

## 2010 Notable Children's Videos

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***Abraham Lincoln Comes Home.*** 10min. Spoken Arts, DVD. 1-800-326-4090. Ages 8-11.

A father and his young son venture out into the dark of night to catch a glimpse of the train carrying Lincoln's body as it passes near their hometown. Additional images enhance the telling of this amazing journey. This iconographic film includes narration by Kirby Ward and rhythmic music by Bruce Zimmerman. Includes an informative introduction by the author, Robert Burleigh; book is illustrated by Wendell Minor.

***Crazy Hair Day.*** 12min. Weston Woods, DVD. 1-800-243-5020. Ages 5-8.

Iconographic background with animation brings forth Barney Saltzberg's story of friendship, compassion, teamwork and risk taking when Stanley arrives at school with really wild hair thinking it is Crazy Hair Day. The DVD features three tracks; an animated version, a music video of the author's song and an author interview as well as a read-along option.

***Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*** 7min. Weston Woods, DVD. Ages 2-6.

Mo Willems, with help from Jon Scieszka, narrates this delightfully boisterous and interactive animated story about a pigeon who is very determined to drive a bus. Includes an interview with the author featuring him reading the story aloud to a first grade class. ([2010 Carnegie Medal Winner](#))

***Duck on a Bike.*** 8min. Weston Woods, DVD. Ages 3-8.

A duck on a bike doesn't seem like a good idea and the farm animals seem to agree, but by the end of this animated tale, you will want to ride along with duck. The dynamic narration by Walter Mayes and lively music by Jack Sundrud and Rusty Young add to the fun in the barnyard. Includes a read-along option.

***Los Gatos Black on Halloween.*** 9min. Weston Woods, DVD. Ages 4 - 8.

Niños will enjoy this partially animated version of Marisa Montes's Halloween poem. They will learn a number of Spanish words while engaging with monsters at a ball. Narrated by Maria

Conchita Alonso and music by Otmaro Ruiz. Includes an inspiring author interview and a read-along option.

***Getting to Know Thomas Jefferson.*** 22min. Getting to Know, Inc., DVD. 1-877-270-2787. Ages 5-14.

Learning about President Thomas Jefferson has never been more fun! With a mixed media of animation, photos, and paintings, the life of Thomas Jefferson is explored. Patriotic music bounces in the background as Mike Venezia's book is narrated by Tim Griffin.

***The Gym Teacher from the Black Lagoon.*** 9min. Weston Woods, DVD. Ages 4-8.

The kids have learned they're going to have a new gym teacher and that he is a monster, but is he really a monster? Narrated by Joey Stack with music by Scotty Huff and Robert Reynolds, this animated story marks the 20th anniversary of the series. Includes author and illustrator interviews and a read-along option.

***Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad.*** 12min. Weston Woods, DVD. Ages 7 -10.

Ellen Levine's well-crafted story is paired with Kadir Nelson's touching illustrations in this iconographic rendition of the 2008 Caldecott Honor Book. Henry Brown longed for freedom, and amazingly enough, he was able to succeed by mailing himself to Philadelphia in a box. Interviewed author Ellen Levine presents additional insight into her research. Includes a read-along option.

***Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity.*** 11min. Weston Woods, DVD. Ages 2-7.

In this latest animated installment in the series, Trixie is excited about taking her very special Knuffle Bunny to Pre-K, until she realizes her bunny is the same as a classmate's. In a day's time that involves two tired daddies, a bunny is lost, found, and a new friendship begins. Narrated by Mo, Trixie, and Cheryl Willems, music by Scotty Huff and Robert Reynolds. Includes a bonus interview with the author and a read-along option.

***Teen Truth: An Inside Look at Body Image.*** 23min. Human Relations Media, DVD. 1-800-431-2050. Ages 13 and up.

Through live-action, first-hand stories, teenagers of both sexes describe the psychological and physical effects of negative body image, eating disorders, and use of performance enhancers. Includes teacher's guide.

***Those Shoes.*** 12min. Nutmeg Media, DVD. 1-877-262-3690. Ages 4-9.1

Jeremy wants the sneakers that everyone in school is wearing, but they're too expensive. He finds the same sneakers at a thrift store, but they are too small. What will Jeremy do when a classmate from school needs new sneakers? This story of giving and finding out what is most important is not what you want, but what you need. Narration is provided by the author, Maribeth Boelts. Includes a conversation with the author.

*Wipe Out.* 51min. National Film Board of Canada, DVD. 1-800-542-2164. Ages 13 and up.

Brain injury is the leading cause of death and disability among young men. Narrated by Ross Rebagliati, the 1998 Olympic gold medalist in snowboarding, this documentary shows the consequences of practicing extreme sports without a helmet.