Give Great Books to Kids this Holiday Season



(StatePoint) For a merry holiday season, fun new books make great gifts for kids. Don't know what's the latest and greatest in the world of kid's literature? Here are four new titles to consider for the young book lovers in your life:

A Classic, Retold "Home Alone," which arrived in theaters 25 years ago, is one of the top grossing live-action comedies of all time. Now, illustrator Kim Smith has reimagined the John Hughes story as a classic Christmas fable. "Home Alone: The Classic Illustrated Storybook" comes complete with bumbling burglars, brilliant booby-traps, and a little boy named Kevin who's forced to fend for himself. Through a series of comic adventures, Kevin learns lessons about responsibility and the importance of family.

Serial Adventure

Followers of the Miss Peregrine series will be excited to receive The Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children Boxed Set featuring all three novels in the series, including the newly released "Library of Souls: The Third Novel of Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children." This actionpacked series includes a special collector's envelope of 12 peculiar photographs, highlighting the most memorable moments of this extraordinary three-volume fantasy.

Spooky Mystery

Meet Warren the 13th, of "Warren the 13th and the All-Seeing Eye," a cursed 12-year-old Victorian bellhop who's terribly unlucky, yet perpetually optimistic, hardworking, and curious. Orphan Warren's pride and joy is his family's hotel, but he's been miserable ever since his evil Aunt Annaconda took over the management.

Annaconda believes a mysterious treasure is hidden somewhere on the grounds, and she'll do anything to find it. If Warren wants to preserve his family's legacy, he'll need to find the treasure first – if the hotel's many strange guests don't beat him to it! This middle-grade adven-

ture features illustrations on

every page and a lavish twocolumn Victorian design.

True Tales for Athletes

Help make every goal, touchdown, and championship of all the greats comes to life, from Babe Ruth (so incorrigible that his parents put him in reform school at age seven) to Muhammad Ali (who learned to fight at age 12 after a thief stole his bicycle). "Kid Athletes" is packed with inspirational stories from the world of sports, sharing tales from the childhoods of famous athletes.

Billie Jean King rose from modest circumstances to win 39 Grand Slam championships; Wilma Rudolph triumphed over polio to become the fastest woman on earth; and martial arts legend Bruce Lee credited his success, in part, to childhood dance lessons.

Have lit lovers on your list? While a gift card to a book retailer is nice, you can put even more thought into the present with a new exciting title.

Miniature Heifer Division for 2016 S.D. State Fair

BROOKINGS, S.D. - The State 4-H Beef Committee added a Miniature Heifer division to the 4-H breeding beef show for the 2016 State Fair.

"In recent years, interest in miniature cattle has been gaining across the nation and in South Dakota. With the increasing popularity, South Dakota youth are looking for opportunities to exhibit their miniature cattle, however there are not many show options available," explained John Madison, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor and a member of the State 4-H Beef Committee.

Details

To qualify for this division, heifers must meet the standard requirements for all 4-H breeding heifers and be registered in accordance to the rules and regulations of a national miniature cattle breed association.

All breeds of miniature heifers will be shown together in 2016. If there are five or more heifers of a certain breed, the committee will separate them into their own division for future shows.

"The Beef Committee is currently researching miniature steers and will look into adding a miniature division to the market beef show in the future," said Audra Scheel, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor and a member of the State 4-H Beef Committee.

If you have any questions please contact the State 4-H Office at State 4-H Office at 605.688.4167 or the 4-H Beef Committee chairs; John Madison, by email here or 605.353.8436 or Audra Scheel by email here or 605.796.4380.





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