

Learning Resources

Adventures Of A Two Minute Werewolf

An Abc Weekend Special

Based on the hilarious story by Gene DeWeese (Putnam, 1984), this video covers the trials and tribulations of Walt Cribbens. Walt is an average kid until the evening of his thirteenth birthday. As he and his best friend, Cindy, return from a movie, Walt changes into a werewolf. He can't control his metamorphosis and he's scared to tell his parents. In addition, he is the brunt of the town bully's wrath.

Walt proves that he may not be a superhero but he can stop a burglary ring run by the bully. He also learns about his mother's secret that he has inherited. If you wish the 29 minute version, Order 1-8183

Ages 9 to 11, Ages 12 to 14
45 minutes, order 1-8169-IN

Alexander And The Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Based on Judith Viorst's best selling book, viewers will learn everybody has a bad day once in a while. The best way of coping with a really rotten day is finding some humour in it.

Seven-year-old Alexander knew the minute he woke up with gum in his hair that it was going to be a very bad day. He was right. He drops his shirt in the wash basin while he washes his face. He doesn't get a prize with his breakfast cereal (even

though his brothers do). He's scrunched in the back seat of the car on the way to school. He skips a number while reciting "two's"; his best friend decides Alexander is only his third best friend. Lots of other horrible, terrible things happen, but, some days are just like that!

Closed Captioned

Early Years, Ages 6-11
14 minutes, order 1-9925-IN

Alexander, Who Used To Be Rich Last Sunday

Alexander likes money. A lot. So when his grandparents come to visit on Sunday, they brought a few gifts for his parents, but they gave money to Alexander. That made Alexander very happy...and very rich. The trouble is Alexander was only rich on Sunday.

On the Sunday when he was rich, he bought some bubble gum, lost a bet to his brother Anthony, lost a bet to his brother Nicky, and lost a bet to his mother. (He didn't think moms made children pay.) He bought a few more things that he just had to have, and before he knew it, he wasn't rich anymore.

A comprehensive listing of stories on video by best-selling authors for children and youth

All youngsters will be amused at Alexander's sad day as they learn the value of saving and spending carefully. A Bernard Wilets Film.

"A carefully rendered, first rate production of an outstanding children's title."
Video Rating Guide For Libraries, 1990.

Notable Children's Film, 1991. Association for Library Service to Children. *Blue Ribbon American Film Festival. Editor's Choice Booklist Magazine. Festival Favorite 1990 Catholic Audio-visual Educators Film Festival.*

Closed Captioned

Early Years, Ages 6-11
14 minutes, order 1-8133-IN

The All About Animals Series

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With outstanding nature photography, singable songs and key words captioned on-screen each program presents animals in their natural environment to teach concepts essential to science, language arts and reading.

Amphibians

The characteristics of amphibians and their related behaviours.
Code 1-4012

Birds

Vivid portrayal of birds physical and social characteristics will stimulate children's curiosity and awareness.
Code 1-4013

Fish

Characteristics of fish adaptation and behaviour is made clear to young viewers.
Code 1-4010

Mammals

Familiar and exotic animals illustrate the characteristics of mammals.
Code 1-4004

Insects

Macro photography illustrates how we define insects, their habits and habitat.
Code 1-9804

Reptiles

Investigates the physical characteristics and behaviour of representative reptiles.
Code 1-4006

Series titles also available on CD-ROM

Ages 6 to 8
minutes, order 1-98040-IN



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All The Money In The World

An Abc Weekend Special

Thirteen-year-old Quentin Stowe is wheeling his dilapidated bicycle home after playing with his friends, Roselyn and Vincent, when he happens upon something strange.

Deep in a hidden well is a leprechaun, a real leprechaun named Flan who has been chased into this trap by a dog. Quentin is happy to lend a hand and help Flan out of the well, and when Flan accidentally reveals his name, he is bound by leprechaun code to grant Quentin the proverbial three wishes.

In his excitement, Quentin accidentally wastes his first two wishes before getting down to business and wishes for all the money in the world.

The Stowe's barn is immediately filled with crates and boxes and bundles of cold hard cash from all countries around the globe ... literally, "all the money in the world" and this is when Quentin's real trouble begins.

Ages 9 to 11
23 minutes, order 1-8165-IN

Arthur For The Very First Time

Spending a summer with a unique aunt and uncle, a ten year old learns that there is more than one way of seeing and doing and loving.

Ages 6 to 8
13 minutes, order 2-6029-IN

Ashok By Any Other Name

Based on the best selling book *Ashok by Any Other Name* written by Sandra S Yamate, this is the delightful story of Ashok, a boy of East Indian origins, who wishes that he had a less ethnic, more "American" name. His experiments with new names create a variety of mishaps until he finally discovers just the right name for himself. An interview with the author is included at the end of the program.

