animals!**, The Jumpitz, 2008; 60 min.; \$12.99; [www.jumpitz.com](http://www.jumpitz.com); ages 2 to 5.
- **Lots to Learn: Head to Toe With Buster**, Lots to Learn, LLC, 2008; 30 min.; \$19.99; [www.lotstolearn.com](http://www.lotstolearn.com); ages 2 to 5.

### For Preschoolers & Up – Series

- **Scholastic Treasury of 25 Storybook Classics: Dinosaurs, Trucks, Monsters and More**, New Video, 2009; 291 min.; \$29.95; [www.newkideo.com](http://www.newkideo.com); ages 2 to 5.

### For Ages 5 & Up

- **How'd They Build That...? Series**, Marvelous Media, LLC, 2009; 50 minutes each; \$8.99 each; [www.marvelousmedia.net](http://www.marvelousmedia.net); ages 4 to 8.
- **Let's Explore...the Rainforest**, One Smart Cookie Productions, 2008; \$18.95; [www.onesmartcookieproductions.com](http://www.onesmartcookieproductions.com); ages 4 to 12.
- **The Riddle in a Bottle**, Sisbro Studios, LLC, 2008; 30 minutes; \$19.95; [www.sisbro.com](http://www.sisbro.com); ages 5 to 8.

### For Ages 8 & Up

- **An American Girl: Chrissa Stands Strong**, American Girl, 2009; 90 min; \$19.98; [www.americangirl.com](http://www.americangirl.com); ages 8 to 12.

## storytelling & spoken-word

### For Younger Children

- **Storytelling for Kids!**, Mary Jo Huff; Storytelling Time, 2009; \$15; [www.storytelling.com](http://www.storytelling.com).
- **Tell Me A Story 3: Women of Wonder**, written by Amy Friedman, read by various artists; Friedman & Danziger, 2009; \$14.95; [www.mythsandtales.com](http://www.mythsandtales.com).

### For Elementary Students

- **The 39 Clues**, Book 2: One False Note, \$19.95, written by Gordon Korman and read by David Pittu; Scholastic Audio, 2008; [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com).

### For Tweens & Teens

- **Daniel X: Watch the Skies**, written by James Patterson and Ned Rust and read by Milo Ventimiglia; Hachette Audio, 2009; \$22.98 (four CDs plus bonus audiobook of *Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment*); [www.HachetteAudio.com](http://www.HachetteAudio.com).

### For Family

- **Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales**, written by various authors and read by various celebrities; Hachette Audio, 2009; \$16.98 (three CDs), [www.HachetteAudio.com](http://www.HachetteAudio.com).

## books & magazines

### For Infants & Toddlers

- **Baby Colors**, by Rachael Hale; Little Brown Books, 2009; \$6.99; [www.lb-kids.com](http://www.lb-kids.com).
- **The Potty Caddy**, by Rachel Gordon, illustrated by Sarah Bergmann, Workman, 2008; \$14.95; [www.workman.com](http://www.workman.com).
- **Waddle**, by Rufus Butler Seder; Workman, 2009; \$12.95; [www.workman.com](http://www.workman.com).
- **When I First Held You: A Lullaby from Israel**, by Mirik Snir, illustrated by Eleyor Snir; Kar-Ben Publishing, 2009; \$9.95; [www.karben.com](http://www.karben.com).

### For Preschoolers & Up

- **The Christmas Magic**, by Lauren Thompson, illustrated by Jon J Muth; Scholastic, 2009; \$16.99; [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com).
- **Duck! Rabbit!**, by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld; Chronicle Books, 2009; \$16.99; [www.chroniclebooks.com](http://www.chroniclebooks.com).
- **Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt**, a Marine & a Miracle, by Major Brian Dennis, Kirby Larson, and Mary Nethery; Little, Brown, 2009; \$17.99; [www.lb-kids.com](http://www.lb-kids.com).
- **Panorama: A Foldout Book**, by Fani Marceau, illustrated by Joëlle Jolivet; Abrams, 2009; \$19.95; [www.abramsbooks.com](http://www.abramsbooks.com).

