

The Polar Express Chris Van Allsburg

When he has a dream about a future Earth devastated by pollution, Walter begins to understand the importance of taking care of the environment.

From the celebrated creator of Red and Lulu comes the story of a brave little doe who meets Santa and changes Christmas forever. Dasher is an adventurous young reindeer with a wish in her heart. She spends her days with her family under the hot sun in a traveling circus, but she longs for a different life -- one where there is snow beneath her hooves and the North Star above her head. One day, when the opportunity arises, Dasher seizes her destiny and takes off in pursuit of the life she wants to live. It's not long before she meets a nice man in a red suit with a horse-drawn sleigh -- a man named Santa. And soon, with the help of a powerful Christmas wish, nothing will be the same.

The author recommends one hundred of the best books for children, including a variety of works to suit diverse interests, reading levels, and special needs, while also revealing the sometimes humorous process she undertook in choosing entries for the list.

It's getting toward Christmas at the Bing Cherry Hotel, and Auntie Claus is preparing for her annual "business trip." Just before she is ready to leave, her favorite nephew, Christopher Kringle, begins to have doubts about the family business. To settle the matter, Auntie Claus summons Chris for tea, but like any self-respecting Kringle, Chris decides to take matters into his own hands: He plans to get on the Bad-Boys-and-Girls List on

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purpose! Even after his older sister, Sophie, reveals that their great-aunt, Auntie Claus, is really Santa's sister, Chris needs to see for himself, in order to believe. In this companion to the much loved Auntie Claus, come along on a magical journey with Sophie Kringle's little brother, Chris, to a place you may have seen only in your dreams. And discover that anything is possible, when you have the key to Christmas!

A train-shaped board book brings the new holiday movie, *The Polar Express*, to life for the youngest of fans.

On his birthday, Calvin and his friend Rodney see a magician perform, then copy him by hypnotizing Calvin's little sister, but the joke is on them when they are unable to snap her out of it.

Fourteen black-and-white drawings, each accompanied by a title and a caption, entice readers to make up his or her own story.

A magical train ride on Christmas Eve takes a boy to the North Pole to receive a special gift from Santa Claus. Believe in the magic of Christmas with this heartwarming Christmas picture book about the little red sleigh that could! *The Little Red Sleigh* has one big dream—to one day become Santa's big red sleigh! But all her life, she's been told she's too small, she's too young, she can't fly, and she certainly can't meet Santa. Well, this Christmas, with the help of some friends, she's determined to do the impossible. *Little Red Sleigh* is a heartwarming children's Christmas book you'll want to read again and again. Full of winter joy and Christmas magic, this Christmas book for kids will remind you that no dream is out of reach if you believe. Why readers love *Little Red Sleigh*: Parents,

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grandparents, and teachers will have fun reading this inspirational, growth-mindset book to kids Screen-free fun for children during the winter season Ideal holiday gift and novelty stocking stuffer for kids

A collection of three short stories featuring Emily. Holiday story about a train trip where Santa saves the day!

Wanting to help a lost baby polar bear return home, Kiki Coral and her mermaid friends worry that the cost of the bear's transportation will prevent them from seeing a concert performance of their favorite boy band.

Simultaneous and eBook.

Traces the cultural process through which American women become married as reflected by the experiences of patrons at a family-owned bridal shop in Michigan, offering insight into how the rite of passage reflects national views on marriage.

A 25th anniversary edition of the enchanting story of a widow who finds herself in possession of an extraordinary broom after a witch falls into her garden. Some of Minna Shaw's neighbors don't trust her clever broom. "It's dangerous," they say. But Minna appreciates the broom's help. She enjoys its quiet company. But one day two children get taught a well-deserved lesson by the broom. For her neighbors, this is proof of the broom's evil spirit. Minna is obligated to give up her dear companion. Chris Van Allsburg, master of the mysterious, brings this tale to life with moody and memorable pictures that will haunt readers long after the book's covers are closed—now in a new edition to celebrate this beloved book's twenty-fifth anniversary.

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For twenty-five years, *The Polar Express* has been a treasured holiday classic. To commemorate this special anniversary, a lavish gift edition has been created. Awarded the prestigious Caldecott Medal in 1986, *The Polar Express* has sold more than 7 million copies, become a classic holiday movie, and been translated into stage productions that take place across the United States during the holiday season.

Because Befana's household chores kept her from finding the Baby King, she searches to this day, leaving gifts for children on the Feast of the Three Kings.

A Publishers Weekly Most Anticipated Book for Fall 2019 “In embracing one’s own beat, Pokko discovers, extraordinary things can happen.”

