

Check bookshelf for children's gifts

IN ADDITION to all the wonderful children's classics, and the ever-popular Judy Blume/Beverly Cleary/Waldo/Carl/Dr. Seuss books, there are, of course, bounteous quantities of spanking-new children's books available for holiday giving each year.

Below is a list of just a few of the brand-new titles that can make the season brighter for those special kids on your list this time around:

- "Christmas Always," Peter Catalanotto (Orchard, \$14.95). This is a unique Christmas story; not only does Santa Claus play a part, but the Sandman, the Tooth Fairy and old Jack Frost make appearances, too. It all begins when Katie, sent to bed on Christmas Eve, pushes loose a tooth as she tries to fall asleep and loses it in the darkness. When she climbs out of bed to search for it on the bedroom floor, what, to her wondering eyes,



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should appear but the Sandman, hiding right there beneath her bed! One thing leads to another and Katie experiences a memorable Christmas Eve indeed. Catalanotto's illustrations shimmer and shine like the merriest of Christmases. This is a story to read again and again. Ages 3-6.

- "Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf," Lois Ehlert (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$14.95). Ehlert illustrates her educational story of the life of a sugar maple tree with a cornucopia of splendid artwork, enhanced with bits of colorful ribbon, paper, seeds, cloth and roots. Readers will also learn

about a number of birds and various gardening objects. An appendix on the biology and upkeep of trees is included. A must for the budding environmentalist. Ages 4-8.

- "Ladies and Jellybeans," Candice F. Ransom (Bradbury, \$12.95). It's 1959 and timid Wendy is about to begin the third grade, definitely with mixed feelings. Her best friend has moved away, her new teacher doesn't seem to measure up to last year's and her family's financial situation is troubled. Besides that, she hates air raid drills (it's Cold War time) and dreads the polio vaccinations she has to submit to at school. But what's really, really bad is that she'll never, just never, learn cursive writing!

Though the times have changed, young readers will still identify readily with Wendy's concerns about having to face unfamiliar difficulties when you're 8 years old. Mostly, though, it's Ransom's well-wrought characters that will make this such a highly appealing novel for youngsters 7-10.

- "Quiver River," David Carkeet (HarperCollins/Geringer, \$14.95). For the older child (12 plus), this is a mystery, comic novel and a heart-felt story that deals with the age-old question of what "manhood" really means. Ricky and friend, Nate, spend the summer before they enter 12th grade, working as maintenance "men" around Quiver Lake. As with most

12th graders, sex is a matter of the utmost importance and the conversations that revolve around it here, while sensitively depicted, are also often very funny. This book deals with other matters important to teens, too, always in a warmhearted — but never condescending — fashion. A subplot focusing on a mysterious event within a local Indian tribe adds depth and excitement.

- "Monkey Island," Paula Fox (Orchard, \$14.95). No, this is not an exotic tale set in an exotic, faraway place. In general, it's about the homeless in our American cities; in particular, it's about one member of that group, 11-year-old Clay Garrity. Deserted by his jobless father, Clay wakes up one day at the welfare hotel where he and his pregnant mother have been staying to find that she has disappeared, also. He embarks on a desperate search for her, befriendng two "street people" at a homeless encampment; falling ill, moving into a foster home, and finally reuniting with his mother. Fox never resorts to sermonizing, and there is not a smidgen of sticky sentimentality or a hint of politics in this entire book. But anyone — no matter their age — who reads this remarkable, moving story will never look at the homeless in quite the same way again. Ages 10 plus.

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These recipes stir memories

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spreading consistency. Makes about 2 cups.

MOMMA'S FAMOUS CHOCOLATE STUFFED DATES

1/4 cup semi-sweet real chocolate chips
1/4 cup whole blanched almonds
1 package (8 oz.) whole pitted dates
sugar

Melt chocolate chips in top of a double boiler over hot, not boiling water. One at a time, drop almonds into chocolate, turning to coat. Remove to waxed paper lined cookie sheet. Allow chocolate to harden (refrigeration speeds process). Stuff dates with coated almonds, roll in sugar and keep in a tightly closed container until ready to serve.

FANTASY FUDGE

3 cups sugar
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1-12 oz. package semi-sweet real chocolate pieces

1-7oz. jar marshmallow creme
1 cup chopped nuts
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar, butter and evaporated milk in a heavy saucepan; bring to a full rolling boil, stirring constantly to prevent scorching. Remove from heat; stir in chocolate chips and stir until melted. Add marshmallow creme, nuts and vanilla; heat until well blended. Pour into a greased 13 x 9-inch baking pan. Cool to room temperature. Cut into squares. Makes three pounds fudge.

MOM'S POPCORN BALLS

1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup light Karo syrup
1/2 teaspoon salt
8 cups popped popcorn

Heat sugar, butter, syrup and salt in a heavy dutch oven over medium high heat, stirring constantly until sugar is completely melted. Fill a large bowl with popcorn. Pour hot syrup over popcorn, tossing to coat well. Dip hands in cold water; shape mixture into eight balls. Place on waxed paper; cool completely. Wrap each ball in plastic wrap and tie.

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