### For Ages 6 & Up

- **Chicken Dance**, by Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Dan Santat; Sterling Publishing, 2009; \$14.95; [www.sterlingpublishing.com/kids](http://www.sterlingpublishing.com/kids).
- **Finding Lincoln**, by Ann Malaspina, illustrated by Colin Bootman; Albert Whitman, 2009; \$16.99; [www.albertwhitman.com](http://www.albertwhitman.com).
- **Horrid Henry**, by Francesca Simon, illustrated by Tony Ross; Sourcebooks, 2009, \$4.99 (paperback); [www.jabberwockykids.com](http://www.jabberwockykids.com).
- **Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11**, by Brian Floca; Atheneum/Simon & Schuster, 2009; \$17.99; [www.simonandschuster.com](http://www.simonandschuster.com).

### For Ages 9 & Up

- **I, Q: Independence Hall**, by Roland Smith; Sleeping Bear Press, 2008; \$8.95 (paper); [www.sleepingbearpress.com](http://www.sleepingbearpress.com).
- **Savvy**, Ingrid Law; Walden Media/Dial Books for Young Readers, 2008; \$16.99; [www.walden.com](http://www.walden.com).
- **Tumtum & Nutmeg: Adventures Beyond Nutmouse Hall**, by Emily Bearn, illustrated by Nick Price; Little Brown Books, 2009; \$16.99; [www.lb-kids.com](http://www.lb-kids.com).
- **When You Reach Me**, by Rebecca Stead; Wendy Lamb Books, 2009; \$15.99; [www.randomhouse.com/kids](http://www.randomhouse.com/kids).

### For Ages 12 & Up

- **The Bite of the Mango**, by Mariatu Kamara with Susan McClelland; Annick Press, 2008, \$12.95 (paperback); [www.annickpress.com](http://www.annickpress.com).



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- o ***It's All Too Much, So Get It Together: Less Junk, Cleaner Mind, Better Life***, by Peter Walsh, illustrated by Jon Pack and John Hendrix; Simon & Schuster, 2009; \$12.99 (paperback); [www.simonandschuster.com](http://www.simonandschuster.com).
- o ***Notes from the Dog***, by Gary Paulsen; Wendy Lamb Books, 2009, \$15.99; [www.randomhouse.com/kids](http://www.randomhouse.com/kids).
- o ***Wild Things***, by Clay Carmichael; Front Street, an imprint of Boyds Mills Press, 2009; \$18.95; [www.frontstreetbooks.com](http://www.frontstreetbooks.com).

### Magazines

- o ***ChickaDEE Magazine***, Owlkids; \$4.50 per issue, \$29.99 for 1-year subscription (10 issues); [www.owlkids.com](http://www.owlkids.com).
- o ***Kahani Magazine***, Kahani Media; \$5 per issue, \$20 for 1-year subscription (4 issues); \$35 for 2-year subscription (8 issues); [www.kahani.com](http://www.kahani.com).

## music

### Lullabies

- o ***Celeste Sings: Kids Dream***, Dana Anton, State of Mind Entertainment, 2008; \$9.95; [www.romanticrealistrecords.com](http://www.romanticrealistrecords.com); all ages.
- o ***Songs From the Garden of Eden***, various artists, The Secret Mountain, 2009; \$14.98 CD, \$22.95 Book/CD; [www.thesectionmountain.com](http://www.thesectionmountain.com); all ages.
- o ***The Ultimate Lullaby Connection***, various artists, Twin Sisters Productions, 2008; \$19.99; four CDs & book; [www.twinsisters.com](http://www.twinsisters.com); all ages.

### Toddlers & Up

- o ***Kids in the City***, Laura Doherty, Laura Doherty Music, 2009; \$15; [www.lauradoherthemusic.com](http://www.lauradoherthemusic.com); up to age 6.
- o ***Soulville***, various artists, Little Monster Records, 2008; \$12.98; [www.littlemonsterrecords.com](http://www.littlemonsterrecords.com); ages 2 to 8.
- o ***There's A Train***, Bill Currier, We Kids Rock, 2009; \$9.99; [www.wekidsrock.com](http://www.wekidsrock.com); up to age 5.

