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## **HOLIDAY TITLES** **from RANDOM HOUSE CHILDREN'S BOOKS!**

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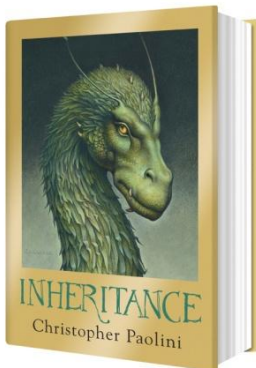
★ *Stocking Stuffers & Books for Little Hands*

★ *Perfect for Gift-Giving and Collectors*

★ *Great Stories for Early Readers*

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### ★ **INHERITANCE Deluxe Edition**

By Christopher Paolini

In addition to the full text, this special deluxe edition includes gorgeous never-before-seen artwork by Christopher Paolini; an exclusive, full-color foldout poster by award-winning artist John Jude Palencar; a letter from Jeod, one of Eragon's confidantes, summarizing life after the final scene of the series; a letter from Paolini to fans reflecting on the series; and a new scene within the text. This deluxe edition is the perfect gift for the legions of fans dedicated to this bestselling, epic series.

**Alfred A. Knopf | 978-0-449-81319-5 | October 23, 2012 | \$29.99 / \$32.00 Can. | Ages 12+ | 896 pgs**

### ★ **WONDER**

By R.J. Palacio

August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a facial deformity that prevented him from going to a mainstream school—until now. He's about to start 5th grade at Beecher Prep, and if you've ever been the new kid then you know how hard that can be. The thing is Auggie's just an ordinary kid, with an extraordinary face. But can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances?

R. J. Palacio has written a spare, warm, uplifting story that will have readers laughing one minute and wiping away tears the next. With wonderfully realistic family interactions (flawed, but loving), lively school scenes, and short chapters, *Wonder* is accessible to readers of all levels. This holiday season, give your loved ones the gift of WONDER.

**Alfred A. Knopf | 978-0-375-86902-0 | February 14, 2012 | \$15.99 / \$17.99 Can. | Ages 8-12 | 320 pgs**

## Stocking Stuffers & Books for Little Hands

### ROCKET WRITES A STORY

By Tad Hills

Rocket loves books and he wants to make his own, but he can't think of a story. Encouraged by the little yellow bird to look closely at the world around him for inspiration, Rocket sets out on a journey. Along the way he discovers small details that he has never noticed before, a timid baby owl who becomes his friend, and an idea for a story. This irresistible sequel to the *New York Times* bestseller *How Rocket Learned to Read* is sure to appeal to kids, parents, teachers, and librarians.

**Schwartz & Wade Books | 978-0-375-87086-6 | July 24, 2012 | \$17.99/\$19.99 Can. | Ages 4-8 | 40 pgs**

### DADDY CHRISTMAS AND HANUKKAH MAMA

By Selina Alko

Holiday time at Sadie's house means golden gelt sparkling under the Christmas tree, candy canes hanging on eight menorah branches, voices uniting to sing carols about Macabees and the manger, and latkes on the mantel awaiting Santa's arrival. Selina Alko's joyous celebration of blended families will make the perfect holiday gift for the many Americans who celebrate both Christmas and Hanukkah.

**Alfred A. Knopf | 978-0-375-86093-5 | September 11, 2012 | \$16.99 / \$20.99 Can. | Ages 5-8 | 32 pgs**

### A BALL FOR DAISY

**Winner of the 2012 Caldecott Medal**

By Chris Raschka

Here's a story about love and loss as only Chris Raschka can tell it. Any child who has ever had a beloved toy break will relate to Daisy's anguish when her favorite ball is destroyed by a bigger dog. In the tradition of his nearly wordless picture book *Yo! Yes?*, Caldecott Medalist Chris Raschka explores in pictures the joy and sadness that having a special toy can bring. Raschka's signature swirling, impressionistic illustrations and his affectionate story will particularly appeal to young dog lovers who won't be able to resist Daisy's charm.