Ages 6-11
14 minutes, order 1-8668-IN

Black And Blue Magic By Zilpha Snyder

Harry wins nighttime wings through the kindness of a sorcerer, bringing a flight of fancy to summer escapades.

Ages 6 to 8
11 minutes, order 2-6020-IN

Bollo Caper

An Abc Weekend Special

Bollo is a magnificent golden leopard who lives in the African jungle with his beloved mate, Neferiti. They are the last of their splendid species, all the others have been killed by hunters seeking their pelts.

When film star Lulu La Louche decides she wants a "fantastique" new coat, her furrier Felix hires a pair of hunters to capture poor Bollo.

Snatched and flown to New York, Bollo escapes his captors just in time to save his life. Pursued through the night, Bollo finds his way to the Central Park Zoo where a polar bear named Iceberg tells him his only hope is to hop a train to Washington, D.C. and get himself on the endangered species list. Animated.

Closed Captioned
Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
23 minutes, order 1-8162-IN

Cat Journey

In this whimsical animated *Odyssey*, Katie meets a friendly cat who takes her for a ride on his back. During their journey, they surprise a rooster, a pig, and a goose. They cross a river and are frightened by a red cow, a hungry crocodile and an angry old man. At last, they come to a town with a policeman in a smart uniform and a king who is sad and lonely. The king welcomes his strange visitors with cakes and lemonade. After a time and tired from their adventures, Katie and the cat return to the comfort of home. By the Swedish Film Institute.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
7 minutes, order 1-8003-IN

The Cay By Theodore Taylor

Phillip finds a deeper understanding as he struggles for survival on a remote cay with an old man.

Ages 6 to 8
13 minutes, order 2-6017-IN

Cindy Eller: A Modern Fairy Tale

An Abc Weekend Special

Forced to live in New York City with her father, stepmother, and two stepsisters, Cindy does not fit into Manhattan life until she meets a mysterious bag lady. Contemporary retelling won Emmy Award.

For the 29 minute version, Order 1-8287

Ages 12 to 14, Adult
46 minutes, order 1-8263-IN

Class Act: A Teacher's Story

An Abc Weekend Special

English teacher Sam Greene returns to the classroom after years away from the profession. Day 1 is tough, and rowdy kids don't make it any easier!

In time, however, the teacher adjusts and relations improve. Finally, Greene faces a dilemma when he is offered another attractive job.

Ages 12 to 14
44 minutes, order 1-8815-IN



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Cougar

During his parents' unavoidable absence, 14 year old Albie conscientiously cares for his younger sister, Sarah, during a terrible thunderstorm and flood. How their house is swept down river, invaded by hungry cougars, and looted by two horrible kidnappers is played out in this adaptation of Chester Aaron's novel, *An American Ghost*.

For the 29 minute version, Order 1-8171

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
60 minutes, order 1-8171-IN

Daddy Can't Read (Edited Version)

An Abc Weekend Special

For years Allison's father has hidden his illiteracy, ashamed that he never learned to read. Allison encourages her father and his fellow workers to join the adult reading program, but they have all grown so accustomed to the tricks of getting along without reading that the class is threatening to them.

When Allison's father accidentally gives his younger daughter an overdose of medicine because he is unable to read a note telling him to do otherwise, he finally faces reality and joins reading class.

Ages 9 to 11, Ages 12 to 14
29 minutes, order 1-8185-IN

Dog Days Of Arthur Cane The Fall Of Freddie The Leaf (Leo Buscaglia)

An Abc Weekend Special

Based on the book by T Ernesto Bethancourt. Arthur Cane is a rather selfish, snobby kid who doesn't like to loan things like his skateboard even to friends.

Much to his chagrin, Arthur finds himself on the other side of the tracks when he snubs James, an African exchange student. The amulet around James' neck holds special powers that cast a spell on Arthur to teach him a lesson about being self-centered.

Arthur wakes up one morning and finds that he has been transformed into the last thing he saw in the light of the moon ... a dog!

For the 23 minute version, Order 1-8182

Ages 9 to 11, Ages 12 to 14
45 minutes, order 1-8170-IN

The Dollhouse Murders

Helped with clues from an old dollhouse and its inhabitants, Amy and her developmentally disabled sister, solve a thirty year old mystery. Amy also learns lessons about communication and valuing others. This is a faithful adaptation of *Betty Ren Wright's* absorbing ghost story.

