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Books

American Girl Guides

Even best friends run into hard times. Fortunately, *American Girl's A Smart Girl's Guide to Friendship Troubles* can help. This book uses quizzes, tips and stories from real girls who've been there, to help readers deal with triangles, backstabbing and other tough friendship problems. Ages 8-12. \$9.95.

Girls learn the secrets to grace, confidence and being their best with *A Smart Girl's Guide to Manners*, a fun, contemporary look at etiquette. Includes cell phone use, parties, school dances, dining and other tricky situations that are best met with style and poise. Ages 8-12. \$9.95. www.americangirl.com.

Animals Around the Clock

Forest Bright, Forest Night by Jennifer Ward is a brilliantly illustrated flipbook. Open it one way, and see how woodland creatures spend their day. Flip it over, and read about mysterious nocturnal animals. Ages 3-8. \$8.95.

The Picture Book Dictionary

See and Say Words
The Picture Book Dictionary by Valerie Laud is one of the best children's bilingual "picture-dictionaries" on the market. Each word is presented in English and Spanish, and engagingly illustrated to aid in understanding its definition. Key phrases for basic conversation are included in both languages as well. \$12.95.

hello grand mamoon!

Moonbeams
Hello Grand Mamoon! by Donna Steinmann is a touching, hopeful story that deals with death. Young Tula, who misses her Grandma Nell and the stories she told about the moon, learns that her beloved Grandmother is only a moonbeam away. \$16.95.

Products

Diary Deadbolt

Girls keep all their secrets in the *Girl Tech Password Journal*, which locks automatically when closed and stays locked until the rightful owner enters a secret password. An intruder can't peek. Additional features include a light, calendar, clock and more. Available at Wal-Mart and Amazon.com. \$19.99.

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Crafty Kits

Get creative with American Girl's crafty kits. Make personalized greeting cards with the **Card Making Kit**, which includes 21 cards, 10 sticker sheets, punch-out pictures, ribbon, foam puppets squares and 21 envelopes. \$9.95.
Tear Up This Book! is a sticker, stencil, stationery, games, crafts, doodle and journal book for girls. \$9.95.
Scrapbook lovers elate with the **Scrapbook Studio**, an easy-to-use spiral-bound compendium of color-coordinated, patterned cardstock in plastic sleeves, illustrated stickers and idea booklet to guide girls through the simple process of making a treasured scrapbook. \$18.95. www.americangirl.com.

DVDs

Disney Delivers

In the *Spirit of Baby Einstein*, Disney launches its new preschool line of DVDs with *Little Einsteins Our Big Hope Adventure*. The Little Einsteins team is on a mission to help a little caterpillar on his quest to become a beautiful monarch butterfly. Set to the dramatic music of Beethoven's 9th Symphony, this DVD features classic artwork including Van Gogh's "Wheat Field of Cypress," Claude Monet's "Woman in a Garden" and more. DVD/VHS \$19.99.

The unforgettable animated adventure of the adorable alien Stitch and his island friend Lilo continues in *Lilo & Stitch 2: Stitch Has a Glitch*. Exclusive extras include an animated short about Stitch's origin, Hawaiian Rollercoaster Ride, a cool music video by pop sensation Jump5, Where's Pheakley?, a game, and more. DVD/VHS \$29.99.

In addition to starring all your favorite Muppets including Kermit, Miss Piggy, Gonzo and Fozzie, *The Muppets Wizard of Oz* features the voices of Grammy-winner Ashanti, Queen Latifah and more. Bonus features include outtakes and bloopers. DVD/VHS \$24.99.

The Fantastic Four, the original 1994-1995 animated television series, is now available in a four-disc DVD set. Learn the origin of the four super heroes Mr. Fantastic, The Invisible Woman, The Human Torch and The Thing. See how they save the world from the dastardly Doctor Doom and a legion of other villains. Relive all 26 action-packed episodes, complete with exclusive introductions by Stan Lee. \$49.99.

Marvelous Manners

Help children become well-mannered, polite youngsters with the award-winning DVD series. *Time for Manners*. Vol. 1: *Time for Manners* presents basic concepts like sincerely saying "please" and "thank you" and other social niceties. Vol. 2: *Table Time* teaches table manners, proper place setting and utensil use, and good family interaction at mealtime. Both utilize colorful puppet characters to engage kids, ages 2 and older. Available at www.timeformanners.com. \$16.95 ea. plus \$3.58H.

Preschool Prep

The animated Preschool Prep Series DVDs help babies master the basics as early as 15 months old. The award-winning *Meet the Letters* uses humorous letter characters in a gentle, repetitive style to introduce the ABCs. *Meet the Numbers* helps toddlers easily assimilate numbers one through 10 in just a few days, while *Meet the Shapes* teaches them about circles, squares, triangles, diamonds and other interesting shapes. Available at www.preschoolprepp.com. \$14.99 ea.

Floppy Friends

Instantly recognizable, Raggedy Ann and Andy span generations, bringing adults fond memories of the two charming friends and teaching youngsters, who are new to them, about love, compassion, generosity and other basic values. Bring these button-eyed dolls into your home with *The Adventures of Raggedy Ann & Andy: The Rabbit Adventure* and other exciting tales and *The Adventure of Raggedy Ann & Andy: The Fixing Adventure* and other exciting tales. \$12.95 DVD, \$9.95 VHS.

CDs

Live it Up!

Moving lyrics that convey life-affirming messages like "you're okay just the way you are" and "I promise to take care of my body" are the trademark of David Grover's *Caterpillar Butterfly: Songs to Help Kids Grow Wings* CD. Grover's award-winning sound is what you would get if you crossed Mr. Rogers with James Taylor and threw in a little Paul Simon and Raffi. He also gets a little help from the Blafield Children's Chorus and the Big Bear Band. \$15. 800-289-6923.

Classic Fun

You get the best of both worlds with *Beethoven's Wig 2*, which melds the silly lyrics kids love to the classical symphony music of Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin and Stravinsky. While entertaining, the words are actually hooks about the composition or composer to help listeners remember each piece. \$11.98 at Amazon.com. \$12.98 at www.beethovenswig.com.

Jump and Jive

The snappy beat and super cool lyrics of the *Jump and Jive with Hi-5* CD get children moving! Kids clap, tap and sing-along with this energetic album, which features the widely popular group from the exuberant Hi-5 television show. \$10.99 at Amazon.com.