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Meet pop
sensation

**Greyson
Chance,**

a local teen making
a national impact
with his music

Field of Dreams:
OU's All-American
Quinton Carter
plays from the heart

**Taking
the stage...**

How a Local theater
company is helping
shape a young
actress's future

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Oklahoma Reads

Great Reads for Everyone

Books for Children

Baby Mozart Discovery Kit

(Disney, book with CD & DVD, \$20)

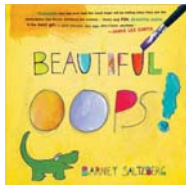
The Baby Einstein brand has been reinvented with kits of books, flashcards, CDs and/or DVDs that immerse children in learning.



Beautiful Oops!

by Barney Saltzberg
(Workman Publishing, hardcover, \$12)

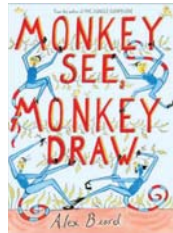
Stop reminding your kids to color within the lines and show them how every smear, tear, spill, scrap and mistake are a work of art waiting to happen.



Monkey See, Monkey Draw

By Alex Beard
(Abrams Books for Young Readers, hardcover, \$17)

A troop of monkeys discover the joy of creating in this vividly illustrated oversized book. Includes tips on engaging your children in creating hands-on (literally) artwork.



Freddie the Frog series

by Sharon Burch, illustrated by Tiffany Harris
(Mystic Publishing, hardcover & CD, \$24)

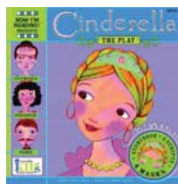
A book and CD set that introduces young readers to the elements of music. While meeting the books' cast of characters, young readers (and listeners) are introduced to the notes on the musical scale, from Freddie (F) to Eli (E).



Now I'm Reading: Cinderella

adapted by Nora Gaydos, illustrated by Barbara Vagnozzi
(Innovative Kids, book and masks kit, \$17)

Act out the story of Cinderella with this book kit, which includes a follow-along storybook, five scripts for main characters and four masks for children to present the play.



Number Fun with Ally Dog

by Erin Hines & Gwin Faulconer Lippert
(Tate Publishing, book and CD, \$13)

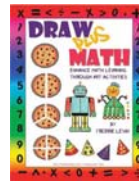
Learning to count is fun with this book that uses numbers, repetition, music and action to reinforce number learning in young children. Includes ideas for number games parents can play with their kids.



Draw Plus Math

by Freddie Levin
(Peel Productions Inc., softcover, \$9)

An activity book that combines art and math seamlessly through fun activities. The daunting concepts of math are made fun and approachable through the use of art.



Skit-Skat Raggedy Cat

by Roxane Orgill, illustrated by Sean Qualls
(Candlewick Press, hardcover, \$20)

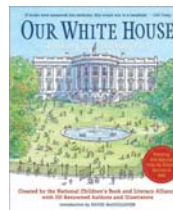
Introduce young readers to a powerful voice in American music through this retelling of the early years of Ella Fitzgerald. Takes readers through her early childhood to her beginning in the world of professional music.



Our White House

by various authors & illustrators
(Candlewick Press, softcover, \$15)

A comprehensive collection of stories, poems, photographs, illustrations and artistic depictions, this book highlights historical moments and figures sharing the American Presidency or White House as its common theme.



Grades 5 and up

Leonardo Da Vinci: Journal of Inventions

by Jaspre Bark
(Silver Dolphin Books, pop-up, \$25)

A peek inside the famous journals of Leonardo Da Vinci in 3D format via ingenious pop-ups. Any child interested in science or art will be enthralled.



Read it, Write it, Draw it: Ham and Cheese

by Nora Gaydos, illustrated by Sholto Walker
(Innovative Kids, softcover, \$5)

An interactive story book where you first read the story of Ham (the pig) and Cheese (the cow); second, use the pictures to retell your own story; third, use the story's words to draw your own story.



Teens

Taking Off

by Jenny Moss
(Walker Books for Young Readers, hardcover, \$18)

Written by a former NASA engineer, this book spins a fictional story of a teen (Annie) who meets real-life Christa McAuliffe, the first teacher to train for space who tragically died in the Challenger disaster of 1986.

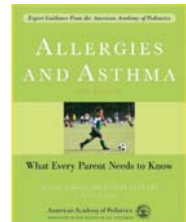


Parents

Allergies and Asthma: What Every Parent Needs to Know (2nd Edition)

by Dr. Michael J. Welch
(American Academy of Pediatrics, softcover, \$15)

Newly updated, provides information on the latest findings on identifying, managing and treating allergies and asthma in children. Includes appendices with details about hidden sources of allergens, further reading and helpful medical resources.



The Self-Aware Parent

by Dr. Frances Walfish
(Palgrave MacMillan, softcover, \$17)

The most effective parents know who they are. This book uncovers different styles of parenting, tools to determine where you fall on the continuum and tips for becoming the parent you want to be.



Reviews by MetroFamily Magazine editor Mari Farthing.