**Schwartz & Wade Books | 978-0-375-85861-1 | May 10, 2011 | \$16.99 / \$18.99 Can. | Ages 3-7 | 32 pgs**

### DUCK AND GOOSE: IT'S TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

By Tad Hills

Celebrate Christmas with Duck & Goose! Tad Hills' charming picture books have charmed children and parents, and now you can celebrate the holidays with this board book edition!

**Schwartz & Wade Books | 978-0-375-86484-1 | September 14, 2010 | \$6.99 / \$8.99 Can. | Ages 0-3 | 22 pgs**

## Perfect for Gift-Giving and Collectors!

### I HAVE A DREAM

By Martin Luther King, Jr.; illustrated by Kadir Nelson

In time for its 50th anniversary, here's a stirring rendition of the speech that defined the American civil rights movement, illustrated by a Caldecott Honor-winning, *New York Times*-bestselling illustrator.

On August 28, 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington, Martin Luther King gave one of the most powerful and memorable speeches in our nation's history. His words,

paired with Caldecott Honor winner Kadir Nelson's magnificent paintings, make for a picture book certain to be treasured by children and adults alike. The themes of equality and freedom for all are not only relevant today, 50 years later, but also provide young readers with an important introduction to our nation's past.

**Schwartz & Wade Books | 978-0-375-85887-1 | October 9, 2012 | \$18.99/\$21.99 Can. | All Ages | 40 pgs**

### **HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!**

By Dr. Seuss

What better way to celebrate Christmas and introduce your children to the holiday spirit than to give them the gift of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* Complete your loved ones' libraries with this well-loved classic—which also comes with a beautiful foil cover!

**Random House | 978-0-394-80079-0 | September 25, 2007 | \$15/\$18.99 Can. | Ages 5-9 | 64 pgs**

### **DR. SEUSS'S SLEEP BOOK**

By Dr. Seuss

*Dr. Seuss's Sleep Book* turns 50 in 2012, and to mark the event we are publishing—for a limited time only—a full-foil covered Anniversary Edition at the regular edition price of \$14.99. Written to be "read in bed," the story begins with one small yawn that spreads from bedroom to bedroom across the country until finally ninety-nine zillion, nine trillion and three Seussian creatures are sound asleep. Perfect for reading before nap or bedtime (of course), the book makes an ideal gift for new parents, sleepover-hosting grandparents, collectors, book-loving insomniacs, and happy occasions of all kinds.

**Random House | 978-0-394-80091-2 | August 7, 2012 | \$14.99 / \$17.99 Can. | Ages 5-9 | 64 pgs**

### **THE CARPENTER'S GIFT**

By David Rubel; illustrated by Jim LaMarche

Destined to become a beloved Christmas gift book, this classic-feeling fictional story is about the first Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree and the spirit of giving. Written in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity, whose mission is embodied in the inspiring message of this book, this book is the perfect way to teach children the true spirit of the holiday season.

**Random House | 978-0-375-86922-8 | September 27, 2011 | \$17.99 / \$19.99 Can. | Ages 5-9 | 48 pgs**

### **BABY'S CHRISTMAS**

***Now a board book!***

By Esther Wilkin; illustrated by Eloise Wilkin

This sweet rhyming story from 1959, illustrated by Eloise Wilkin, shows the presents that Santa brought for Baby's first Christmas. Babies will love to watch this adorable baby playing with his toys and enjoying his first Christmas! And parents will love the sturdy pages and padded cover of the Golden Baby board books.

**Golden Books | 978-0-375-87058-3 | September 11, 2012 | \$6.99 / \$7.99 Can. | Ages 0-4 | 26 pgs**

### **COWBOY CHRISTMAS**

By Rob Sanders; illustrated by John Manders

Three grizzled cowboys—Dwight, Darryl, and Dub—are stuck out on the range at Christmastime, roping steers and wrestling longhorns. Reminiscing about their childhood Christmases, they try to make the cowboy camp feel festive—and it's no surprise that a cactus decorated with tin cans, and cows dressed as reindeer, don't fill them with holiday cheer! But a surprise is in store for the Circle D dudes when Santa pays a visit to the cowboy campfire! Illustrated by award-winning artist John Manders, this deluxe hardcover gives consumers what they expect from Golden Books: a high-quality book at a great value,

ready for gift-giving.