For the 90 minute feature length version order 1-8498.

Ages 9-14
59 minutes, order 1-8506-IN

Leo Buscaglia's children's tale is a sensible and gentle treatment of death as a natural sequence in life's cycle.

Buscaglia's book is well known to anyone working with children or with children's books. The text, narrated on the video by John Goff, is a sensible and gentle treatment of the life-death cycle presented in terms of the life and death of a sweetgum leaf, Freddie. The work can help dispel any fears the child, or the adult, might have.

Follow Freddie's life as a small bud on the top of a tall tree enjoying the spring breezes and being cooled by the summer rains. The onset of fall and winter brings on fear that Freddie's friend, Daniel, helps him to understand and accept.

A gentle allegory in understanding the cycle of life.

All Ages
16 minutes, order 1-9826-IN

Follow My Leader

A young man accidentally blinded by a friend must come to terms with both his loss of sight and his hatred and anger towards his friend. Leader, a German Sheppard Guide Dog is the focal point for the resolution of the story.

This original length version explores in greater detail the public and private support systems for the blind.

If you wish the shorter, 29 minute version, Order 1-9994

Open caption version available

Ages 16 to Adult
42 minutes, order 1-9924-IN

Follow My Leader (Edited Version)

A young man accidentally blinded by a friend must come to terms with both his loss of sight and his hatred and anger towards his friend.

Leader, a German Sheppard Guide Dog is the focal point for the resolution of the story.

A 42 minute version is also available, Order 1-19924

Open caption version available.

Ages 9 to 11, Ages 12-18, Adult
29 minutes, order 1-9994-IN

From The Mixed-up Files Of Mrs Basil E Frankweiler

Newbery Award Winner. A weeks clandestine residence in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art gives run aways Claudia and Jamie a mystery to solve, a secret to keep, and a way to return home feeling "different"

Ages 6 to 8
26 minutes, order 2-6022-IN



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The Ghost Of Thomas Kempe

An Abc Weekend Special

The ghost of a 17th century sorcerer gets 12-year-old James Harrison into plenty of trouble when the plucky lad refuses to become his apprentice. Accidents and mysterious events plague the neighbourhood - and all get blamed on James.

When an Irish handyman who has had experience with prankish spirits volunteers to help James, the two try to lure the ghost of Thomas Kempe back to its resting place ...

Ages 6-11

48 minutes, order 1-8818-IN

The Gift Of Amazing Grace

An Abc Weekend Special

The story of Grace Wheeler and the choices she makes for her future.

As part of a closely knit family with a long tradition of gospel singing, Grace finds it tough to do what she thinks best.

Her dramatic escape from the recording studio where the family is cutting its first album provides excellent discussion material on the tension between individual identity and family ties.

Ages 6-11

48 minutes, order 1-8819-IN

The Girl With Esp

An Abc Weekend Special

Laura Hoffman is the only Leverage member in a family of over-achievers. In her bid attract some attention, Laura hopes her recently acquired psychic powers will do the trick - but her family hardly notices.

Confronting her parents, Laura finally learns that personal worth is not a product of talent alone: she earns their love simply by being herself.

Ages 6-11

24 minutes, order 1-8820-IN

Good-bye Book

Judith Viorst's classic story addresses the fears that all young children have of being left behind by their parents - if only for an evening.

When a young boy is told by his parents that they are going out for an evening and planning to leave him with a babysitter, his imagination runs wild.

He fantasizes about a nightmarish babysitter and the horrible things she'll make him do, like eat vegetables and watch sappy movies. He feigns illness in an attempt to get his parents to stay home with him, but to no avail. They won't even read him one last story before they go!

A Bernard Wilets film.

Ages 6-11

13 minutes, order 1-8423-IN

The Great Brain Reforms

In turn-of-the-century Utah, the ingenious schemes of a 12-year-old "con man" finally backfire.

Ages 6 to 8

17 minutes, order 2-6025-IN

Hailstones And Halibut Bones

What colour is a summer's day? A country breeze? A shout, a dream or an orchard in spring?

This striking video interpretation of Mary O'Neill's classic poem explores colours and the images they invoke. A playful romp through the spectrum examines the different "personalities" of pink, red, black, white, yellow, purple, green and orange and the feelings they elicit. A delightful treat that entertains and fuels the imagination!

Ages 6 to 8

16 minutes, order 1-1010-IN

The Haunted Trailer

An Abc Weekend Special

Sharon Adams and her younger sister set off for college in a comfortable house trailer - only to discover that their four-wheeled home is haunted by ghosts who play chamber music all night long!

