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### Let's Play Giveaway #20 (Finale): Karito Kids Doll



~~The giveaway is now  
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We are entering the last day of my Let's Play blog party. Are you all having fun? I have given away \$833 in prizes since the launch of this event. But that is not all. I'd like to conclude with a fabulous giveaway from [Karito Kids](#), best known for their award-winning multicultural line of dolls and books.



KidsGive, the company behind [Karito Kids](#), was founded by two amazing women Lisa and Laura, who believe that kids around the world are fundamentally the same and that they would help each other if given the chance. The [Karito Kids World Collection](#) of dolls and accompanying story books were therefore created to encourage kids' innate sense of philanthropy as well as their desire to learn about different people and cultures.

The name Karito ('ka-ree'toe) means charity and love of one's neighbor. It was taken from the constructed international language, Esperanto, which was formed to foster peace and international understanding. [Karito Kids](#) products are highly distinctive not only because of their premium quality but also because they introduce children to the concept of charity and embed in them a sense of

social responsibility from an early age.

Every purchase helps another child as it comes with a special code that can be [activated](#) online to let kids donate 3% of the retail price to one of four [charitable causes](#): food, home, school or health. As a result, children learn about humanitarian projects from around the world and help underprivileged children through donations. It has also been suggested that introducing children to different countries and cultures can encourage understanding, acceptance and a desire to help others.



The world collection features six beautifully made, fashionably dressed poseable dolls that represent 11-year-old girls from different cultures and countries around the world. Each doll stands 21" tall, with jointed limbs and a soft torso, displaying the unique beauty of her ethnic heritage and the clothing styles reflecting the influence of both her culture and personality. My favorite from the collection is [Gia from Italy](#), whom I received for review.

*Gia is an 11-year old fashion diva helping her parents operate their pensione (family inn) in Florence, Italy. She dreams of becoming the world's most famous fashion designer. Gia comes with her own passport and a hardbound, 136-page fiction book that includes pages from her journal describing the country she loves!*



When I first met Gia, I was amazed at how tall she is and how finely sculpted she is. She's absolutely adorable!!! I love the interchangeable clothing and accessories that I can use to dress her up for different occasions. I had never dreamed of having such a high-end doll when I was young. My excitement was beyond words. The doll is phthalate free, safe for children aged 3 and above, and wears a wig that can be washed and styled. The adventure book was written by Edgar Award-winning novelist Walter Sorrells and illustrated by former Disney animators who have worked on such classic movies as *Lion King*, *Aladdin*, *Beauty and The Beast* and *Lilo and Stitch*.

[Karito Kids](#) dolls have won tons of [toy awards](#), including 2007 Family Fun #1 Toy of The Year Award. They were selected for Oprah's "O" list the month they launched (July 2007)! With a suggested retail price of \$99.99, the dolls are now available in 800 online and specialty stores in the U.S. and Canada.



In 2008, [Karito Kids](#) launched a second line of smaller soft-bodied dolls called Travel Charmers, which are sold at only \$20 each. They are designed to be more affordable to families pinched by the recession. Be sure to check these out!