



## Great Holiday Gifts: Newly-Released Books for Kids and Tweens

[The Man With the Violin](#) by Kathy Stinson, Dusan Petricic (Ills) \$19.95

In 2007, professional musician Joshua Bell played his violin in the L'Enfant Plaza Station in Washington, D.C. Over 1,000 busy commuters rushed past, only seven stopped to listen. Many children wanted to stop, but an adult inevitably rushed them along. Inspired by this event, writer Kathy Stinson created a storyline. When young Dylan hears the beautiful violin music, he unsuccessfully tries to get his mother to stop and listen. The music lingers in his Dylan's mind all day long...eventually impacting the mother. (Suggested reading level: 5-8)

[Seaper Powers: In Search of Bleu Jay's Treasure](#) by Kim Cameron, John DePatie \$7.20

Musicians Kim Cameron and John DePatie's book for ocean lovers is about a little girl who finds that magical sea grass allows her to communicate with fish! She befriends two unlikely sea creatures as they search for buried treasure while harping on the importance of friendship. This is the first book in a planned series. Also available in audio. (Suggested reading level: 5-8)