

# Book Giving Guide • Elementary



Curated by Jacqui Taylor, Youth Services Coordinator at Wright Library

## Upper Elementary



### *Red, White, and Whole*

by Rajani LaRocca

A heartbreakingly hopeful novel in verse about an Indian American girl whose life is turned upside down when her mother is diagnosed with leukemia.



### *Sunshine*

by Marion Dane Bauer

Ben and his dog are spending the summer in the Minnesota wilderness learning to canoe, survive bear encounters, and trying to convince the mother who abandoned him at age 3 to come home.

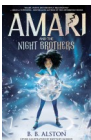


### *When the World Was Ours*

by Liz Kessler

Based on a true story, this is the story of three young German friends whose fates are intertwined during the devastation of the Holocaust.

## Middle Elementary



### *Amari and the Night Brothers*

by B. B. Alston

When Amari finds a ticking briefcase from a secretive organization, she's certain it holds the key to locating her missing brother Quinton. She'll have to conquer all at a supernatural school to find him.



### *The One Thing You'd Save*

by Linda Sue Park

When a teacher asks her class what one thing they would save in an emergency, a lively dialog ignites as the students discover unexpected facets of one another—and themselves.



### *Tangled Up in Luck*

by Merrill Wyatt

When seventh grade enemies research a missing set of jewels for a class project, the end up in a thrillingly hazardous chase to solve ancient clues before a mysterious enemy outwits them.

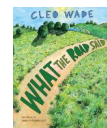
## Early Elementary Continued



### *Memory Jars*

by Vera Brosgol

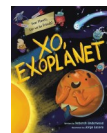
Freda begins to save all her favorite things. But it turns out that saving everything also means she can't enjoy anything, and Freda realizes that some things are best saved as memories.



### *What the Road Said*

by Cleo Wade

This poetic book encourages readers to lead with kindness and curiosity, remembering that the most important thing to do in life is keep going.



### *XO, Exoplanet*

by Deborah Underwood

An out-of-this-world funny penpal exchange between planets and an exoplanet reminds readers what happens when we consider another person's point of view.

## Graphic Novels



### *Hooky*

by Vera Brosgol

In this comedic tale, twin siblings Dani and Dorian miss the bus to magic school and must scramble to find a tutor before their parents find out.



### *Kristy and the Snobs*

by Ann M. Martin

In this tenth installment of the Baby Sitters Club graphic novel series, Kristy moves to the snobby part of town when her mom gets remarried. Will she find new business? What about making friends?



### *Manu*

by Kelly Fernández

One day, a prank at magic school goes seriously wrong, and Manu's magic disappears! Manu uses a dangerous spell to restore it, but it's grown a mind of its own!

## (Over for Picture Books)

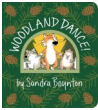
# Book Giving Guide • Picture Books

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## Picture Books



### *Woodland Dance!*

by Sandra Boynton

Woodland animals heed the call of the fox's bugle to join the woodland dance in a moonlit glade, dancing all night to greet the sun.



### *Families Can*

by Dan Saks

A rhyming, light-hearted celebration of the wonderful similarities and differences that make each family unique.



### *I Sang You Down from the Stars*

by Tasha Spillett-Sumner

As she waits for the arrival of her new baby, a mother-to-be gathers gifts in a bundle. As they grow together, mother and baby will each have gifts to offer each other.