With a little rock 'n' roll and plenty of humour, the girls soon find a perfect solution to rid the trailer of unwanted guests and leave everyone satisfied.

Ages 9 to 11

24 minutes, order 1-8821-IN

Henry Hamilton: Graduate Ghost

An Abc Weekend Special

Former confederate soldier Henry Hamilton is having a hard time being a ghost for one simple reason: he's too nice.

Assigned to the Landry home as a final test of his haunting ability, Henry must convince the Specter Inspector by midsummer night's eve that he's worthy of haunting a great mansion. Should he fail this graduation exercise, Henry risks the horror of being assigned to haunt some unglamorous abandoned mine or an old sunken ship.

Author Marilyn Redmund's charming story is filled with mystery, suspense, and fun. Ghost Henry is sure to put a smile on children's faces and warmth in their hearts as he teaches the Landrys to believe in themselves and their dreams.

If you prefer the 23 minuted edited version, Order 1-8181

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11

45 minutes, order 1-8168-IN



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The Hero Who Couldn't Read

An Abc Weekend Special

Freddie Ellis can't read, but he doesn't worry about it because his friends and basketball coach make it easy for him.

But when Freddie gets a high score on his college entrance exams, his teacher suspects something is wrong.

Freddie finally admits that he cheated, and his teacher offers to help him. At first, Freddie is too proud to accept. Then an accident makes him realize that reading can help save a life - and prevent a wasted one.

Ages 6-11
45 minutes, order 1-8822-IN

House Of Dies Drear By Virginia Hamilton

A black family's move to a historic but mysterious old house offers involvement and reading motivation.

Ages 9 to 11
16 minutes, order 2-6021-IN

I'll Fix Anthony (Judith Viorst)

Judith Viorst's wonderful tale of sibling rivalry comes alive in this live action giggler produced by Bernard Wilets.

Mother says deep deep down in his heart Anthony loves his brother Nicholas. Anthony says deep deep down in his heart he thinks Nicholas stinks!

So Nicholas contemplates and savours the day he'll take his revenge, when he is six. For Nicholas, life is sweet as he imagines Anthony with the German measles, mumps and a cold while he and Grandfather go to the movies. Too bad for Anthony. But for now, Nicholas must run because Anthony is going is going to clobber him.

Closed Captioned
Early Years, Ages 6-11
14 minutes, order 1-8204-IN

The Man Who Thought With His Hat

Alec Noll, the President of Agonia in the Pacific Islands, was an important man with one strange characteristic—he thought with his hat! Inevitably, the day arrived when Alec lost his hat.

Panic seized his government, but his subjects began to smile and enjoy themselves.

A little girl named Akala found Alec's hat in the countryside. The President was surprised that such an unimportant person could save his country, but Akala brought Alec more than his hat. She told him something about himself, his people, and his beautiful country. And Alec never needed his hat again. By the Swedish Film Institute.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
14 minutes, order 1-8004-IN

Maniac Magee

He wasn't born with the name Maniac Magee. He came into the world as Jeffrey Lionel Magee, but when his parents died and his life changed, so did his name ... and Maniac Magee became a legend. This is his story.

After his parents were killed in a trolley car accident, Maniac Magee was sent to live with his Aunt and Uncle, but their deeply troubled marriage eventually caused him to run away to the city of Two Mills.

Two Mills was the "West Side" of town where the white people lived, and Bridgeport was the "East Side" where the black people lived. The understanding was that whites were to stay in the West Side and blacks to stay in the East side. That is, until Maniac Magee arrived.

A poignant story with a lasting message. A Robert Waterman Production. *Recommended for grades 6 and 7. Saskatchewan Education*

Ages 6 to 8
30 minutes, order 1-0100-IN

Max And Felix

The animated story of Max, a frog of many talents, and his best photographer friend, Felix.

Based on the book by Larry Dane Brimmer, this heart-warming tale follows Max and Felix on their hilarious adventures - and misadventures!

Ages 6 to 8
11 minutes, order 1-8829-IN

Mayday! Mayday!

An Abc Weekend Special

The exciting story of Mark and Allison Parker, based on the novel by Hilary Martin.

After sending the Mayday! distress call from their small airplane, the Parker family makes a crash landing in the high Sierras. The children's pilot father is trapped in the wreckage and their mother is injured. When the kids go for help, leaking fuel leaves their parents in grave danger. Can they be rescued in time?

Ages 6-11
48 minutes, order 1-8824-IN

McBroom's Ghost

By Sid Fleischman. After a Bdoor rapping, rooster crowing, hee hawing haunt settles down on McBroom's wonderful one acre farm, Josh finds out more about spooks than he ever wanted to know! Can Heck Jones' cantankerous razorback hogs help solve the mystery?

