

2000 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.

Banjo Frogs

5 Minutes

VHS Production by the Australian Broadcasting Corp. Natural History Unit

Distributed by Bullfrog Films

1998

Clay Animation

All ages

\$95

An adolescent frog takes a surprise trip to the garbage dump, where he tries to make friends with the locals.

Chato's Kitchen

11 minutes

VHS production by Weston Woods, Distributed by Scholastic

Iconographic

1999

ISBN: 078820-710-5

Age: 5 - 10

\$60

Chato, a low-riding, mambo-loving cat invites new mice neighbors for fiesta. The surprising appearance of their canine friend causes a change in Chato's plans. Cheech Marin's humorously authentic narration and original salsa flavored music by Jerry Dale McFadden season Gary Soto's picture book.

Chato's Kitchen (Spanish Language Version)

11 Minutes

VHS production by Weston Woods, Distributed by Scholastic

Iconographic

Spanish narration by Jorge Pupo
1999
ISBN: 0-78820-224-3
Age: 5 - 10
\$60

Chato, a low-riding, mambo-loving cat invites new mice neighbors for fiesta. The surprising appearance of their canine friend causes a change in Chato's plans. Original salsa flavored music by Jerry Dale McFadden seasons Gary Soto's picture book.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

6 minutes
VHS production by Weston Woods, distributed by Scholastic
1999
ISBN: 0-78820-722-9
Animation
Ages: 3-8
\$60

Mischievous lower case letters of the alphabet climb a coconut tree in order. When there is not enough room, they all fall down. BOOM! They are comforted and bandaged by upper case parents and begin to climb all over again, accompanied by lively music.

Dear America: Dreams in the Golden Country

29 Minutes
VHS production by Scholastic
Live Action
1999
Ages: 8 - 14
\$12.95

A 12-year old Russian immigrant girl struggles to keep her family together as they adapt to the challenges of their new home. Strong dramatic performances combine with authentic costumes and settings to bring the popular Dear America series to life.

Degas & the Dancer

60 minutes
VHS Production by Devine Entertainment
ISBN: 1-894-449-06-1
Live Action
Ages 9 & Up
\$19.95

Artist, Edgar Degas, in crisis after losing his father, begins painting young ballerina, Marie. While working together they inspire each other to accomplish their dreams.

The Face

22 minutes

VHS production by New Dimension Media, Inc.

Live Action & Computer Animation

Ages 7 - up

\$159

Inspired by the traditional folktale, "The Magic Seed," a young boy wants desperately to be worthy of a dying storyteller's legacy. Live action combines with stellar computer generated animation to tell a multilayered, intergenerational story.

Famous Fred

30 Minutes

VHS production by TVC London, Manufactured by Sony Wonder

ISBN: 0-7389-2547-9

Animated

Ages: All

\$12.98

This 1997 Oscar-nominated short from England tells the tale of Fred, a beloved and recently deceased cat. The two children who owned Fred are delighted to learn that Fred was a world-famous entertainer.

Fedora

28 Minutes

VHS production by Alta Films

Live Action

Ages 10 & up

ISBN: 1-892-442-05-1

\$12.95

Julio Esperanza is diagnosed with cancer, which he vows to face alone. Treatment leaves him weak, sick, and bald. Family and friends rally to his support convincing Julio he is not alone and much loved.

Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln: The Story of the Gettysburg Address

18 Minutes

VHS production by Weston Woods, Distributed by Scholastic

Iconographic

1999

Ages 6 & Up

ISBN: 0-78820-744-X

\$39.95

President Lincoln was a busy man with many family responsibilities, but he still had time to run

country! With great humor and finesse, Rex Robbins narrated Jean Fritz's saga about one of the shortest and most famous speeches in American History.

Ludovic: The Snow Gift

14 Minutes

VHS Production by National Film Board of Canada

Ages 3 - 6

Stop Action Animation

\$129

This charming story of a young bear and his relationship with a special toy is creatively enhanced by using animated plush teddy bears. Wrapped in a gentle musical score, this video evokes a warm, cozy feeling as Ludovic's powerful imaginings make his doll come to life.

Magic for Beginners Volume 2

VHS Production by Jobeto, Distributed by Brian Richards Entertainment

1999

Ages 8 & Up

Live Action

\$19.95

In this clear, concise instructional video magician, Brian Richards performs twelve simple magic tricks and shows how they can be performed using easy to find props.

Marie Curie: More Than Meets the Eye

54 Minutes

VHS Production by Devine Entertainment

1998

Ages 8 & Up

Live Action

\$19.95

In World War I Paris, two sisters follow a woman they suspect is a spy, only to discover that she is Marie Curie. This fictionalized biography featuring period detail offers refreshing insights into the life and work of this Nobel Prize winning scientist.

Miss Nelson Has A Field Day

13 Minutes

VHS Production by Weston Woods, Distributed by Scholastic

1999

Animated

Ages 5 - 10

ISBN: 0788207202

\$60

An original musical score and inspired animation bring James Marshall and Harry Allard's

familiar characters to life. Fans of the popular Miss Nelson series will cheer for the hapless Smedley Tornadoes as they card coached by the notorious Viola Swamp. (2000 Carnegie Medal Winner)

Snow Cat

23 Minutes

VHS Production by Snow Cat Productions & National Film Board of Canada

1999

Finger-paint Animation

Ages 5 - 10

ISBN: 077220747X

\$139

A lonely woman living in the far North is given the gift of a magical cat to keep her company through the long winter. Based on the popular book by Dayal Kaur Khalsa, this production features soft finger-paint animation and narration by Maureen Stapleton.