

Scholastic Read For 2005 Suggested Reading List

Literacy experts at Scholastic have compiled a great list of new, age-appropriate books that kids will enjoy reading on December 3, 2004, to celebrate Scholastic Read For 2005, and on every other day throughout the year:

AGES 3 – 5

Alice the Fairy, written and illustrated by David Shannon (\$15.95)

From the author of the best-selling David series comes a brand-new book about Alice, who has a nose for trouble, but luckily is a fairy for only a short period of time.

Ella the Elegant Elephant, by Carmela and Steven D'Amico (\$16.95)

Ella, the shyest elephant on Elephant's Island, is counting the days until the first day of school...but not because she's eager to start!

Clifford Up and Down, by Norman Bridwell (\$7.99)

An awesome new Clifford novelty book with moving parts on every spread and secret surprise flaps to lift!

How Do Dinosaurs Count to Ten? and ***How Do Dinosaurs Clean Their Rooms?***, written by Jane Yolen and illustrated by Mark Teague (\$6.99 each)

Everybody's favorite dinosaurs are back in two all-new original board books. Now even the smallest children can enjoy BIG dinosaur fun!

The Christmas Alphabet, by Robert Sabuda (\$22.95)

A brand-new limited edition pop-up created in celebration of its tenth anniversary. A wonderfully festive way for young kids to learn the alphabet.

AGES 6 – 8

Detective LaRue: Letters from the Investigation, written and illustrated by Mark Teague (\$15.95)

Ike LaRue, the devilish dog hero, goes from obedience school dropout to shrewd sleuth in this exceedingly funny sequel to the best-selling Dear Mrs. LaRue.

Goodnight, My Angel: A Lullabye, book and CD by Billy Joel, illustrations by Yvonne Gilbert (\$16.95)

In his first book for children, Grammy and Tony Award-winning performer Billy Joel creates a beautiful lullaby that expresses the deep bond between parent and child.

The Second Captain Underpants Collection, including ***Captain Underpants and the Wrath of the Wicked Wedgie Woman***, ***Captain Underpants and the Big, Bad Battle of the Bionic Booger Boy, Part I & II***, and ***The Adventures of Super Diaper Baby***, written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey (\$19.96)

Captain Underpants' brand-new adventures, full of action - and laughs!

Geronimo Stilton, by Geronimo Stilton (\$5.99 each)

A new series of fun chapter books that tell the story of the world's most beloved mouse adventurer and reporter, including #12: Merry Christmas, Geronimo; #13: Phantom of the Subway; and #14: The Temple of the Ruby of Fire.

Pippin the Christmas Pig, written by Jean Little, illustrated by Werner Zimmermann (\$16.95)

A wonderful holiday tale about spunky little Pippin the pig, who is on a mission to discover the meaning of Christmas.

Can you See What I See? Cool Collections by Walter Wick (\$13.95)

The newest book from the creator of the I SPY™ series. New and amazing photographs and picture puzzles to search and solve!

AGES 9 AND UP

Children of the Lamp, by P.B. Kerr (\$16.95)

Kerr's debut novel for kids and the first book in an exceptionally imaginative adventure trilogy about a twin boy and girl with magical powers.

Here Today, by Ann Martin (\$16.95)

This captivating novel explores the delicate bonds of family in a story that is intensely original and profoundly lyrical.

Chasing Vermeer, by Blue Balliett (\$16.95)

The Da Vinci Code for kids! A bewitching first novel about a Vermeer painting that has mysteriously disappeared.

Becoming Naomi León, by Pam Muñoz Ryan (\$16.95)

A riveting novel about family and identity, drawn from the warmth, wisdom, and love of the author's own Mexican and Oklahoman heritages.

Dragon Rider, by Cornelia Funke (\$12.95)

An exciting, heartwarming, and ultimately triumphant tale about the power of belief and the true meaning of home when what starts off as an adventure soon turns into a battle for survival.

A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1968, by Diane McWhorter (\$19.95)

A fair and balanced presentation of the civil rights struggle, capturing the turning points of the movement in a clear and easy way, from a Pulitzer-Prize winning author.