Golden Books | 978-0-375-86985-3 | September 11, 2012 | \$10.99 / \$11.99 Can. | Ages 2-5 | 32 pgs

## Great Stories for Early Readers!

### **JUNIE B., FIRST GRADER: TURKEYS WE HAVE LOVED AND EATEN (AND OTHER THANKFUL STUFF)**

By Barbara Park; illustrated by Denise Brunkus

It's Thanksgiving time and Room Nine is getting ready for their very own Thanksgiving feast! There's even a contest to see which room can write the best thankful list. The winners will get a pumpkin pie! Only it turns out being thankful is harder than it looks. Because Junie B. is not actually thankful for Tattletale May. Or squash. Or scratchy pilgrim costumes. And pumpkin pie makes her vomit, anyway. (But Junie B. is thankful for yummy cranberry sauce that's shaped like a can. And biscuits that explode from their can. And nipsy doodles!) Will Room 9 win the disgusting pie? Can May and Junie B. find common ground? Or will this Thanksgiving feast turn into a Turkey Day Disaster?

Random House | 978-0-375-87063-7 | August 7, 2012 | \$11.99 / \$13.99 Can. | Ages 6-9 | 144 pgs

### **JUNIE B., FIRST GRADER: JINGLE BELLS, BATMAN SMELLS! (P.S. SO DOES MAY)**

By Barbara Park; illustrated by Denise Brunkus

Give your loved ones the book that they're all waiting for—the Junie B. Jones Christmas special! This book makes the perfect gift for the reader just striking out on their own.

Random House | 978-0-375-82808-7 | September 27, 2005 | \$11.95/\$15.95 Can. | Ages 6-9 | 128 pgs

### **JUNIE B. JONES AND THE STUPID SMELLY BUS: 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EDITION**

By Barbara Park; illustrated by Denise Brunkus

Hurray! Hurray! Celebrate 20 years of laughing and reading with Junie B. Jones! She's spunky, she's sassy, she's one-of-a-kind! Now, for the first time ever, the book that started it all, *Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus*, is available in a full-color, hardcover edition with original, never before seen material—including an interview with Barbara Park conducted by Junie B. Jones herself!

Random House | 978-0-375-86841-2 | April 24, 2012 | \$14.99 / \$16.99 Can. | Ages 6-9 | 96 pgs

### **MAGIC TREE HOUSE 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY EDITION: DINOSAURS BEFORE DARK**

By Mary Pope Osborne; illustrated by Sal Murdocca

After 20 years, the Magic Tree House series is still the one to go to for budding young readers. If kids get hooked on Magic Tree House, they're hooked on reading—and Magic Tree House #1: *Dinosaurs Before Dark* started it all! We are celebrating by bringing full color to the Cretaceous period—full-color art that is! This jacketed hardcover edition boasts new artwork, plus extras, like an interview between the creators, a letter from Mary Pope Osborne, and up-to-date dinosaur info. Join Jack and Annie as they travel back to the time of dinosaurs where they encounter all sorts of dinos from the terrifying T-Rex to the crowd-pleasing Triceratops—and start on a life-time of adventures with new readers.

Random House | 978-0-375-86988-4 | September 25, 2012 | \$14.99 / \$17.99 Can. | Ages 5-8 | 96 pgs

### **MAGIC TREE HOUSE #29: CHRISTMAS IN CAMELOT**

By Mary Pope Osborne; illustrated by Sal Murdocca

Help Jack and Annie celebrate the most magical holiday of all, with this paperback edition of the bestselling 29<sup>th</sup> Magic Tree House adventure—and the very first Merlin Mission!

Random House | 978-0-375-85812-3 | August 25, 2009 | \$4.99/\$5.99 Can. | Ages 6-9 | 144 pgs

## Fun Reads for Tweens!

### **LIAR & SPY**

By Rebecca Stead

When seventh grader Georges (the S is silent) moves into a Brooklyn apartment building, he meets Safer, a twelve-year-old coffee-drinking loner and self-appointed spy. Georges becomes Safer's first spy recruit. His assignment? Tracking the mysterious Mr. X, who lives in the apartment upstairs. But as Safer becomes more demanding, Georges starts to wonder: how far is too far to go for your only friend? *Liar & Spy* is an inspired, often-funny story about destiny, goofy brilliance, and courage. Like Stead's Newbery Medal-winning *When You Reach Me*, it will keep readers guessing until the end.