—Publishers Weekly (starred review) “Forsythe's coy, playful writing is a wonder on its own, but the lush...illustrations beautifully elevate the tale...Inspirational.” —Booklist (starred review)

“Celebrating both community and individuality, this droll, funny offering will tickle kids and adults alike.”

—Kirkus Reviews “Has the feel of an instant classic, the kind of book you can easily convince yourself has been around forever, spreading joy.” —Quill & Quire (starred review)

From E.B. White Read Aloud honor artist Matthew Forsythe comes a picture book about a magical drum, an emerald forest, and the little frog who dares to make her own music. The biggest mistake Pokko’s parents ever made was giving her the drum. When Pokko takes the drum

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deep into the forest it is so quiet, so very quiet that Pokko decides to play. And before she knows it she is joined by a band of animals —first the raccoon, then the rabbit, then the wolf—and soon the entire forest is following her. Will Pokko hear her father's voice when he calls her home? Pokko and the Drum is a story about art, persistence, and a family of frogs living in a mushroom.

"Dot is the littlest reindeer at the North Pole. Too little to jump. Too little to kick. And too little to fly with Santa. But she's not too little to help save the day!"--Back cover.

The Art of The Polar Express celebrates the transformation of Chris Van Allsburg's celebrated children's book The Polar Express into a full-length, animated feature film through a fascinating collection of concept art, production storyboards, and computer-generated renderings. Production designer Doug Chiang shares his original, never-before-seen artwork that evolved into the final motion picture. Weaving these pieces together are candid interviews with the star-studded cast and crew, including Robert Zemeckis and his team of filmmaking visionaries, that deliver rare insight into the film as they divulge the secrets behind their creative process.

When the dog he is caring for runs away from Alan into the forbidden garden of a retired dog-hating magician, a spell seems to be cast over the contrary

dog.

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At the edge of a cliff lies the wreck of a small sailboat. How did it get there? "Waves carried it up in a storm," says an old sailor. But is it possible that waves could ever get that high? There is another story -- the story of a boy and his obsessive desire to be the greatest sailor, the story of a storm that carried the boy and his boat to a place where boats glide like gulls high above the water and not upon it. Chris Van Allsburg tells that story of the boy and his boat, the Zephyr, in words and haunting, full-color pastel paintings. His sailboats sail the night sky with the stars in pictures so vivid that the reader can almost hear the wind in the sails. Here is a work of unusual artistry that will enchant readers of all ages for many years to come.

In a full-color retelling of the movie screenplay, a magical train ride on Christmas Eve takes a boy to the North Pole to receive a special gift from Santa Claus.

The Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer television special first aired on December 6, 1964. Over fifty

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years later, it is still a beloved Christmas classic—capturing the heart and wonder of generations of fans. Now available in a sturdy board book edition, this richly illustrated story is perfect for families to share by the holiday fire!

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"Magical glowing double spread pictures . . . an original and memorable book." - Guardian

"Evocative, realist pastels and atmospheric text." - Sunday Times "A thrilling tale." - Independent

"With a little help from her family, community, and Santa himself, a little girl's faith in the magic of Christmas is restored"--

#1 New York Times Bestselling children's book author Sherri Duskey Rinker A new toddler book and Christmas classic: VROOM and ZOOM into the holidays with this new Christmas classic from the author of the #1 New York Times bestsellers Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site and Mighty, Mighty, Construction Site! Construction toys and construction joys: The trucks are gearing up for Christmas by building a special gift! But, there's a surprise waiting for each of them, too! Presents

await for Excavator, Bulldozer, Crane, Dump Truck, and Cement Mixer as each finishes their part of this big, important job and rolls off to a sweet and sleepy goodnight. A gift that will delight: Playful rhyming text from the bestselling author of *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site* and vibrant illustrations from the acclaimed artist AG Ford make this a perfect gift for young construction fans everywhere. If you and your child liked toddler books such as *Goodnight Moon*, *Little Blue Truck*, *Dragons Love Tacos*, *Building a House*, or *The Day the Crayons Quit*; you'll love *Construction Site on Christmas Night*

"Christmastown ... is the wonderful place where Santa Claus lives with Mrs. Claus Nowadays, Christmastown is a happy place. ... But in the old days everyone had to watch out for the Abominable Snow Monster."--

Left on their own for an evening, two boisterous brothers find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical space adventure board game.

The game under the tree looked like a hundred others Peters and Judy had at home. But they were bored and restless and, looking for something interesting to do, thought they'd give *Jumanji* a try. Little did they know when they unfolded its ordinary-looking playing board that they were about to be plunged into the most exciting and bizarre adventure of their lives. In his second book for children, Chris

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Van Allsburg again explores the ever-shifting line between fantasy and reality with this story about a game that comes startlingly to life. His marvelous drawings beautifully convey a mix of the everyday and the extraordinary, as a quiet house is taken over by an exotic jungle.