Ages 6 to 8
22 minutes, order 2-6044-IN



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Modifiers (Adjectives And Adverbs)

The Basic Grammar Series

An animated circus illustrates various adjectives and adverbs while the people discuss what modifiers do and how they can be told apart.

Also available in Laser Videodisc

Ages 9 to 11
08 minutes, order 1-9672-IN

Mystery Of Murder, Screaming Feedback And Bugbusting Bats

Newton's Apple Series

Explore the precise science of crime detection. Rocker Ted Nugent gives "feedback" on that screaming sound. Hear how each species of the unique flying mammals known as bats uses different frequencies of "echolocation" to find places and objects.

Ages 12 to 14
30 minutes, order 5-4997-IN

Night Before Christmas

Using original music the film utilizes delightful three dimensional animation techniques to present this timeless treasured poem which can be shown year after year.

Open caption version available.

Ages 6 to 8
10 minutes, order 1-1507-IN

The Notorious Jumping Frog Of Calaveras County

An Abc Weekend Special

A colourful adaptation of Mark Twain's classic tale in which a scoundrel falls prey to his own sting.

This modern retelling of the story features the devious Jimmy Smiley in a bike race against newcomer Skip Burnett. Jimmy wins, thanks to some dirty tricks - but not everyone is fooled.

The boys' teacher cleverly devises a way to turn Jimmy's tricks back on himself by employing Twain's original account and thereby driving home the intended moral.

Ages 6-11
24 minutes, order 1-8823-IN

Nouns

The Basic Grammar Series

In a discussion illustrated by animated trees, train whistles, boots and bugs, the humans in the story develop ideas on what nouns are and how they work.

Also available in Laser Videodisc

Ages 9 to 11
08 minutes, order 1-9670-IN

Peter Cottontail (Fables Of Green Forest) Series 1 Set Of 26

Spring and Summer Series of 13 cassettes, 26 half-hour programs in all that bring to life Thornton W. Burgess's enduring stories that will stimulate each child's sense of humor and adventure, instilling a love of nature.

Ages 6 to 8
minutes, order 1-30000-IN

Peter Cottontail (Fables Green Forest) Series Two Set Of 26

Autumn and Winter Series of 13 cassettes, 26 half-hour programs in all that bring to life Thornton W. Burgess's enduring stories that will stimulate each child's sense of humor and adventure, instilling a love of nature.

Ages 6 to 8
minutes, order 1-30130-IN

The Rag Tag Champs

An Abc Weekend Special

The engaging story of Jake Wrather, feisty captain of a struggling little league team and a boy with problems at home and school.

With grit and resourcefulness, Jake is able to straighten out his life, build a closer relationship with his guardian uncle, and keep his team in the league.

By the time the dramatic end-of-the-season game is over, Jake has learned a valuable lesson: that sometimes you get more by giving.

Ages 6-11
48 minutes, order 1-8825-IN

Rain

The Starting To Read Series

Primary-Intermediate: Children will enjoy seeing rain in the country and rain in the city. They'll learn how important rain is to all life. Words children learn to read are "rain, wet, water, flowers, plants, window."

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8
06 minutes, order 1-4142-IN

The Ransom Of Red Chief

An Abc Weekend Special

Billy and Sam are a couple of drifters who get more than they bargained for when they kidnap an energetic boy who shows no desire to be ransomed and who eagerly assumes the identity of a fearless Indian, Red Chief.

"Red Chief" soon proves himself a little smarter and a lot tougher than his captors. In fact, Billy and Sam quickly learn that when it comes to defying convention and pursuing adventure, two grown men are no match for one small boy.

Ages 6-11
24 minutes, order 1-8826-IN



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Reading Across The Curriculum Grade 5

Literacy & Learning Series

One of the biggest challenges facing content area teachers is making sure that students really understand what they are reading.

It's not enough just to be able to read the words on the page—students really need some guidance from the teacher to read effectively. While they're reading, students must be able to make connections between the new material they're encountering and what they already know about the topic. And after they read, they must be able to explain, in their own words, what they've gained from the reading.

"Reading Across the Curriculum" features the strategy known as *K.W.L.* The strategy is used before, during and after reading to enhance students' comprehension.

The letters *K.W.L.* represent key words that name the steps in the strategy:

What I Know What I Want to Learn What I Learned

The strategy is one of the most versatile strategies that teachers in any content area, at any level, can use.

