

2001 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.

Antarctic Antics: A Book of Penguin Poems

18 minutes

VHS

Weston Woods Studios, Inc.

ISBN: 0-78820-752-0

Animation

2000

\$60.00

Playful penguins slip and slide and dive and jive to original musical tempos in Judy Sierra's delightful collection of poems about a colony of emperor penguins living in Antarctica. Each poem is enhanced by charmingly animated interpretations in this 2001 Andrew Carnegie Medal winner.

Black Cat

9 minutes

VHS

Spoken Arts

ISBN: 0-8045-9496-1

Iconographic

\$49.95

With New York City as his home, Black Cat roams through neighborhoods and streets to the rhythms of original music in a classical jazzy style. The voice of Avery Brooks narrates this outstanding iconographic video of Christopher Myers' award winning book *Coretta Scott King Honor and ALA Notable*

Bully Dance

10 minutes

VHS

Bullfrog Films

ISBN: 0-7722-1051-9

Animation

2000

Price: \$99.00 (Special ALA price)

The universal problem of bullies is powerfully illustrated through the interactions of stick people and a pulsating beat that intensifies as a bully relentlessly stalks his victim. Wordless animation explores the complexities of conflict resolution. Produced by the National Film Board of Canada.

Cuckoo, Mr. Edgar!

13:21 minutes

VHS

National Film Board of Canada

ISBN: n/a

Computer Animation

Price: \$99.00 (Special ALA price)

Mr. Edgar, a cuckoo clock bird, lives an extremely orderly, yet lonely life, until three orphaned baby birds find their way into his home and his heart. Outstanding computer animation and a lively soundtrack enhance this touching story of hope and love.

Duke Ellington

15 minutes

VHS

Weston Woods Studios, Inc.

ISBN: 0-78820-748-2

Iconographic

2000

\$60.00

Duke Ellington's biography and legacy as "King of the Keys" is brought to life in the swing and sway of an edited soundtrack that features some of the original music of Duke Ellington and his Orchestra. Forrest Whitaker narrates this iconographic version of the award winning book (Coretta Scott King and Caldecott Honor) written by Andrea Davis Pinkney and illustrated by Brian Pinkney.

George and Martha

45 minutes

VHS

Sony Wonder

ISBN: 0-7389-2150-5

Animation

2000

\$9.98

Like all best friends, George and Martha occasionally struggle to maintain their harmonious friendship, especially when having to deal with hurt feelings, jealousies, divergent interests, and misunderstandings. Using James Marshall's beloved hippopotamus characters, four animated original short stories are brought to life through the voices of Nathan Lane and Andrea Martin.

Korea: Yu Sings Pansori

7 minutes

VHS

New Dimension Media, Inc.

ISBN: 1-56353-640-4

Live Action

\$59.00, single site; \$99.00, circulating/multi-site

Yu, a six and one-half year old boy, provides a fascinating look at Korean opera known as Pansori. In this lively documentary film with rich rhythmical background music, Yu shares his life of study and training as he learns from his master to sing, act, and play percussion instruments for Pansori, a uniquely Korean cultural experience. One of thirty videos in the "I Love Music" series.

Mary Cassatt: American Impressionist

55 minutes

VHS

Devine Productions Ltd.

ISBN:1-894449-07-X

Live Action

Copyright: 1999; Release Date: 2000

\$19.98

American artist, Mary Cassatt's artistic solitude in Paris in 1878 is interrupted by the arrival of her teenage niece and two younger siblings. Disruption turns into inspiration as Cassatt begins using the young people as models for her artwork. This fictionalized biography featuring period detail and starring Amy Brenneman offers a glimpse into the life of an independent and talented woman ahead of her time. Part of The Artists' Specials series.

Peter Pan

104 minutes

VHS

A & E Home Video

c/o New Video

ISBN: 0-7670-2951-8

Live Action

\$19.95

With attention to details, this skillfully filmed version of a family classic is more than a taping of a smash-hit Broadway musical. An outstanding and dynamic state-of-the-art production provides each viewer with a choice seat in a very magical performance of Cathy Rigby as Peter Pan.

The Scrambled States of America

15 minutes

VHS

Weston Woods Studios, Inc.

ISBN:0-78820-747-4

Animation

\$60.00

The states decide to take a vacation from their fixed locations and swap spots. Using a wealth of unique regional voices and witty animation, this fast paced video includes facts and fun in a highly original geography lesson.

Strega Nona (Spanish Language Version)

9 minutes

VHS

Weston Woods Studios, Inc.

ISBN: 0-78820-226-X

Animation

\$29.95

Narrated in Spanish, Tomie dePaola's beloved story of Strega Nona, Big Anthony, and the magic pasta pot comes alive in this delightfully animated video. Originally produced background music enhances this high quality production of a Caldecott Award winning book.

Tiny's Hat

7:10 minutes

VHS

Spoken Arts

ISBN: 0-8045-9493-7

Iconographic

\$49.95

Spoken Arts

A young girl misses her traveling dad, a trumpet player. The healing part music plays in our lives is conveyed through Ann Grifalconi's luminous pastels glowing with warmth and vibrant color. Ruby Dee's mellow narration compliments Wayne Abrahams' blues musical score in this iconographic production.

Winslow Homer: An American Original

49 minutes

VHS

Devine Productions Ltd.

ISBN:1-894449-11-8

Live Action

\$19.98

Meet Winslow Homer as he tries to refocus his painting career following the horrors he witnessed during the Civil War. Two local teenagers disrupt his isolation and pave the way for a change in Homer's painting focus. Lush scenery, period costumes, and accurate decor make this a high quality fictionalized biography. Part of The Artists' Specials series.

Yo! Yes?

5 minutes

VHS

Weston Woods Studios, Inc.

ISBN: 0-78820-757-1

Animation

2000

\$60.00

Basketball for one is a lonely game. Basketball for two unites two boys from disparate urban backgrounds. Chris Raschka's Caldecott Honor Award winning book *Yo! Yes?* is enhanced by animated characters using evocative body language and facial expressions and an infectious street smart soundtrack with a bouncy beat.