From master of middle grade horror Mary Downing Hahn, a new thriller about bravery, unexpected friendship, and sinister cats that will captivate readers with its chilling mix of mystery and magic. Zoey loves spending the summer with her Aunt Alice, and her aunt's new house is the perfect place to cozy up with a good book. But she's unnerved by the overgrown forest next door, which is creepy even in the daytime and full of eerie sounds at night.

Worse, there are rumors in town of a dark force in those woods. And Zoey can't deny that the wild black cats who live there seem to be watching her. When she encounters a mean old woman who claims to be their owner, Zoey realizes there's more to the cats than meets the eye. But little does she know that the closer she comes to discovering their secret, the more danger she's in . . .

A boy who is eagerly awaiting a visit from Santa Claus accepts a ride on a magical train headed for the North Pole.

In this companion to *Rory the Dinosaur: Me and My Dad*, Rory brings the Christmas spirit to his friends and family! When *Rory the Dinosaur* starts to get

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excited for Christmas, he notices that his island home doesn't exactly have the best trees for a traditionally festive holiday. So he and his dad set out to decorate their home the best way they can--but without the perfect tree Rory is worried that Christmas won't be the same! Can Rory and his friends save the spirit of the season? Liz Climo looks at the true meaning of the holidays--spending time with friends and having the love and support of your family--in a place without any snow or evergreens. Don't Miss!:Rory the Dinosaur: Me and My DadRory the Dinosaur Wants a Pet

1986 Caldecott Medal Winner A young boy, lying awake one Christmas Eve, is welcomed aboard a magical trip to the North Pole . . . Through dark forests, over tall mountains, and across a desert of ice, the Polar Express makes its way to the city atop the world, where the boy will make his Christmas wish. For millions of readers worldwide, this mysterious journey to the North Pole has become a beloved classic. In this 30th anniversary edition, the inimitable artistry of Chris Van Allsburg is revealed in a never-before-seen fashion, with a new jacket design and expanded interior layout. Includes an author's note.

Renowned storytellers share tales inspired by the thought-provoking illustrations in Chris Van Allsburg's "The Mysteries of Harris Burdick," including Kate DiCamillo, Lois Lowry, Stephen King,

and Jon Scieszka.

She could remember standing in a park near the falls, hypnotized by the sight and sound, and holding her father's hand as they took a walk that would lead them closer. That's what everyone wonders when they see Niagara . . . How close will their courage let them get to it? At the turn of the nineteenth century, a retired sixty-two-year-old charm school instructor named Annie Edson Taylor, seeking fame and fortune, decided to do something that no one in the world had ever done before—she would go over Niagara Falls in a wooden barrel. Come meet the Queen of the Falls and witness with your own eyes her daring ride!

A mysterious train. An amazing journey. A night you'll never forget. Starring Tom Hanks, and using ground breaking CGI effects, 'The Polar Express' is THE family film for Winter 2004 / 2005. Believing in Father Christmas isn't easy when all of your friends and family insist he's just make-believe. A boy's faith is rewarded one Christmas Eve when he's awakened by a steam train that pulls up in front of his house and takes him and other children to the North Pole. A magical journey begins. 'Trip to the North' is the novelisation of the evocative and touching film.

With five hungry kids, a husband in the NFL, and her own insatiable appetite, Christy Denney has plenty of mouths to feed. Good thing she's created a full playbook of recipes that are guaranteed to get any

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crowd cheering. And now she's sharing it with you! From breakfast to dinner to dessert--and all the snacks and munchies--in between, you're sure to find something for everyone, like Jelly Roll Pancakes, Buffalo Chicken Pizza, Sweet and Sour Meatballs, One Hour Rolls, Cookie Crusted Chocolate Chip Cake. And, of course, Christy's famous Peanut Butter "Cheese Ball." This book is filled with family-friendly favorites from her popular blog and exclusive new recipes that will make your mouth water. The perfect cookbook for busy moms looking for simple, delicious, and easy dishes the whole family will love!

From two-time Caldecott winner Chris Van Allsburg, creator of Jumanji and The Polar Express, comes a poignant story of one hamster's struggle with destiny. Being a pet store hamster isn't much fun for Sweetie Pie, but life in human homes proves downright perilous. As Sweetie Pie longingly gazes out of his cage at the squirrels frolicking in the trees, he wonders if he'll ever have the chance to feel the wind in his fur. Allsburg's expressive, soft-hued illustrations artfully capture a hamster's-eye view of the wide and wonderful world where maybe, just maybe, Sweetie Pie could someday run free.

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