### Ages 4 & Up

- o ***Aventura Collage, Mariana Iranzi***, Mariana Iranzi Music, 2009; \$8; [www.marianairanzi.com](http://www.marianairanzi.com); ages 2 to 10.
- o ***Banjo To Beatbox***, Cathy & Marcy, Community Music, 2009; \$7.99; [www.cathymarcy.com](http://www.cathymarcy.com); ages 4 to 9.
- o ***My Trampoline***, Peter Himmelman, Minivan Productions, 2009; \$15.00 CD; [www.minivanproductions.com](http://www.minivanproductions.com); ages 3 to 10.
- o ***Road To Rock***, The Boogers, Spire Records, 2008; \$12.97; [www.meet-the-boogers.com](http://www.meet-the-boogers.com); ages 1 to 8.
- o ***Spare the Rock, Spoil the Child***, Bill Childs, WRSI-FM, 2005-present; Radio Show; [www.sparetherock.com](http://www.sparetherock.com) and [www.wrsi.com](http://www.wrsi.com); all ages.

### Ages 9 & Up

- o ***American Heroes #3***, Jonathan Sprout, Sprout Recordings, 2009; \$13.99; [www.jonsprout.com](http://www.jonsprout.com); all ages.
- o ***¡Canta Mi Son! Juanita Ulloa***, Vocal Power Productions, 2009; \$13.99; [www.juanitamusic.com](http://www.juanitamusic.com); all ages.
- o ***Good Things Happen!*** Les Julian, Jump Right Over The Moon Music, 2009; \$15; [www.lesjulian.com](http://www.lesjulian.com); ages 7 and up.

## software, video games and web sites

### For Preschoolers & Up

- o ***Curious George's Dictionary***, Houghton Mifflin and ScrollMotion, 2009; \$9.99; [www.scrollmotion.com](http://www.scrollmotion.com); ages 3 to 5.
- o ***Splatster***, Fisher-Price, 2009; \$54.99; [www.fisher-price.com](http://www.fisher-price.com); ages 3 to 5.

### For Early Elementary Students

- o ***Crayola Art Studio***, Core Learning Inc., 2008; \$24.95; [www.core-learning.com](http://www.core-learning.com); ages 6 to 8.
- o ***DreamBox Learning K-2 Math***, DreamBox Learning, 2009; \$12.95/month; [www.dreambox.com](http://www.dreambox.com); ages 6 to 8.
- o ***Tikatok™***, Tikatok, 2007; around \$20 for printed books, \$2.99 for eBooks, free for online creativity; [www.tikatok.com](http://www.tikatok.com); ages 6 to 8.

### For Tweens & Up

- o ***Active Life™: Extreme Challenge***, NAMCO BANDAI Games America, 2009; \$59.99; [www.namcobandaigames.com](http://www.namcobandaigames.com); ages 9 to 11.
- o ***Boom Blox Bash Party***, Electronic Arts, 2009; \$39.99; <http://boomblox.ea.com>; ages 9 and up.
- o ***Dizzywood***, Rocket Paper Scissors, 2007; free with optional monthly subscription \$4.95-\$9.95; [www.dizzywood.com](http://www.dizzywood.com); ages 10-12.
- o ***SmartyCard***, Gazillion Inc., 2009; \$6.95/month to \$39.95/six months; [www.smartycard.com](http://www.smartycard.com); ages 7 to 11.

### For Tweens & Teens

- o ***Guitar Hero On Tour: Modern Hits***, Activision, 2009; \$49.99; [www.activision.com](http://www.activision.com); ages 12 to 14.
- o ***Spore™ Galactic Adventure***, Maxis/Electronic Arts, 2009; \$29.99; [www.spore.com](http://www.spore.com); ages 12 to 14.

### Family

- o ***Science Buddies***, Science Buddies, 2001; free; [www.sciencebuddies.org](http://www.sciencebuddies.org); ages 5 to 18.
- o ***Zoodles***, Inquisitive Minds Inc., 2009; free (prem. memberships start at \$7.95/month); [www.zoodles.com](http://www.zoodles.com); ages 2 to 8.

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