

1999 Notable Children's Videos

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These titles are selected by the above committee of librarians and educators from across the country on the basis of their originality, creativity, and suitability for young children. The members select materials that respect both children's intelligence and imagination, exhibit venturesome creativity, and encourage the interests of users.

Chrysanthemum

15 min.

VHS production by Weston Woods, dist. By Scholastic, 1998

ISBN: 0-78820-726-1--\$60

Animated

Ages 3-10

Chrysanthemum thinks her name is perfect, until she is teased at school. Meryl Streep narrates Kevin Henkes' award winning picture book.

The First Christmas

21 min.

VHS production by billy budd Films, Inc, 1998

ISBN: 1-56364-307-3

Clay Animation

Ages: 5 - up

The nativity story using Clay Animation characters is narrated by Christopher Plummer. Christmas carols, including "Silent Night" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem," enhance the story.

Good Night, Gorilla

8 min

VHS production by Weston Woods, Dist. by Scholastic, 1998

ISBN: 0-78820-734-2--\$60

Animation

Ages 4 - 8

A precocious gorilla tiptoes behind a sleepy, unobservant zookeeper unlocking each animal's cage. The parade of animals follows the zookeeper home for a good night's sleep. Brahams' Lullaby accompanies this delightful video based on the 1994 Peggy Rathman book.

Dance Lexie, Dance

15 min.

VHS production by Tim Loane, Dist. by Cinema Guild, 1998

\$59.95

Live Action

Ages: 8 - 12

12-year-old Laura, an Irish, Protestant girl yearns to be a Riverdancer. Her newly widowed father, Lexie, rethinks his parental role to help his daughter and comes to terms with the loss of his wife.

Kristen's Fairy House

39 min.

VHS production by Great White Dog Picture Co., Dist. by same, 1997

\$19.95

Live Action

Ages: 7 -11

During a vacation on a wooded island, a young girl and her aunt blend the wonders of the real world with the imaginative and creative. The fairy house built by the girl becomes inhabited by woodland creatures. The woman is motivated to create an illustrated book on the basis of the girl's journey into the land of fairies.

Sheep Crossing

27 min.

VHS production by Great White Dog Picture Co, Dist. by same, 1997

\$14.95

Live Action

All ages

This video explores the world of sheep and wool while following children as they prepare their sheep for fair competition. Meet a newborn lamb and working border collies. The background music has an upbeat tempo. Beautiful New England scenery add to the viewer's sensual experience.

Elmopalooza!

30 min.

VHS production by Children's Television Workshop, Dist. by Sony Wonder, 1998

ISBN: 1-57330-574-X \$12.98

Live Action

All ages

The Sesame Street Muppets and their musical guests join in a cross-cultural original musical extravaganza.

Smoking: Truth or Dare

52 min.

VHS production by Arnold Shapiro, Dist. by AIMS, 1998

ISBN: 0-8068-9297-8 \$99.95

Live Action

Ages: 10 and up

This live action informational video graphically illustrates the consequences of smoking and chewing tobacco for today's young people.

Land Snails and Their Life Cycle

12 min.

VHS production by Klaudiusz Jankowski Productions, Dist. by same, 1998

\$80

Live Action

Ages: 9 and up

This lyrically beautiful video is a comprehensive study of the life cycle of land snail. Utilizing spectacular photography.

Oceans in Motion

24 min.

VHS production by National Geographic, Dist. by same, 1998

\$99

Live action

Ages 7 and up

Catch a wave and learn all about the ocean with tour guide/professional surfer, "Wingnut" Weaver. Dazzling photography and creative animation illustrate the phenomena of currents, seismic activity, tides and waves.