Ages 9 to 11, Professional
21 minutes, order 5-4941-IN

The Reading Rainbow Series

Each episode of this colourful and imaginative series promotes positive self-concept and literacy skills - and includes a television adaptation of a children's picture book, a "field trip" segment and reviews of books by children. The series has been widely acclaimed since its debut in 1983. With new programs added yearly, the series has won a 1990 Daytime Emmy as Outstanding Children's Series from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Mary Jane Anderson, former executive director of the American Library Services to Children, says *"the series shows children how wonderful it is to read, not by telling them that, but by showing them ... (It is) unique and exciting because it presents reading as an absolutely, thoroughly enjoyable activity. It shows that libraries are neat places. Yet all this is never done in a didactic way."*

Television and motion picture actor LeVar Burton, (*StarTrek The Next Generation*), is the on-camera host of the 130 title series. The voices of many well-known personalities are heard throughout narrating the featured books.

For a complete listing of programs (also available in Closed Caption format), please ask for Subject List 136.

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-2266-IN

Reading With Peter Cottontail

Based on the classic series by well-known author Thornton Burgess, this series offers the comforts of a real book coupled with high-tech bells and whistles that encourage kids to read.

Each CD-ROM contains more than 20 minutes of full-motion cartoon animation. Students can read at either of two levels of difficulty; with or without voice-over narration.

In the Activities Section: Peter's Paintbook - Character Crazy's - Tale Twisters - Clone Zone - Dot-to-Dot and Peter's Jigsaw Puzzles.

Each reading program includes an AIMS Teaching Module - a 30+ page comprehensive teacher's lesson plan that uses program content to facilitate the teaching of the six levels of cognitive complexity - knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis and evaluation.

Bobby Returns

When Bobby Raccoon hurts his leg, he is cared for by Tom the farmhand, while his friends plot an unnecessary "rescue".

The Story of Mrs Quack

Mrs Quack, wounded by a hunter, recovers in a pleasant pond with the help of her animal friends and Tom, the farmhand.

The Chase

Peter learns a lesson about playing practical jokes when one of his tricks backfires, resulting in a scary chase.

Condor's Secret

Peter's irrepressible curiosity leads him to discover a wonderful secret about the Condor Family.

Ages 6 to 8, Early Years
minutes, order 1-10011-IN

Rip Van Winkle

Having a decided preference for leisure, Rip escapes from the demands of his wife into the hills for a "quick nap", waking years later to find himself in a world greatly changed.

Available in laser videodisc
Order 1-86931

Ages 12 to 14
18 minutes, order 1-8693-IN



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Sandburg's Arithmetic

With a poet's eye, you can see numbers in cookie jars, on the breakfast table, outside the window, living and breathing in all that we do.

In a delightful introduction to the animated world of numbers and arithmetic, Carl Sandburg gives us his own special lesson.

Carl Sandburg reads his poem "Arithmetic", a playful spin around the world of sums and multiplication tables. His wry wit reminds us that there may be right and wrong answers in arithmetic, but not always in life, or in poetry.

Animator Lynn Smith illustrates Sandburg's poem in a lyrical fashion that is full of love and respect for poetry, arithmetic, children – and Carl Sandburg.

The result is an animated classic for the child in all of us.

Adult Ages 6-11
6 minutes, order 9-7750-IN

Santa's Christmas Stories

Santa Claus introduces three popular animated stories.

Children have lots of questions about Christmas. And Santa knows how to answer them. With the help of three of his favourite animated tales,

Santa Claus tells how the first Christmas came about; how a group of animals celebrate a lavish Christmas feast; and what Santa *really* does on his big night out.

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8
29 minutes, order 1-8338-IN

Simon

In most ways, Simon is like any other eight year old boy. He enjoys playing baseball, swimming, and collecting stamps...doing the things any eight year old boy likes to do. But in one respect, Simon is different: he was born without a nose.

Other kids call Simon a freak. They won't play with him or sit next to him on the school bus. Life is very hard for Simon; he wishes he could be just like everyone else. But one day, when a skunk invades the classroom, Simon's "liability" becomes a decided asset...and makes him into a hero.

This delightful story helps children understand it's all right to be different. It lets them realize that everyone is special...just the way they are. By Robert Lence.

Ages 6 to 8
5 minutes, order 1-8376-IN

Storm Boy

Based on the Australian book by Colin Thiele.

Storm Boy and his father live in isolation in South Australia. One day, the boy finds three young pelican orphans and cares for them until they can be returned to a wildlife reserve.

