

Gifts and Givers

Outstanding Units for Award-Winning Literature

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Enriching, Skill-Building, Cross-Curriculum, Character-Building
Activities

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Interpersonal



Intrapersonal



Spatial



Bodily-
Kinesthetic



Musical



Linguistic



Naturalist



Logical-
Mathematical



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The 2009-2010 Kids' Wings Awards

<u>Clementine's Letter</u> by Sara Pennypacker (School and Family).....	18-34	(28 pages in CD)
Clementine is gifted! She has great ideas! She makes up exciting games, but not everyone understands her like her teacher, Mr. D'Matz. Surely she can put a stop to his plans to leave!		
<u>I, Vivaldi</u> by Janice Shefelman (Biography, Classical Music, Picture Book).....	35-41	(17 pages in CD)
Antonio Lucio Vivaldi was born clinging to life in Venice, Italy. His mother promised God that he would become a priest if he lived. But as Vivaldi grew, he had other ideas! Who would win?		
<u>SPY!</u> by Anna Myers (Historical Fiction, Biography of Nathan Hale, Revolutionary War).....	42-56	(27 pages in CD)
America was only thirteen colonies when schoolmaster Nathan Hale joined the colonial militia. The powerful story of his life and death is told through the eyes of one of his students.		
<u>Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln</u> by Judith St. George (Biography, Young Abe Lincoln, Picture Book).....	57-61	(17 pages in CD)
Poverty and hardships helped young Abe Lincoln to grow in wisdom, but he loved to read, and found time for fun and adventure with his friends. What were the things that molded his life?		



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<u>Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things</u> by Lenore Look (Humor, Fiction, Fears).....	62-74	(28 pages in CD)
Alvin Ho has more fears than the average second grader, and he still can't make a sound at school. His life is difficult, for sure, but his first person account of it is hysterical!		
<u>The Gollywopper Games</u> by Jody Feldman (Realistic Fiction, Competitive Games)	75-88	(30 pages in CD)
Gil Goodson has practiced for the ultimate challenge held by the Golly Toy and Game Company, but the competition is tough. Join Gil in solving the puzzles and doing stunts! A Kids' Wings' favorite with a unit that will put your own problem solving to the test!		
<u>Help Me, Mr. Mutt!</u> by Janet Stevens (Humorous Advice Column, Pets, Picture Book).....	89-94	(14 pages in CD)
Mr. Mutt's advice column for dogs keeps hitting a wall when the Queen (a cat) interjects her own catty advice to make his life miserable and try to sabotage his column.		
<u>The Hound of Rowan</u> by Henry H. Neff (Magic, Mystical School, Evil Creatures, Kidnapping).....	95-96	(9 pages in CD)
Kids' Wings cannot recommend this "Harry Potter spin-off" for grades 3-6. The frightening, mystical, evil beings, bloody violence, and poor decision-making do not model the character-building literature we want our students to emulate.		
<u>Lady Liberty: A Biography</u> by Doreen Rappaport (Biographies, Statue of Liberty, Picture Book).....	97-102	(11 pages in CD)
Creators, designers, sculptors, builders, poets, publishers, and contributors all worked together to make the Statue of Liberty, Lady Liberty, possible. A beautiful, moving picture book.		
<u>The Luck of the Loch Ness Monster</u> by A. W. Flaherty (Monster Fantasy, Picture Book).....	103-105	(5 pages in CD)
Each time Katerina tosses her oatmeal overboard from an ocean liner bound for Scotland, a sea worm eats it and grows...into the Loch Ness monster. The story gets sillier.		
<u>Martina the Beautiful Cockroach</u> by Carmen Agra Deedy (Cuban Folktale, Picture Book).....	106-116	(20 pages in CD)
At 21-days of age, Martina the beautiful cockroach is finally ready to give her leg in marriage. Of all of her gifts from her family members, Abuela gives the most practical one!		
<u>Maybelle in the Soup</u> by Katie Speck (Cockroach, Survival, Fantasy, Easy Chapter Book).....	117-128	(25 pages in CD)
Maybelle, a lovely, plump cockroach has her rules for survival, but once, just once, longs to taste something yummy that hasn't been on the floor. Her wish leads her and her best friend, Henry the Flea, into the most frightening adventure of their lives. Hilarious!		





