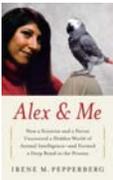




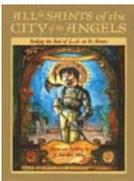
Books Make Great Holiday Gifts

For Grown-Ups



Alex and Me: How a Scientist and a Parrot Discovered a Hidden World of Animal Intelligence--And Formed a Deep Bond in the Process by Irene Pepperbert and Roger Lewin

This story of Alex, a famous African Grey parrot, documents his thirty-year relationship with his trainer and the ways in which his life has changed scientific understanding about language and thought.



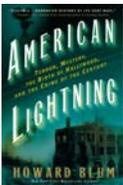
All the Saints of the City of Angels by J. Michael Walker

Populated by the portraits of both the famous and the forgotten, and filled with stories and secrets from every age, this beautifully offbeat volume peels back layers of western history to reveal the humanity underneath.



American Jennie: The Remarkable Life of Lady Randolph Churchill by Anne Sebba

An unstinting portrait of the life of Winston Churchill's American-born mother traces her whirlwind entry into the British aristocracy after a three-day courtship with Randolph Churchill, her professional and artistic accomplishments, and the controversy that ensued from her uninhibited personality.



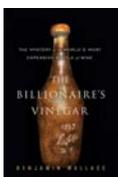
American Lightning: Terror, Mystery, Movie-making, and the Crime of the Century by Howard Blum

A narrative history details a deadly explosion that ripped through the offices of the Los Angeles Times in October 1910, part of a planned assault on one hundred American cities, the investigation--led by master detective William J. Burns--that followed, and the arrest and sensational trial of two union activists for the crime.



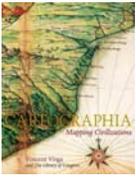
Big Chuck: My Favorite Stories from 47 Years on Cleveland TV by Chuck Schodowski and Tom Feren

Tune in as Cleveland TV legend Big Chuck Schodowski tells hundreds of funny and surprising stories from a lifetime in television in his familiar, good-natured, Cleveland-to-the-bone style. Revisit favorite characters including the Kielbasy Kid, Certain Ethnic Guy, Ben Crazy, and many more. Chuck's stories will entertain fans and anyone who enjoys behind-the-scenes tales of television and celebrities.



The Billionaire's Vinegar: The Mystery of the World's Most Expensive Bottle of Wine by Benjamin Wallace

A real-life historical mystery journeys behind the scenes of the secretive world of wine aficionados to describe the 1985 purchase of a bottle of 1787 Chateau Lafite Bordeaux for \$156,000, the mysterious background of the wine, and the enigmatic wine collector who discovered the bottle, once supposedly owned by Thomas Jefferson, in a bricked-up Paris cellar.



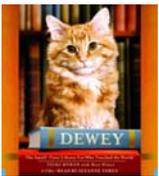
Cartographia by Vincent Virga

A lavishly illustrated tour of some of the most significant and history-making maps ever made is culled from Library of Congress archives and offers insight into the role of maps as living histories, in a volume that features such examples as the Waldseemuller Map of the World from 1507 and William Faulkner's hand-drawn 1936 maps of the fictional Yoknapatawpha County.



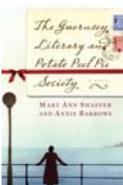
The Complete Herb Book by Jekka McVicar and Penelope Hobhouse

This beautifully illustrated book describes the history, characteristics, and uses of the most popular herbs, offers advice on growing herbs, and shares information on herbal remedies, recipes, and other uses.



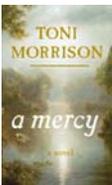
Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World by Vicky Myron with Bret Witter

The author recounts her discovery of a half-frozen kitten in the drop-box of her small-community Iowa library and the feline's development into an affable library mascot whose intuitive nature prompted hundreds of abiding friendships.



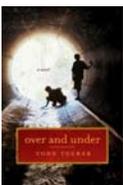
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrow

It's January, 1946, and writer Juliet Ashton sits at her desk, vainly seeking a subject for her next book. Out of the blue, she receives a letter from one Dawsey Adams of Guernsey - by chance, he's acquired a secondhand book that once belonged to Juliet - and, spurred on by their mutual love of Charles Lamb, they begin a correspondence.



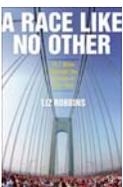
A Mercy by Toni Morrison

In exchange for a bad debt, an Anglo-Dutch trader takes on Florens, a young slave girl, who feels abandoned by her slave mother and who searches for love--first from an older servant woman at her master's new home, and then from a handsome free blacksmith--in an evocative novel set against late seventeenth-century America, by the Nobel Prize-winning author of *Beloved*.



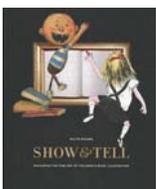
Over and Under by Todd Tucker

Unaware of labor strife that is affecting both of their fathers, a pair of fourteen-year-old boys enjoy the innocence of a youthful summer in 1979 rural Indiana before local violence changes their world and tests their friendship.