Wendy Lamb Books | 978-0-385-73743-2 | August 7, 2012 | \$15.99/\$18.99 Can. | Ages 9-12 | 192 pgs

### **THE DRAGON'S TOOTH**

By N.D. Wilson

For two years, Cyrus and Antigone Smith have run a sagging roadside motel with their older brother, Daniel. Nothing ever seems to happen. Then a strange old man with bone tattoos arrives, demanding a specific room. Less than 24 hours later, the old man is dead. The motel has burned, and Daniel is missing. And Cyrus and Antigone are kneeling in a crowded hall, swearing an oath to an order of explorers who have long served as caretakers of the world's secrets, keepers of powerful relics from lost civilizations, and jailers to unkillable criminals who have terrorized the world for millennia. N. D. Wilson, author of *Leepike Ridge* and *100 Cupboards*, returns with an imagination-capturing adventure that inventively combines the contemporary and the legendary.

Random House | 978-0-375-86439-1 | August 23, 2011 | \$16.99/\$18.99 Can. | Ages 9-12 | 496 pgs

### **THE EMERALD ATLAS**

By John Stephens

Kate, Michael, and Emma have been in one orphanage after another for the last 10 years, passed along like lost baggage. And yet, these unwanted children are more remarkable than they could possibly imagine. Ripped from their parents as babies, they are being protected from a horrible evil of devastating power, an evil they know nothing about. Until now. Before long, Kate, Michael, and Emma are on a journey to dangerous and secret corners of the world . . . a journey of allies and enemies, of magic and mayhem. And—if an ancient prophesy is correct—what they do can change history, and it is up to them to set things right.

A *New York Times* bestseller, *The Emerald Atlas* brims with humor and action as it charts Kate, Michael, and Emma's extraordinary adventures through an unforgettable, enchanted world.

Alfred A. Knopf | 978-0-375-86870-2 | April 5, 2011 | \$17.99/\$19.99 Can. | Ages 9-12 | 432 pgs

### **THE FIRE CHRONICLE**

***The thrilling second book in the time-travel fantasy trilogy that began with The Emerald Atlas!***

By John Stephens

It's been six months since Kate, Michael, and Emma confronted the Dire Magnus in the conclusion to *The Emerald Atlas*, but the trail to their long-missing parents remains cold. Then Michael and Emma find a man who saw them ten years ago—three days after they disappeared. He knows about a map of a distant land, a place shrouded in mystery that may lead them to their parents. Meanwhile, Kate's connection to the Book of Time is growing stronger and stronger, until a dangerous trick gets her stuck in the past, searching for a friend to help her. Only a perilous quest and a daring risk will help the children to harness the power of the Books of Beginning. But will it be enough to save them?

Through Kate, Michael, and Emma's journey and a new slew of richly developed characters including elves and a charming gang of ragtag orphans as well as returning favorites like the wise wizard Pym and brave warrior Gabriel introduced in book one, John Stephens illuminates the magic of discovery and adventure.

**Alfred A. Knopf | 978-0-375-86871-9 | October 9, 2012 | \$17.99/\$19.99 Can. | Ages 8-12 | 448 pgs**

## Perfect Books for Teens!

### **EVERY DAY**

By David Levithan

Introducing A, who has no friends or family, no home or possessions. Waking up in a different body every day, A must access memories to learn the person's likes, dislikes, joys, and crises as quickly as possible. A has made peace with this, even established guidelines by which to live: Never get too attached. Avoid being noticed. Do not interfere. When A meets Rhiannon and falls in love with her, A must convince her that despite the physical impossibilities, they belong together. But can their love transcend such an obstacle? Can you love someone who is destined to change every day? In a starred review, *Booklist* raved, "Levithan has created an irresistible premise that is sure to captivate readers." A hybrid of romance, drama, and science fiction, *EVERY DAY* is the most ambitious novel to date by *New York Times* bestselling author, David Levithan.

