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Christmas Gift Guide – Children's Book Gift Suggestions*

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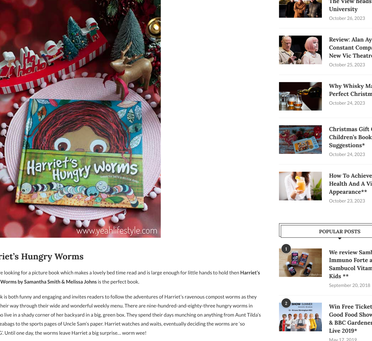
[Ad-gifted] Can you believe that there are just 62 more days until Christmas Day? This only means, it is time for us to start sharing our Christmas Gift Guides to help the countdown to Christmas!

We love reading and find that books are such a great gift idea for little ones to help encourage them be avid readers and instil the love for reading hence we are starting the ball rolling with our Children's Book Christmas Gift Guide.

There are five very special books in this guide, the first **Harriet's Hungry Worms by Samantha Smith & Melissa Johns** which is about composting and sustainability. The second book is a personalised book by **Manimal Tales titled "You" and The ZooKeeper** for little ones who love animals.

Next, we share **Birdie Lights Up The World by Alison McLennan & Lauren Spikey** which teaches children that they are unique and special, perfect for little hands to hold. Finally, **Spikey and the Caterpillar Sausage Cat**, the second book from the Spikey series, which shares more of Spikey's adventures.

Hope you enjoy reading our guide and these help you get started with your Christmas gift buying.

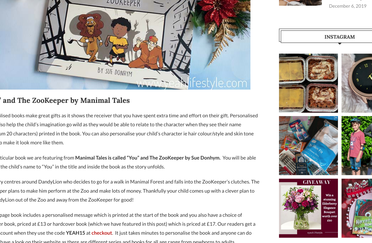


Harriet's Hungry Worms

If you are looking for a picture book which makes a lovely bed time read and is large enough for little hands to hold then **Harriet's Hungry Worms by Samantha Smith & Melissa Johns** is the perfect book.

The book is both funny and engaging and invites readers to follow the adventures of Harriet's ravenous compost worms as they munch their way through their wide and wonderful weekly menu. There are nine-hundred-and-eighty-three hungry worms in total who live in a shady corner of her backyard in a big, green box. They spend their days munching on anything from Aunt Tilda's herbal teabags to the sports pages of Uncle Sam's paper. Harriet watches and waits, eventually deciding the worms are 'so BORING.' Until one day, the worms leave Harriet a big surprise… worm-wee!

This is a lovely book and perfectly illustrated to introduce little ones to composting and about sustainability. Priced at £10.99, you can purchase the book from **Amazon** and even opt for next day delivery.



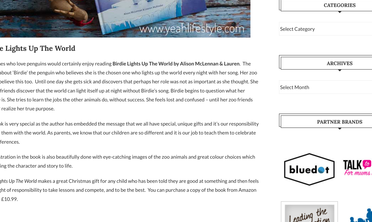
"You" and The ZooKeeper by Manimal Tales

Personalised books make great gifts as it shows the recipient that you have spent extra time and effort on their gift. Personalised books also help the child's imagination go wild as they would be able to relate to the character when they see their name (maximum 20 characters) printed in the book. You can also personalise your child's character in hair colour/style and skin tone colour to make it look more like them.

This particular book we are featuring from **Manimal Tales** is called **"You" and The ZooKeeper by Sue Donhym**. You will be able to swap the child's name to "You" in the title and inside the book as the story unfolds.

The story centres around DandyLion who decides to go for a walk in Manimal Forest and falls into the ZooKeeper's clutches. The ZooKeeper plans to make him perform at the Zoo and make lots of money. Thankfully your child comes up with a clever plan to get DandyLion out of the Zoo and away from the ZooKeeper for good!

The 52-page book includes a personalised message which is printed at the start of the book and you also have a choice of softcover book, priced at £13 or hardcover book (which we have featured in this post) which is priced at £17. Our readers get a 15% discount when they use the code **YEAH15** at **checkout**. It just takes minutes to personalise the book and anyone can do this. Do have a look on their website as there are different series and books for all age range from newborns to adults.



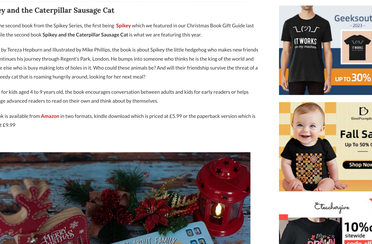
Birdie Lights Up The World

Little ones who love penguins would certainly enjoy reading **Birdie Lights Up The World by Alison McLennan & Lauren**. The book is about 'Birdie' the penguin who believes she is the chosen one who lights up the world every night with her song. Her zoo friends believe this too. Until one day she gets sick and discovers that perhaps her role was not as important as she thought. She and her friends discover that the world can light itself up at night without Birdie's song. Birdie begins to question what her purpose is. She tries to learn the jobs the other animals do, without success. She feels lost and confused – until her zoo friends help her realize her true purpose.

This book is very special as the author has embedded the message that we all have special, unique gifts and it's our responsibility to share them with the world. As parents, we know that our children are so different and it is our job to teach them to celebrate their differences.

The illustration in the book is also beautifully done with eye-catching images of the zoo animals and great colour choices which helps bring the character and story to life.

Birdie Lights Up The World makes a great Christmas gift for any child who has been told they are good at something and then feels the weight of responsibility to take lessons and compete, and to be the best. You can purchase a copy of the book from Amazon **here** for £10.99.



