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Bet On Bettie: Top Toys for 8-12 year olds

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If you're going to be out shopping for toys this holiday season we may be able to help. Consumer Reporter Bettie Cross and a team of young toy testers went to work checking out this year's hottest toys. They started with dozens and ended with a short list of the best of the bunch.

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#2- Our Number 2 toys are a couple of dolls with a flare for adventure. Zoe lives in a New York City brownstone. Gia hails from Florence, Italy. They're two of the dolls from the Karito Kids World Collection. One toy tester said, "I like Zoe because her hair is just so cool." The dolls and their adventure books are a passport to learning about other countries and cultures. Hannah read the 150 page book and says, "It was kind of a mystery and I love mysteries so it was very entertaining for me to read." Our testers also got to go online and direct 3 percent of their doll's retail price to a children's charity. Hannah says, "It gives children who have barely enough food to eat like over in Africa and Uganda it gives them three dollars of food. [The Karito Kids](#) retail for \$100