When one is killed by a hunter he must come to understand nature and its cycle of renewal. A stirring and authentic "down under" adventure.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
33 minutes, order 9-1007-IN

Story Of A Book (2nd Edition)

The true story of how real life author, Marguerite Henry, conceives and writes the book *San Domingo and The Medicine Hat Stallion*: where ideas come from, research in the library and on location, writing and rewriting, creating the illustrations, planning the dummy, and printing. As Miss Henry creates another of her exciting and moving stories about young people and horses, her enthusiasm, her humour, and above all, the sheer joy of writing shines through.

Research becomes an adventure...a detective's hunt for clues. Finding the right words and polishing the story are "like grooming a horse until it shines." One senses that the love of life is what writing and reading is all about.

Ages 9 to 11
16 minutes, order 9-1001-IN

NEW RELEASE

Folk Tales, Fables, Myths And Legends

Subject List 125

Updated into new animated formats by gifted film makers. Working within their countries' artistic traditions the animators employ unique styles to explore the magic in these age-old stories.

00 minutes, order 9-99132-IN

Sun

The Starting To Read Series

Early morning, the middle of the day, and sunset scenes show sunlight and children. Words and concepts are repeated on screen to ensure retention. Words used: Sun, Big, Hot, Round, Yellow, Night.

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8
7 minutes, order 1-4434-IN



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The Tenth Good Thing About Barney

A Judith Viorst Book

Judith Viorst's best selling novel is now a lovely film to help children come to terms with the death of a pet or to gain an understanding of death and dying.

When Barney, the family's cat died, the family...

especially the young boy... is saddened. On the day of the cat's death, the boy was too sad to enjoy his favourite foods or to watch TV. His mother proposes a funeral in the garden the next day. She also suggested the boy think of ten good things about Barney. But the boy could only think of nine until he learned from his father about how trees, grass, and flowers grow.

"The gentle understanding tone of the story makes this an unusually successful attempt to explain death and the continuity of life in terms understandable to young children." BOOKLIST

Winner of American Library Association, Non-print Editor's Choice Award

"... a lovely movie to help children come to grips with the death of a pet. It is a good preparation to bring up the issue of death and dying in little children and is done sensitively and lovingly." Elisabeth K. Ross M.D.

Ages 6-11
13 minutes, order 1-9871-IN

Treasure Island

This is an animated version of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic has strong adult role models, clearly drawn bad guys, a repentant sinner and best of all a youngster who is both judicious and willing to take chances.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
22 minutes, order 1-9726-IN

The Trouble With Tuck By Theodore Taylor

When Helen's beautiful golden labrador, Friar Tuck, began to lose his sight, she was determined blindness would not end his life or even limit it. Helen's trouble is an inspiring story about devotion, determination, and triumph.

Ages 6 to 8
16 minutes, order 2-6040-IN

Truck Song

This program celebrates and defines what every child knows - trucks, and their drivers, are very special. Diane Siebert's colorful and engaging book is perfectly translated into film. Useful for units on Transportation.

Ages 6-11
13 minutes, order 1-9991-IN

Tv Planet

Youngsters explore the often bizarre world of television from their perspective. Sometimes whimsical, sometimes satirical, they journey through television, interacting with television

characters discovered with different strategies used by television to send messages, entertain, teach or sell a product.

Television is a business. In four-7 minute stand alone segments, the young people are asked:

Brought to You By...Who Pays for Television?

Do You Really Want to Hurt Me? Television Violence

Does It "Ad" Up? Truth in Advertising

How'd They Do That? Television Production

The program was developed to help develop critical viewing skills, address concepts which include deconstruction, analysis, classification and empowerment.

Ages 9 to 11, Ages 12 to 14
26 minutes, order 5-4628-IN

Verbs

The Basic Grammar Series

A robot and two people investigate verbs with the same approach, reasoning from a few examples to generalize rules. A number of whimsical objects develop functions of verbs, conjugation and irregular verbs.

Also available in Laser Videodisc

Ages 9 to 11
08 minutes, order 1-9671-IN

Wanted: The Perfect Guy

An Abc Weekend Special

Daytime Emmy Award Winner, Outstanding Children's Special, starring Madeline Kahn

It bothers Danny that his recently divorced mother is enduring one bad date after another. He wishes that she didn't have to be so lonely, that there was a man in her life who respected her special qualities and with whom she could happily share her life.

What Danny soon discovers is that finding that special person is no small task. This amusing story will delight children of all ages, and opens up a wonderful opportunity to talk about different kinds of families and divorce.

If you prefer the 29 minute version, Order 1-8186

Closed Captioned

Ages 9 to 11
45 minutes, order 1-8166-IN

Weep No More My Lady

The exciting adventures of Skeeter, a 13-year-old boy who leads a Huck Finn-like life in bayou country.