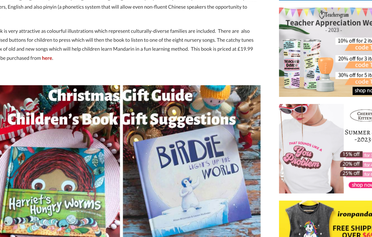
Spikey and the Caterpillar Sausage Cat

This is the second book from the Spikey Series, the first being **Spikey** which we featured in our Christmas Book Gift Guide last year while the second book **Spikey and the Caterpillar Sausage Cat** is what we are featuring this year.

Written by Teresa Hepburn and illustrated by Mike Phillips, the book is about Spikey the little hedgehog who makes new friends as he continues his journey through Regent's Park, London. He bumps into someone who thinks he is the king of the world and someone else who is busy making lots of holes in it. Who could these animals be? And will their friendship survive the threat of a huge, greedy cat that is roaming hungrily around, looking for her next meal?

Suitable for kids aged 4 to 9 years old, the book encourages conversation between adults and kids for early readers or helps encourage advanced readers to read on their own and think about by themselves.

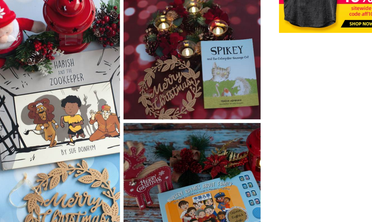
This book is available from **Amazon** in two formats, kindle download which is priced at £5.99 or the paperback version which is priced at £9.99



Nursery Rhymes About Family: Sing along to Children's Songs in Mandarin

If your child is in the process of learning Mandarin, then this **Nursery Rhymes About Family Book From Fish Tales and Rhymes** is the perfect sing along book. This unique bilingual musical board book makes learning Chinese more immersive and fun through music and reading. A great way to teach young ones to sing along to nursery rhymes as lyrics are provided in Chinese simplified characters, English and also pinyin (a phonetics system that will allow even non-fluent Chinese speakers the opportunity to follow).

The book is very attractive as colourful illustrations without culturally diverse families are included. There are also eight raised buttons for children to press which will then the book to listen to one of the eight nursery songs. The catchy tunes are a mix of old and new songs which will help children learn Mandarin in a fun learning method. This book is priced at £19.99 and can be purchased from **here**.



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LAVANDA MICHELLE REPLY
October 24, 2023 - 9:27 am

As a mom, I'm always on the lookout for thoughtful and educational gifts for my little ones, and your guide has provided a wealth of fantastic suggestions! Personalized books like "You and The ZooKeeper" by Manimal Tales are an excellent way to engage children in reading, and your description of the story is delightful. The option to customize the character's appearance and the 15% discount code you shared make this a wonderful gift idea.

SAMANTHA DONNELLY REPLY
October 24, 2023 - 10:26 am

I have always loved childrens books and how important they are as well for kids. I am now loving buying books for my grandkids and sitting reading with them. I have not seen any of these so will be buying them as they sound great

SIENNYLOVESDRAWING REPLY
October 26, 2023 - 2:24 am

love this list of gifting ideas as I personally can resonate that books always make a good gift for the young ones. thanks for sharing this, gonna explore each as upcoming birthday gift for my little niece . cheers Siennylovesdrawing

STEPHANIE REPLY
October 24, 2023 - 10:47 am

One can never go wrong giving books as gifts – especially for children. This is a great gift guide which identifies several books I would not have found otherwise.

MARIE CRIS ANGELES REPLY
October 24, 2023 - 12:26 pm

Thank you for the recommendation. Im starting to give my niece a lot of books as he starting to enjoy reading books.

BETH REPLY
October 24, 2023 - 2:40 pm

All of these books are super cute! I give books as gifts every year to my kids. I've been doing it for years. I think everyone should!

MARYSA REPLY
October 24, 2023 - 3:21 pm

What a fun and interesting list of books! I love gifting (and receiving) books for the holidays. These are wonderful picks!

SUE-TANYA MCHORGH REPLY
October 24, 2023 - 4:06 pm

This Christmas Gift Guide is a fantastic early resource to help us prepare for the holiday season. It's a great reminder that the magic of Christmas is just around the corner, and it's never too early to start planning. The selection of children's books mentioned here is a thoughtful and meaningful gift idea, encouraging the love of reading and fostering creativity. The personalized book by Manimal Tales and the themes of uniqueness and sustainability in the other books are especially appealing. Thanks for sharing these wonderful gift suggestions to kickstart the Christmas countdown!

TAMMY REPLY
October 24, 2023 - 5:31 pm

Nice guide! I love giving out books for the holidays! I always enjoyed receiving new reads too when I was younger..it's a wonderful time to have cozy readings as well.

MELANIE E REPLY
October 24, 2023 - 9:09 pm

These all sound like great books to gift at Christmas. My nephew will really love the worm book as it sounds like fun.

ROSEY REPLY
October 25, 2023 - 12:04 pm

I just purchased 2 books for Christmas gift giving. Hoping to find more soon, as I have 4 grandbabes. 😊

JUPITER HADLEY REPLY
October 25, 2023 - 1:19 pm

Our youngest loves reading and we are planning on getting her some books for Christmas! These sound really lovely and I love the wide variety of art on them.

CLAUDIA KRUSCH REPLY
October 25, 2023 - 4:02 pm

Love your list! Books always make the best gift! I can't wait to grab some for my nieces and nephews!

JENNY REPLY
October 26, 2023 - 7:21 am

This is such a lovely gift guide, I love gifting new books to my kids at Christmas.

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