



Monthly Booklist

December 2005

Picture books for young children
featuring gifts and sharing.

It's Mine by Leo Lionni. (1986) Ages 3-6

Three selfish frogs quarrel over who owns their pond and island, until a storm makes them value the benefits of sharing.

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney. (1982) Ages 4-8

The classic portrait of an independent older woman who manages to make the world a more beautiful place, told from the perspective of an admiring grandniece.

The Gift of the Tree by Alvin Tresselt. Pictures by Henri Sorensen. (1992) Ages 5-10

Traces the life cycle of an oak tree and describes the animals that depend on it for shelter and food.

The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins. (1986) Ages 3-6

Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.

Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox. Pictures by Julie Vivas. (1985) Ages 5-10

A small boy tries to discover the meaning of "memory" so he can restore that of an elderly friend.

The Gift of Nothing by Patrick McDonnell. (2005) Ages 3-6

Mooch wants to find a gift for his friend Earl, but Earl already has everything. So what do you give a dog who has everything? Nothing.

It's My Birthday by Helen Oxenbury. (1993) Ages 0-3

Billy is reluctant to share his birthday presents with the other little monsters, but then something happens to make him change his mind.

Beatrice's Goat by Page McBrier Pictures. Pictures by Lori Lohstoeter. (2001) Ages 5-10

Based on the true story of a young girl's dream of attending school in her small Ugandan village is fulfilled after her family is given an income-producing goat.

Wolf's Chicken Soup by Keiko Kasza. (1987) Ages 3-6

A hungry wolf's attempts to fatten a chicken for his stewpot have unexpected results.

Wibbly Pig Opens His Present by Mike Inkpen. (2000) Ages 0-3

Wibbly Pig enjoys opening up his multi-shaped and multi-colored presents.