When Skeeter adopts "My Lady," a strange looking dog that he finds in the swamp, the boy and dog become inseparable. Together they meet the challenge of Alligator Ike and his dog in a bird-hunting contest. They are also kidnapped. But for Skeeter, the greatest challenge of all is when My Lady's owner comes looking for her.



Learning Resources

The dog brings Skeeter great joy - and a poignant lesson in what it takes to become a man.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
25 minutes, order 1-8828-IN

The Westing Game By Ellen Raskin

All they had to do to become instant millionaires was to find the answer. But to what? The strange will by Samuel W Westing paired sixteen heirs for a tricky and dangerous game. A unique cast of characters compete in this puzzle knotted, word twisting plot. A Newbery Award winner.

Ages 6 to 8
31 minutes, order 2-6041-IN

What Is Christmas?

One of Canada's top selling Christmas films! Animation in a fairy-tale form supplies a fresh approach to the Nativity. In this charming and colourfully animated film, a young child tells the Christmas story to his puppy. The child's voice, childlike sentence patterns and vocabulary create a sweet rendition of the Christmas story. All the main characters, including the Wise Men, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus...are placed in a context that is easily understood by young children. By Rex Fleming

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8
10 minutes, order 1-4030-IN

What Is Easter?

A faith statement recounted by a young boy who tells the story of the first Easter, recreated through animation. A simple version of the resurrection delivers a significant message for all Christians.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
11 minutes, order 1-4199-IN

What Mary Jo Wanted

Mary Jo wanted a dog more than anything in the world. She spent much of her time reading books and writing poems and stories about dogs. Yet even though she begged and pleaded for a dog of her own, her parents thought she was too young to look after a pet properly.

One day, they finally gave in to Mary Jo's persistence. Everything seemed wonderful with Teddy, her new puppy - until night time.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
14 minutes, order 1-8848-IN

When The Wind Stops (Charlotte Zolotow)

Outstanding, live-action dramatization of the book by Charlotte Zolotow retains the story's original message – the end of one thing begins another. As a weary lad questions his mother at bedtime, "why does the day have to end?" and "where does the wind go?", her loving answers are illuminated with beautiful, pastoral images.

Open caption version available.

Ages 6-11
11 minutes, order 1-9840-IN

Whipping Boy

Jemmy, the orphaned rat catcher, serves as the whipping boy to the arrogant Prince Brat. Pursued by kidnappers, the two boys switch roles, only to learn the true meaning of compassion, loyalty and friendship. A Newbery Award winner from Sid Fleischman.

Ages 6 to 8
38 minutes, order 2-6043-IN

Who Will Comfort Toffle

"If all you do is hide yourself, you'll never make a friend." This line underscores the theme of this lovely animated story put into verse by Tove Jansson, the internationally acclaimed author and creator of the Moomin Family.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
24 minutes, order 1-8011-IN

The Wild World Reading Series

Stunning nature photography, exciting stories in verse, and lessons about family and home make these titles much more than excellent tools for developing whole language skills. Reading words are captioned on screen.

Nina's Strange Adventure

Magnificent nature photography follows Nina, a young river otter as she travels to the place of her dreams. Finding only a dirty city full of danger she returns home with a new appreciation for her jungle river home.

Order 1-9996, 14 minutes

A Jungle for Joey

Stunning cinematography presents the tale of Joey, an orangutan, whose home is destroyed when careless humans start a fire. Lost and afraid he wanders until reaching an Orangutan Project where he is reunited with family.

Order 1-9997, 14 minutes

A Colt Called Lucky

A wild mustang colt is captured by ranchers in his desert mountain home and taken to work in the rodeo. One day, a stranger intervenes and Lucky is reunited with his family in a wild horse sanctuary.

Order 1-9998, 14 minutes



Learning Resources

Daisy Discovers the World

Beautifully photographed story of a curious young sea lion on an exciting but dangerous adventure. When she finally finds her way back to her island, she happily admits that there's no place like home.

Order 1-9999, 14 minutes

A Good Thing About Spots

Beautiful cinematography tells the story of Sabu, a shy leopard cub, who learns to appreciate his spots when they help him and his mother hide from poachers. After escaping they make their way to live in a national park.

Order 1-9995, 14 minutes

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8
14 minutes, order 1-99950-IN

Wind

The Starting To Read Series

PPrimary-Intermediate: Children fly kites, sail boats and play with pinwheels as they learn about the wind. Words children learn to read include " wind, blow, tree, sea, boat, kite, spin, fly."

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8
07 minutes, order 1-4123-IN

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