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## GREAT GIFTS FOR KIDS

The National Parenting Publications Awards - Part One

As the holiday season approaches, the 17th annual National Parenting Publications Awards guide you to the best gift ideas for children all year-round!

NAPPA's high standards in evaluating children's toys, music, books, video games, DVDs and more means parents can count on NAPPA winners to be high-quality products that provide "smart" fun, good design and the ability to grow along with children.



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Each year, toy manufacturers present a new wave of products that make us think, laugh and explore. This year's Gold Award-winning toys truly stand out for their innovation, creativity and play value.

Of course, safety is a renewed concern after this year's high-profile toy recalls. While NAPPA judges thoroughly test toys for quality and sustainability, we must rely on government agencies and manufacturers themselves to take each toy through rigorous safety tests and to meet safety standards. Be sure to check the Consumer Product Safety Commission recall lists at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) before making purchases.

TOYS

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For Ages 5 & Up

**KARITO KIDS** (right), Gia, Lulu, Zoe, Wan Ling and Pita Dolls with Books, KidsGive, \$99.99 each; ages 6 and up; [www.KidsGive.com](http://www.KidsGive.com). These 21-inch dolls' ethnicities shine through beautifully mastered facial features, hair and clothing. An accompanying story highlights the doll's culture. A Web site allows you to select a children's charity to receive a portion of the purchase price.



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