

# EC's Picks for New Products, Family Reading, Music & Games

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## BOOKS

**Parenting an Adult with Disabilities or Special Needs: Everything You Need to Know to Plan for and Protect Your Child's Future** by Peggy Lee Morgan. Letting your child leave the nest is never easy if you're the parent of a child with disabilities or special needs, letting go is even harder. The author gives invaluable advice on teaching your adult child to be a self-advocate, helping your child cope with relationships, and finding a good vocational program, an apartment, a community and understanding government programs that can help children while they become more independent. Available at bookstores for \$23.95.



**The Car for You** by Cathy O'Connell. CPV and need to your car of your parents' child, all efforts require books.

**My Big News & Other Natural Disasters** by Sydney Louise Fisher. It's the end of summer joy, and summer is about to begin, the Summer of Fear, to be exact. For seventeen-year-old Jay Michaels, that means three sun and fun filled months of spending time with his best friends, enjoying over his crush, trying to find something she is passionate about and... saving for a new job. This hilarious and heartwarming novel delivers a story about breaking your fears, accepting yourself and finding love right under your nose. Available at bookstores for \$19.95.



**Return of the Homework Machine** by Dan Gutman. It's the follow-up to "The Homework Machine," a year has passed since the big scandal. But they all pulled back together when Benjamin realizes that the most powerful part of the homework machine that allows cheating was never really destroyed. Now someone wants to use it for more than cheating on the group bands together to stop the culprit and try to be the first to find a hidden treasure. Available at bookstores for \$19.95.

**Are You Weird? Your Body's Peculiar Parts and Funny Functions** by Diane Swanson. Your body sports more hair than a gorilla. About 400 different species of bacteria are living in your mouth. Your head is full of holes. Back when you were a two-month-old embryo, you had a tail. Face it — you are weird! All these wonderfully weird body features make us human. Take a guided tour around our weird organs and funky body functions that make us who we are — wacky, wonderful and weird, weird, weird! Available at bookstores for \$7.95 and \$16.95.



**Preschooler's Busy Book: 200 Creative Learning Games & Activities to Keep Your 3-6 Year Old Busy** by Trish Ruffler. This book contains 200 activities (one for each day of the year) for three to six-year-olds using things found around the home. It shows parents and daycare providers how to prevent boredom during even the longest stretches of bad weather, with ideas for indoor play, kitchen activities, and arts and crafts projects. Stimulate a child's natural curiosity with fun reading, math, and science activities. Available at bookstores for \$11.95.

**Call by Matthew Van Fleet**. An incredibly portable, brilliantly innovative and fun multi-coverage book, which teaches three breeds of building blocks: process, purpose and parade through rhymes, pull tabs, textures and interactive surprises. And you'll never believe what you can dragged on Phoenyx gum feet fun. From start to finish! [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). MSRP Available at bookstores for \$19.95.



**Checkmate Book**. The story of how two monsters — and 100 — make the perfect job book! Sly, John, Bubbles, Puffles, Optical Business, Tangles, Tangles and more! Divided into ten different chapters filled with interactive elements — it's up to readers to save the day by solving our assembled puzzles and solving cryptic codes. Available at [amazon.ca](http://amazon.ca) for \$19.95.



**123's Car Collage!** by Anne Lockhart and part of the Starting Art Series. After an introduction to all the materials, kids will learn collage techniques such as torn paper and cut paper, decoupage, found objects, patterns and coloring. It will get their creative minds racing as they look at everyday objects as inspirational! Hardcover available at [amazon.ca](http://amazon.ca) for \$16.95.



**It's Working Day!** by Pamela Hickman. In this engaging picture book young readers will follow the residents of a small business. In every season, a different creature makes its home here and then moves on, making room for the next occupant. Offers parents a child-friendly way to gradually discuss the topic of moving. Available at [amazon.ca](http://amazon.ca) for \$19.95.



**Pendragon Books One and Two** by D.J. MacHale. In this special two-book volume, Bobby is ripped from his family and everything he's ever known. Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal fourteen-year-old boy — but there is something very special about him — he is going to save the world! Now in paperback, this special volume can be found at for only \$16.95.



**An Awfully Beauty Business: Werewolf vs. Dragon** by D. Green, M. Morgan and G. Macdonald. Are you feeling brave? When a dragon arrives at the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Beasts, a secret center for rare and endangered beasts, DR the werewolf uncovers a dark and terrifying secret. Available at [amazon.ca](http://amazon.ca) for \$17.95.



**Beast Defend Patch**. The world's first natural DDT free, anti-mosquito patch that prevents biting for 24 to 36 hours. Safe for children over age one, the secret is Vitamin E1, a water soluble vitamin that makes simple toxic bait to mosquitoes and other biting insects. Not a repellent but a little preventive, your child wears the patch on their back. The Vitamin E1 spreads forming a shield over the body making the body toxic to insects. Available at various retailers in Edmonton.

## PRODUCTS



**Custom-made bags from 1154 USA Studio**. Your parents, being diaper bags? And because you're a mom, doesn't mean you can't carry your baby essentials in style. At 1154 USA Studio, you can customize your new diaper bag to fit your individual style by choosing the fabric you love. For more information visit [1154usa.com](http://1154usa.com).



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## CDS/DVDS

**Wolverine and the X-Men Fifty Years of Best Selling COMIC BOOKS**. Three blockbuster MOVIES... A reason for love spanning all ages. And now... a groundbreaking new animated series that takes the classic format of page and screen on adventures unlike anything ever imagined. Wolverine and the X-Men: Season One Volume One — on DVD April 14th Available at [amazon.ca](http://amazon.ca) \$11.95.



**Putnam's European Playground**. The newest release in Putnam's Kids' animated Playground series of CDs is a collection of 10 songs that takes families on a fun-filled cross-country musical tour around the continent. The song themes speak to children's interests and spark their imaginations. Putnam's Kids is committed to introducing children to the world through fun, upbeat collections of music. Available at [amazon.ca](http://amazon.ca) \$13.95.

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