

Youngsters Will Treasure Gift Reading

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As traditional as candy canes are books for Christmas. The gift of a book to be kept as one's own is in keeping with the spirit of Christmas when purchases are few, which may be outside the budget at any other time of the year.

Christmas is a time, too, when we want to give that which is treasured most. That children treasure books is evident by publisher's record lists. Three thousand children's books are published every year (which is proof positive of demand).

While a book for Christmas eliminates a great many problems related to gift purchasing, such as choosing the proper size and right color if the gift is clothing, it does not get to the selecting the best gift. That care and thought right book for the right person.

HOWEVER, with the number of attractive books available, a one-stop trip to a favorite bookstore will take care of all the young people on your list you wish to remember.

One could hardly go wrong by starting his list off with books about Christmas. A delightful book in this category is "Christmas in Noisy Village" by Astrid Lindgrén (Viking). Lovely, detailed full-color drawings and text as lively as a child's letter, telling of the delicious excitement of getting ready for a typical Swedish Christmas and of the gaieties and solemnities of the festival.

"THE YEAR Santa Went Modern" by Richard Arnous (McGraw-Hill) is a merry, rhyming romp about Santa's frustrating search for the perfect reindeer when his sleigh and eight reindeer are out of step with the times.

A favorite author, Ogden Nash, in "Mimtable Verse," tells about some of the troubles that plague Santa Claus in "The Untold Adventures of Santa Claus" (Little Brown).

The classics remain enduring favorites. Miscellany has added to its list of attractive editions Kipling's "Mungle Book" with striking pictures by Robert Shore, George MacDonald's "At the Back of the North Wind" and "The Illiad and Odyssey of Homer" retold by Alfred J. Church.

PICTURE BOOKS are prime choices for the young members on your list. "Where's Wallace?" by Hilary Knight (Harper & Row), a story about an inquiring ape who is always fleeing his cage, is a fun book where youngsters can try to find Wallace in a double-page panorama of a department store, a circus or museum.

Ruth Kraus, whom young children love, is her usual delightful self in "Eyes Nose Fingers Toes" (Harper & Row), an end-of-the-year book showing a little child saying

DELIGHTFUL NONSENSE

"Giraffe and a Half"



SEARCH FOR LOST APE

Picture-book pleasure

goodnight to everything and anyone.

Jean Walsh Anglin, another favorite, depicts a small child's world in delicate pictures and words in "Childhood Is a Time of Innocence" (Harcourt, Brace).

The rhythm and excitement of seaway-making "Seasaw" by Joan Kahn (Harper, Row) another "fun" book.

CHILDREN love animals. "The Beast Book" by Jan Wahl (Harper, Row) in word portraits and evocative drawings, calls forth a sense of wonder about the mysterious world of such beasts as the porcupine, leopard, cheetah and many more.

A hilarious book is "A Giraffe and a Half" by Shel Silverstein (Harper & Row), with its nonsense verses and rollicking drawings.

WITH a little more text, but still light with pictures, are "Samson" by Jo Lynch (Harper & Row), the story of a mouse seeking a haven from a winter storm; "Penguin's Fall" by Robert Kraus (Harper & Row), a beguiling snow story about Norman who finds such friends as Snow Penguin and Snowman and Snow Queen in his backyard.

"He for a Hat" by William J. Smith, a brilliantly illustrated book about hats being fun; "Pelorus Jack" by Edmund Lindop (Little, Brown), the true story of a dolphin and a riotously funny book; "Beastly Boys and Ghostly Girls," compiled by William Cole (World), with rhymes about mischievous children by such writers as Ogden

Nash, A. A. Milne, James Whitcomb Riley and E. C. Rieu.

CHILDREN OF all ages love the music and imagery of poetry. A beautiful book is "Wings from the Wind," an anthology of poems selected and illustrated by Tasha Taylor (Lippincott).

Fifty poems are represented, and each poem is interpreted artistically.

Ask any child what poet they enjoy most, and they will probably answer John Ciardi. No one knows better than he how to make easy words dance together in poems that are fun like those in his latest book, "You Know Who" (Lippincott).

Older children will delight in "Wait! Whitman's America," selections from Whitman handsomely illustrated by James Daugherty (World).

GEOGRAPHY-minded youngsters will enjoy the latest volume in the "Enchantment of America" series which presents "Michigan," its history, resources, well-known residents, landmarks and a reference section in a very readable form and attractively illustrated (Children's Press).

"Beyond the Sugar Cane Field" by Louisa E. Shotwell (World) not only tells of the work of UNICEF in Asia but also what life is like for the people who live in Asian countries.

"Following Columbus" by Robert F. Marx (World) is a true account of the voyage of the Nina II, based on the log kept by the ship's navigator.

BOOKS ON science are always welcome. "Experiments for Young Scientists" by Jimmy Stockard (Little, Brown) shows the reader how he can learn about the world around him by doing simple experiments with simple equipment.

"Journeyway to the Orient" by Louis Solomon (McGraw-Hill) is the story of the first U.S.-Japan telephone cable.

Animal books are always well received. "Tary" by Carl F. High (Vantage) draws a vivid picture of

Peter, Paul, Mary
(One's from Bham)
To Sing in Detroit

The "two heads and a blond," Peter, Paul and Mary are due into Detroit again for a concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Masonic Temple, Detroit.

Paul Stookey, who hails from Birmingham, is the baritone and come relief of the trio. He was a stand-up comic in New York's Greenwich Village when Al Grossman (the trio's manager) found him suited to be the finishing touch to P.P.M.