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- Nic Bishop Frogs** by Nic Bishop (Nonfiction, Frogs, Picture Book).....129-134 (11 pages in CD)
Biologist Nic Bishop shares his love for frogs in this interesting and informative book dazzling with astounding photographs. A variety of frogs come to life on these pages!
- Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City** by Janet Schulman (Urban Hawk, Picture Book).....135-142 (15 pages in CD)
A red-tailed hawk took up residence in New York's Central Park but was chased away by a murder of crows. The adaptive hawk and his mate then made their nest on a building where they and their chicks were cheered and protected by visitors and birdwatchers.
- The Penderwicks on Gardam Street** by Jeanne Birdsall (Family, Dating).....143-158 (37 pages in CD)
A note from the beloved mother who died when Batty was born tells the father her hope that he will find love again. How far will his four daughters go to prevent a stepmother-disaster?
- Piper Reed: Navy Brat** by Kimberly Willis Holt (Navy Family, Moving).....159-171 (29 pages in CD)
Piper Reed's life as a Navy brat is complicated enough by being a middle child, but when her father, Chief, is transferred across the country, the car trip becomes a riot! Settling into their new home has its own disappointments and surprises!
- Savvy** by Ingrid Law (Fantasy, Family with Super-hero-like Powers).....172-185 (29 pages in CD)
Each member of the Beaumont family receives an astounding "savvy" or special power on his or her thirteenth birthday. After seeing the savvies her brothers have gotten, Mibs is worried that hers might be equally difficult to scumble (control). Then, a terrible accident sets off a chain of events that no one could have anticipated. Will Mibs's new savvy be able to change things?
- Someone Named Eva** by Joan Wolf (Historical Fiction, Nazi Germany, WWII).....186-199 (31 pages in CD)
A young Czechoslovakian girl is seized along with her family in the middle of the night by Nazi troops. What follows is a nightmare of separation, loss, heartbreak, and a Nazi retraining center for the girl. Will she ever see her family again? This unforgettable story puts a face on WWII.
- Surprises According to Humphrey** by Betty G. Birney (Classroom Hamster, Fantasy).....200-212 (28 pages in CD)
Humphrey the hamster is a valuable student in Mrs. Brisbane's class even though he has trouble being understood. (All people hear is "squeak.") Humphrey's narration, along with Og the frog's percussion, is uniquely priceless! You won't guess how he saves the day!
- Two-Minute Drill** by Mike Lupica (Football, Dyslexia, Perseverance).....213-226 (28 pages in CD)
Scott Parry may be small, but this sixth grader is determined to play football. Two-Minute Drill is far more than a football story. It is the story of how courage, perseverance, cooperation, respectfulness, honesty, and responsibility are built.
- We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball** by Kadir Nelson (Baseball Paintings)....227-230 (8 pages in CD)
This history of Negro League baseball from the 1800s to the integration of major league baseball is a biography of scores of gifted athletes who hit homeruns in spite of adversity.
- What To Do About Alice?** by Barbara Kerley (Biography, Alice Roosevelt).....231-233 (9 pages in CD)
President Theodore Roosevelt's wife died two days after their daughter, Alice, was born. Alice grew up being rebellious and independent, causing her father great worries.
- Where I Live** by Eileen Spinelli (Job Loss, Moving, Narrative Poetry).....234-237 (12 pages in CD)
Diana is happy with her family in their home and loves playing with her best friend, Rose. When her father loses his job, they have to move in with Grandpa Joe. Adjusting to change is difficult.
- ¡Yum! ¡MmMm! ¡Qué Rico!: America's Sproutings** by Pat Mora (Fruits, Veggies of the Americas) 238-240 (9 pages in CD)
In this combined-text presentation of brightly colored pictures, expository text, and Haiku poetry, you can experience the literary taste of blueberries, chili peppers, chocolate, corn and more!

