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OUR FAVORITE BOOKS FOR GIFTING
Just in time for the holidays!

As 2025 comes to a close, it's time to look back at some of the amazing titles we discovered this year, from heartfelt fiction to delightful picture books...and much more.

It's always hard to cull the hundreds of titles we review down to a



Exploring Wine Regions: California Central Coast by Michael Higgins: In this sumptuous book with more than 800 photographs, Higgins takes wine enthusiasts on an in-depth tour of the wineries of Central California. His book is a stunning project, sure to inspire oenophiles and adventurers alike to tour this enchanting region. [READ REVIEW.](#)

For Young Readers

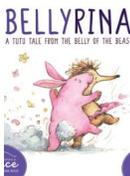


Christopher Hawkins and His Daring Escapes by Jeanne Brownlee Becijos: Becijos's fascinating tale of her distant forebear enchantingly recreates the sights, sounds, and events of Colonial America in the late 1770s. While it's pitched for middle school and young adult readers, anyone who appreciates immersive historical tales won't want to put this book down. [READ REVIEW.](#)



Make Way for Monarchs by Carolyn Armstrong: Two 11-year-old environmental crusaders try to protect an endangered species of butterfly, only to find themselves in a perilous situation. This imaginative, adventurous mystery will have readers eagerly awaiting the next book. [READ REVIEW.](#)

Read-Aloud for Little Ones



Bellyrina by Once Upon a Dance: This charming picture book with dainty illustrations, highlights animals who find themselves happily freed from a hungry wolf's belly. In a unique twist, the book encourages youngsters to act out the story with various movements. [READ REVIEW.](#)



Sloth's Totally Not Weird First Day of School by Christie Nicholls: In this delightful picture book, a sloth trying to fit in at school realizes he can simply be himself. The story delivers an important lesson for children starting school, while offering fun along the way. [READ REVIEW.](#)