Paul had come to New York on \$400 which promptly dwindled to a week's subsistence of \$118 before he found work. The group's guiding credo is found in what Paul says of working in the Village: "I discovered understate-

a boy and his dog growing up together during a period when life in America was more strenuous and hazardous.

"Spunksy" by Stephen Peter (Lippincott) relates a hilarious story about a parrot who was so mischievous that he was expelled from the zoo. "Saki" is a tiger cub with an unusual upbringing, whose story is told by Elspeth Huxley and recorded in superb photographs by Laila Goehs (Morrow).

IF YOU HAVE a would-be linguist on your list, "La Petite Famille" by Seyyle Justin and John Alcorn (McGraw-Hill) presents a practical but entertaining way for a young child to be introduced to French, and "See Again, Say Again" by Antonio Francou depicts in bold, colorful wood cuts familiar objects labeled in English, Italian, French and Spanish.

Fairy stories forever keep their wonder. Ann Montrose offers the magic of make-believe in her collection "The Winter Flowers" (Viking). Fancy and fact are combined in a very favorite author's latest book "Far Out the Long Canal" by Meinbert DeJong (Harper & Row).

FOR THE sport-minded, a veteran of more than 40 books about sports writes about Bud, who was a star on his Junior High team but had some trouble when he went out for basketball at Senior High, in "Bud Plays Senior High Basketball" (Hastings).

Adventure and fun for the 9 to 12 groups can be found in "The City Under Ground" by Suzanne Martel (Viking) which takes two boys' adventures in Surtul, a city under the ground in 3000 A.D.; "Billy Hunts the Unicorn" by Norris Lloyd (Hastings), about an American who grows up in Paris and must later adjust to life on a farm in Vermont; "The New Noah" by Gerald Durrell (Viking) which tells about three animal collecting trips to the Cameroons, Ghana and Paraguay where Durrell was looking for the small, unusual animals about which little is known.

THREE FINE biographies for the teenage group are "The Tiger's Tail" by Nancy Vezliah (Harper & Row); the story of America's great political cartoonist Thomas Nast "William Henry Jackson" by Alyssa Farkes (Viking); the story of a pioneer photographer of the West and "The Life and Works of John F. Kennedy" by James E. Wood (Doubleday), a moving narrative of the President's life, containing samples from his speeches.

Junior novels to please teenage readers are "Ceding of Amber" by Elisabeth Ogilvie (McGraw-Hill) whose young heroine plunges into the lobster business after her father's death to forget a broken romance and finds true love on the east coast of Maine; "A Love or a Season" by Mary Stolz (Harper & Row), a love story which treats of many problems besetting today's teenagers; and "Classmates by Request" by Hila Colman (Morrow) a warm, fast-moving story about headlines problems behind today's headlines.

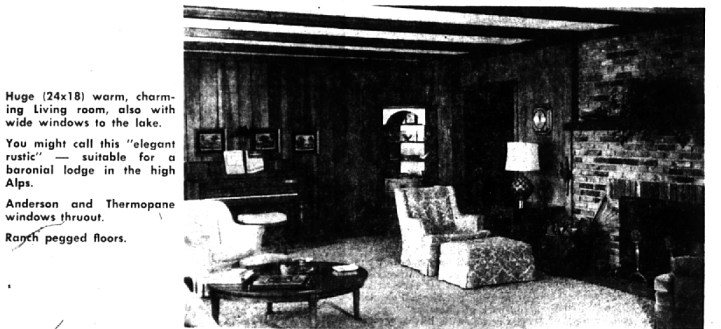
COUNTRY HOUSE



Idyllic Wooded Site On Beautiful Lake Angelus

At the end of Rig Van Winkle Lane, this custom-built home is constructed of log and redwood, blending into the setting.

The Lake front is glorious with never-ending year-round views. Midway down the path to the dock is a "meditation balcony". You feel as if you are out of this world — YET, you are only 20 minutes from town via the expressway.



Huge (24x18) warm, charming living room, also with wide windows to the lake.

You might call this "elegant rustic" — suitable for a baronial lodge in the high Alps.

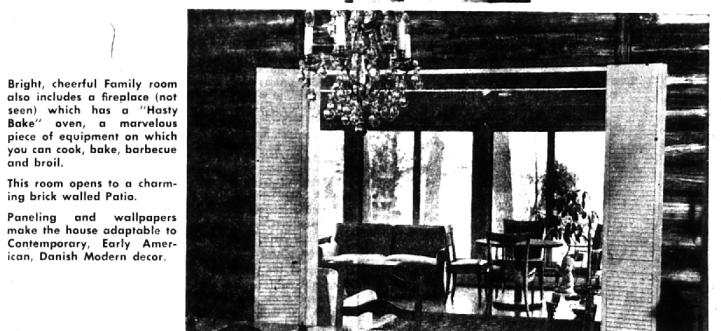
Anderson and Thermopane windows throughout. Ranch pegged floors.



Separate Dining room with access to living room, Kitchen, Family room.

Not shown are two large Bedrooms on first floor and one exceptionally large (42x17) on the second floor which would make an excellent suite or could be divided into two Bedrooms.

There are 3 full Baths.



Bright, cheerful Family room also includes a fireplace (not seen) which has a "Hasty Bake" oven, a marvelous piece of equipment on which you can cook, bake, barbecue and broil.

This room opens to a charming brick walled Patio.

Paneling and wallpapers make the house adaptable to Contemporary, Early American, Danish Modern decor.



One corner of the Kitchen showing the circle fireplace and a glimpse of the hall and stairway to 2nd floor.

Pine cupboards and paneling lend a cozy-farm atmosphere. Dishwasher and disposal included.

Also on the site are a 2-car Garage and dog run.

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