

SCHOLASTIC READ FOR 2006 SUGGESTED READING LIST

Literacy experts at Scholastic have compiled a great list of new, age-appropriate books that kids will enjoy reading on December 2, 2005 to celebrate **Scholastic Read for 2006**, and on every other day throughout the year!

Ages 3-5

Clifford's Christmas Treasury by Norman Bridwell

A perfect read for Clifford fans, this treasury has funny Clifford stories, including *Clifford's Christmas*, *Clifford's First Christmas*, and *Clifford's First Snow Day* in a foil-stamped hardcover volume.

Ella Takes the Cake by Carmela and Steven D'Amico

In this charming elephant's second adventure, Ella longs for a small independence and shows that you're never too small to save the day – as long as you have a big heart.

How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food? by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Mark Teague

The best-selling, award-winning team of Yolen and Teague are back with the third playful dinosaur tale – a picture book exploring how dinosaurs behave at mealtime.

Nacho and Lolita by Pam Muñoz Ryan, illustrated by Claudia Rueda

In this tender friendship story about two birds from different worlds, acclaimed storyteller Pam Muñoz Ryan and talented newcomer Claudia Rueda reveal that any difference can be overcome with love.

Ages 6-8

Can You See What I See? The Night Before Christmas by Walter Wick

The newest book from the creator of the I SPY™ series includes scenes from Clement Moore's "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," inspiring twelve elegant and fascinating compositions where readers search for dozens of intriguing hidden objects.

A Doll For Navidades by Esmeralda Santiago, illustrated by Enrique O. Sanchez

Las Navidades are coming – the Three Magi will soon bring presents to all the children. Esmeralda hopes for a doll, but instead receives something far more precious: she experiences firsthand the magic of giving and the power of her family's love. With resonant prose and vibrant illustrations, this is a heart-warming tale to share with all children. (Also available in Spanish)

New York State of Mind: Book and CD by Billy Joel, illustrated by Izak

Legendary performer Billy Joel's bluesy ode to New York introduces children to the verve and magic of the city. The evocative lyrics invite readers to tag along with two spirited little dogs who experience the energy and excitement of New York City.

Ages 9 and Up

A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray by Ann M. Martin

Newbery Honoree Ann M. Martin once again proves her versatility with an incredible stylistic departure in this "autobiography" of a stray dog.

Egypt: In Spectacular Cross-Section by Stewart Ross, illustrated by Stephen Biesty

Best-selling creator of the Incredible Cross-Sections series now brings his talent to a new challenge: Ancient Egypt. Follow the 30-day voyage of 11-year-old Dedia and his father as they sail down the Nile River, explore tombs, and more!

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling, illustrated by Mary Mary GrandPré

As the Harry Potter sequence draws to a close, Harry's most dangerous adventure yet is just beginning. J.K. Rowling's exciting sixth installment of the magical story of a boy wizard.

Inkspell by Cornelia Funke

The captivating sequel to *Inkheart* – the critically acclaimed, international bestseller by Cornelia Funke – this fantasy is crafted by an author who is emerging as a modern classic writer for children.

It's Happy Bunny: What's Your Sign by Jim Benton

A must-have gift for the holiday season, this full-color, full-of-laughs astrology book is all about you – what's not to love?

The Land of Elyon Book 2: Beyond the Valley of Thorns by Patrick Carman

The second dazzling installment in Patrick Carman's masterful Land of Elyon trilogy, an adventurous fantasy for girls and boys!

Queen Bee by Chynna Clugston-Major

From the talented creator of bestselling comics *Blue Monday* and *Scooter Girl*, comes a funny, super-power graphic novel about the middle-school social hive, where only one girl can be the Queen Bee!

ALL THESE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.SCHOLASTICSTORE.COM OR BY CALLING THE SCHOLASTIC STORE AT 877-286-0137 OR AT YOUR LOCAL BOOKSTORE.

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