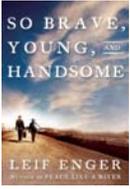
A Race Like No Other: 26.2 Miles Through the Streets of New York by Liz Robbins

A narrative account of the 2007 New York City marathon interweaves the stories of professional and amateur participants, from Great Britain's world-record holder Paula Radcliffe and Latvian two-time winner Jelena Prokopcuka to South African former champion Hendrick Ramaala and a young cancer survivor running his first race.



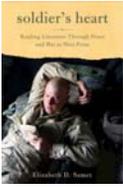
Show & Tell: Exploring the Fine Art of Children's Book Illustration by Dilys Evans

An exploration of children's book illustration focuses on the work of twelve contemporary illustrators, including David Wiesner, Lane Smith, David Shannon, and Betsy Lewin.



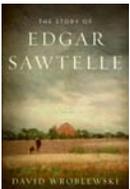
So Brave, Young and Handsome by Leif Enger

In 1915 Minnesota, Monte Becket, a novelist who has lost his sense of purpose, joins Glendon Hale, an outlaw intent on reconciling with his family, which he had abandoned more than two decades earlier, on his journey to California, but he is forced to leave his own family and is pursued by Charles Siringo, a relentless former Pinkerton agent. By the author of *Peace like a River*.



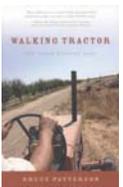
A Soldier's Heart by Elizabeth Samet

A West Point English professor discusses teaching literature to young men and women preparing for war, describing the changes that have occurred since September 11, what it means to be a civilian teaching at a military academy, and what books and movies mean to her students.



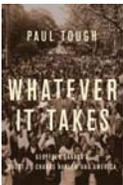
The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski

Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. For generations, the Sawtelles have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog whose thoughtful companionship is epitomized by Almondine, Edgar's lifelong friend and ally. But with the unexpected return of Claude, Edgar's paternal uncle, turmoil consumes the Sawtelles' once peaceful home.



Walking Tractor by Bruce Patterson

Patterson has worked myriad offbeat jobs, from walking tractor, to setting choke, to fleece-stomping, to weed-whacking, to tending hook. Don't worry if all this sounds like gibberish; he explains it all in this down-home, folksy, thoroughly engaging memoir.



Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America by Paul Tough

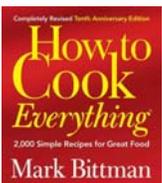
A portrait of African-American activist Geoffrey Canada describes his radical approach to eliminating inner-city poverty, one that proposes to transform the lives of poor children by changing their schools, their families, and their neighborhoods at the same time.

Cookbooks



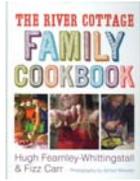
Barefoot Contessa Back to Basics: Fabulous Flavor from Simple Ingredients by Ina Garten

In an all-new cookbook that explores the world of flavor, the Barefoot Contessa explains how to transform fresh, readily available ingredients into an elegant but easy-to-prepare meal, introducing nearly one hundred original recipes for everything from lobster and corn chowder to easy sticky buns, accompanied by entertaining tips and full-color photographs.



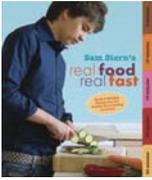
How to Cook Everything: 2,000 Simple Recipes for Great Food by Mark Bittman

Updated to incorporate the latest tastes and cooking trends, a step-by-step guide to cooking includes more than two thousand contemporary recipes complemented by how-to information, tips on cooking techniques, and an expanded coverage of healthy foods.



The River Cottage Family Cookbook

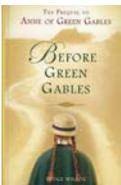
U.S. edition of the best-selling British cooking primer for children and families features a broad range of recipes that can be made by children age ten and older.



Sam Stern's Real Food Real Fast by Sam Stern

Using simple instruction, a conversational tone, and full-color photos, this young chef provides middle readers with a collection of wonderful and healthy recipes made from basic ingredients that can be prepared in less than thirty minutes for teens on the move and aspiring chefs alike.

For Young Adults and Middle Readers



Before Green Gables by Budge Wilson

This prequel presents a backstory to L.M. Montgomery's classic *Anne of Green Gables* novels following Anne Shirley's life before she arrived at Green Gables.



The Case of the Bizarre Bouquets: An Enola Holmes Mystery by Nancy Springer

Fourteen-year-old Enola Holmes, disguised as a beautiful woman, finds clues in floral bouquets as she searches for the missing Doctor Watson, a companion of her famous older brother, Sherlock.



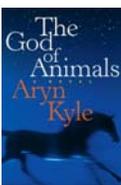
Chicken Soup for the Soul: Teens Talk Getting In to College 101 True Stories from Kids Who Have Lived Through It

The stories in the book are written by kids who have been there and want to pass on their words of support to the kids behind them. Stories cover topics such as parental and peer pressure, the stress of grades and SATs/ACTs, college applications and interviews, recruiting, disappointments and success and they provide moral support and encouragement to high school students going through this stressful event.



