

# Family Sunday Book List

## December Theme: Winter Activities

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### FOR CHILDREN

#### **I'm Going to Give you a Polar Bear Hug!**

By Caroline B. Cooney

Let's get ready to snuggle! This highly engaging sequel to the bestselling and beloved I'm Going to Give You a Bear Hug! imagines all the cozy, warm hugs little ones love to receive on cold, blustery days. The story encourages parents and grandparents and their children and grandchildren to giggle and play as they cozy up for their own celebration of the winter season. Imagine who might stomp, sled, and swish through the snow to give a warm hug in these whimsical rhymes and sweet, playful illustrations.

#### **Two Drops of Brown in a Cloud of White**

By Saumiya Balasubramaniam

A child's joy on a snowy day finally helps her mother feel at home in their new country. This gently layered, beautifully illustrated story unfolds as a conversation between a mother and daughter and will resonate with readers across generations.

#### **My Winter City**

By James Gladstone

A young boy wakes up in the early light of a winter morning, pulls on his boots and mittens, and steps out into the snowy city with his dad. They trudge through the snow, their dog bounding along beside them, then a slushy, steamy bus ride takes them to the tobogganing hill for some winter fun. The boy describes all the sights and sounds of the day, from the frost in Dad's beard and the snow "pillows" in the park, to the noisy clunking snow plows and the singing buskers they pass on their way home.

### FOR TWEENS

#### **Art for Winter**

By Rita Storey

It might be cold and snowy, but winter doesn't have to be spent indoors. With the help of this innovative book, readers will be excited to get outside and create their own unique, eco-friendly artwork. Each lesson features step-by-step instructions and colorful photographs that guide young artists in making fun and practical crafts that are specifically sensible for the winter months. Motivating text provides a deeper understanding of concepts related to the season and interesting facts about different wintery weather conditions.

#### **When the Moon Comes**

By Paul Harbridge

In this atmospheric story, a group of kids play hockey on a frozen lake by moonlight. At once nostalgic and timely, this is a gorgeous book that will speak to readers young and old. The beaver flood has finally frozen perfect ice, without a bump or a ripple. For the kids in town, it's Christmas in November. They wait, impatiently, for the right moment. Finally, it arrives: the full moon. They huff and puff through logging trails, farms, back roads and tamarack swamps, the powdery snow soaking pant legs and boots, till they see it their perfect ice, waiting. And the game is on

#### **Snowy Science: 25 Cool Experiments**

By Shar Levine and Leslie Johnstone

This winter, kids, their parents and their teachers will be inspired to try these simple experiments inside, inspired by the freezing weather outside. Kids can learn to make their own ice cream, create an indoor avalanche and pick up an ice cube with just a piece of string. Also included are fun facts about icebergs, frost, "orange" snow and lots more cool winter science!

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### FOR TEENS

#### **Nuclear Winter. Volume 2**

By Cab

Nothing's rougher than a Canadian winter . . . except maybe one that never ends! It's been nine years since an accident at a nuclear power plant plunged Montreal into an eternal winter; the city is now blanketed 365 days a year in radioactive snow. But life goes on for folks like Flavie Beaumont, a mail courier on snowmobile who's carved out a pretty normal life for herself, despite mutant crushes, eclectic urban fauna, and unrelenting meteorological events of unprecedented force. It turns out surviving nuclear winter is hard . . . but it's possible surviving your twenties is even harder!

#### **Let it Snow: Three Holiday Romances**

By John Green, Lauren Myracle  
and Maureen Johnson

The weather outside is frightful, but this collection is delightful! When a huge blizzard (that doesn't show signs of stopping) hits, Gracetown is completely snowed in. But even though it's cold outside, things are heating up inside, proving that Christmas is magical when it comes to love. Young Adult fiction stars John Green, Maureen Johnson and Lauren Myracle bring an early holiday gift to readers everywhere with these three hilarious and interwoven stories of festive romance.

#### **Wintersweet: Seasonal Desserts to Warm the Home**

By Tammy Donroe Inman

Who says the winter months have to be bleak and barren? The fresh and rustic recipes in Wintersweet push the envelope of traditional winter desserts like pumpkin or apple pies with such delicacies as Pear Cranberry Clafouti, Spicy Prune Cake with Penuche Frosting, Tangelo Sorbet, and Goat Cheese Cake with Dried Cherry Compote. Each chapter is devoted to different ingredients, ranging from Persimmons, Pomegranates, and Cranberries to Citrus, Cheese, and Dried Fruits, allowing readers to experiment with new and exciting ingredients for complex and delicious flavors.