**Alfred A. Knopf | 978-0-307-93188-7 | August 28, 2012 | \$16.99/\$19.99 Can. | Ages 12 and up | 336 pgs**

### **THE KILL ORDER** *(A prequel to the New York Times bestselling Maze Runner series!)*

By James Dashner

A prequel to the *Maze Runner* trilogy, *The Kill Order* has been in the works since the completion of *The Maze Runner*. The story of civilization's fall was kept under wraps and is the explication of the events that began this bestselling series. *The Kill Order* is the perfect gift for fans of dystopian YA, particularly *The Hunger Games*.

**Delacorte Press | 978-0-385-74288-7 | August 14, 2012 | \$17.99/\$20.99 Can. | Ages 12 and up | 336 pgs**

### **MYSTIC CITY**

By Theo Lawrence

A Manhattan where magic is real and true love can change the world. In this Manhattan, also known as Mystic City, the rich and powerful live in skyscrapers called the Aeries. The poor live far below, in the squalor of the Depths, alongside magic-wielding mystics who provide the energy that keeps the city pulsing. It is in this divided world that a romance between classes takes shape. *Mystic City* combines the passionate, forbidden romance of *Romeo and Juliet* and *West Side Story*, with the political undertones of *The Hunger Games*, the magical realism of *Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell*, the futuristic feel of *Blade Runner*, and the special powers of the *X-Men*.

**Delacorte Press | 978-0-385-74160-6 | October 9, 2012 | \$17.99/\$19.99 Can. | Ages 12 and up | 416 pgs**

## **THE PALADIN PROPHECY**

By Mark Frost

Will West is careful to live life under the radar. At his parents' insistence, he's made sure to get mediocre grades and to stay in the middle of the pack on his cross-country team. When Will slips up by accidentally scoring off the charts on a nationwide exam, he begins being followed by men driving black sedans and then suddenly loses his parents. Will flees to the exclusive prep school that's been courting him, where he begins to explore all that he's capable of—physical and mental feats that should be impossible—and learns that his abilities are connected to a struggle between titanic forces that has lasted for millennia.

Co-creator of the groundbreaking television series *Twin Peaks*, Mark Frost brings his unique vision to this sophisticated adventure, which combines mystery, heart-pounding action, and the supernatural.

**Random House | 978-0-375-87045-3 | September 25, 2012 | \$17.99/\$20.99 Can. | Ages 12 and up | 560 pgs**

## **RAPTURE**

By Lauren Kate

The epic conclusion to Lauren Kate's internationally bestselling *Fallen* series has arrived. The sky is dark with wings . . . Like sand in an hourglass, time is running out for Luce and Daniel. To stop Lucifer from erasing the past they must find the place where the angels fell to earth. Dark forces are after them, and Daniel doesn't know if he can do this—live only to lose Luce again and again. Yet together they will face an epic battle that will end with lifeless bodies . . . and angel dust. Great sacrifices are made. Hearts are destroyed. And suddenly Luce knows what must happen. For she was meant to be with someone other than Daniel. The choice she makes now will be the only one that truly matters. In the fight for Luce, who will win?

**Delacorte Press | 978-0-385-73918-4 | June 12, 2012 | \$17.99/\$19.99 Can. | Ages 12 and up | 464 pgs**

## **SERAPHINA**

By Rachel Hartman

In her exquisite debut—*Seraphina*, an instant *New York Times* bestseller—Rachel Hartman creates a rich, complex, and utterly original world. Four decades of peace have done little to ease the mistrust between humans and dragons in the kingdom of Goredd. Folding themselves into human shape, dragons attend court as ambassadors, and lend their rational, mathematical minds to universities as scholars and teachers. As the treaty's anniversary draws near, however, tensions are high.

Seraphina Dombegh has reason to fear both sides. An unusually gifted musician, she joins the court just as a member of the royal family is murdered—in suspiciously draconian fashion. Seraphina is drawn into the investigation. While they begin to uncover hints of a sinister plot to destroy the peace, Seraphina struggles to protect the secret behind her musical gift, one so terrible that its discovery could mean her very life. Seraphina's tortuous journey to self-acceptance is one readers will remember long after they've turned the final page.

**Random House | 978-0-375-86656-2 | July 10, 2012 | \$17.99 | Ages 12 and up | 480 pgs**

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