Generation Green: The Ultimate Teen Guide to Living an Eco-Friendly Life by Linda Sivertsen and Tosh Sivertsen

The authors provide information on issues such as global warming and overflowing landfills; offers tips on how to shop, dress, eat, and travel the green way; and shows that being environmentally conscious can be a natural part of life.



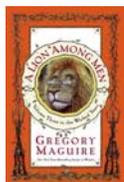
The God of Animals by Aryn Kyle

The tale of Alice Winston, a rancher's daughter, finds her helping to support the family business by boarding the horses of rich neighbors and leaving behind the innocence of her youth.



Hurt Go Happy by Ginny Rorby

Struggling to make her way through the world in spite of her mother's refusal to let her learn sign language, hearing-impaired teen Joey Willis secretly learns to sign while helping a primate scientist and his baby chimpanzee, Sukari.



A Lion among Men by Gregory Maguire

An entertaining third volume in the *The Wicked Years* series, following *Wicked* and *Son of a Witch*, focuses on the adventures and exploits of the Cowardly Lion.



No Girls Allowed: Tales of Daring Women Dressed as Men for Love, Freedom and Adventure by Susan Hughes

Here are graphic-style stories about seven daring young women from around the world who disguised themselves as men in order to achieve their goals, including Hatshepsut, Mu Lan, Alfhild, Esther Brandeau, James Barry, Ellen Craft, and Sarah Rosetta Wakeman.



Princess Ben by Catherine Gilbert Murdock

Princess Benevolence discovers an enchanted room while locked in the castle's highest tower by the conniving Queen Sophia and begins learning the magical arts, which may help her save her kingdom from a mortal threat.



The Tales of Beedle the Bard by J. K. Rowling

Here are five illustrated moral tales for children from the world of Harry Potter, reportedly discovered and translated by young witch Hermione Granger, with an introduction and commentary from Albus Dumbledore, headmaster of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

For Younger Children



The Christmas Bears by Chris Conover

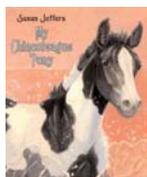
Santa Bear's seven cubs watch as their father loads the sleigh with toys to deliver on Christmas Eve.

Age 5-6



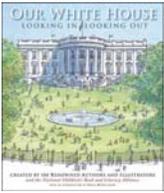
March On! by Christine King Farris

Having led thousands in a march for civil rights to the foot of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. made the most of the historical moment by giving a speech that would forever inspire people to continue to fight for change in the years ahead. Age 8-9



My Chincoteague Pony by Susan Jeffers

Dreaming of the day when she can own a pony of her own, Julie decides to work as hard as she can all year long and save her money so that the next time the ponies from Chincoteague Island are swum over for auction she is in a position to make a bid and finally buy one for herself. Age 6-7



Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out by National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance

More than one hundred leading authors and illustrators donate their talents to a collection of essays, personal accounts, historical fiction, and poetry which looks at America's history through the prism of the White House. Age 9-11



A Pirate's Night before Christmas by Philip Yates and illustrated by Sebastia Serra

On a ship of mischievous brigands--who have visions of treasure chests dancing in their heads--Sir Peggedy, with his peg leg and hook arm, pays a visit to the pirates along with his eight giant seahorses--Salty, Scurvy, Sinbad, Mollie, Cutthroat, Cross-Eyes, Roger, and Jolly. PreS-Gr 3



Santa Duck by David Milgrim

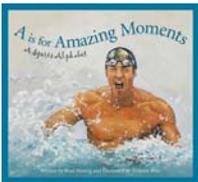
When Nicholas Duck, wearing a Santa hat and coat he found on his doorstep, goes looking for Santa to tell him what he wants for Christmas, all the other animals mistake him for Mr. Claus. PreS-Gr1



Twas the Day before Christmas: The Story of Clement Clarke Moore's Beloved Poem by Brenda Seabrooke and ill. by Delana Bettoli

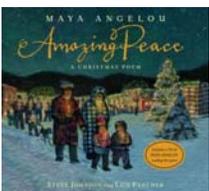
Bright illustrations enhance this picture book that examines how this classic Christmas poem written in 1822 came to be. K-Gr 3

For Almost Anyone



A Is for Amazing Moments by Brad Herzog

Not your typical alphabet book, this one highlights the incredible events and milestones in the world of sports that impacted American history, from Jesse Owens who stunned Nazi Germany during the 1936 Summer Olympics, to Billie Jean King's defeat of Bobby Riggs in their 1973 "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match.



Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem by Maya Angelou with Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher

Highlighting the promise of peace, this beautifully illustrated picture book unites families of different faiths and cultural backgrounds in a charming celebration of Christmas and the loving spirit of the season.

Angelou reads the poem on the accompanying CD.



The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry with illustrations by P.J. Lynch

A husband and wife sacrifice treasured possessions in order to buy each other Christmas presents, in a classic tale of love and sacrifice set in a shabby, New York City flat.