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Books always make wonderful Christmas presents

By Sharon E. McKay Special to HHTW

The holidays approach and I couldn't imagine a child having a Christmas without a new book.

Books for "young readers" or eight year-olds and

Kit Pearson has won too many awards to mention with just cause. The woman is a brilliant writer, certainly comparable to Enid Nesbit (you remember, author of Five Children and It and so many other turn of the century family books).

Back to Pearson. Her trilogy began with the book The Sky is Falling. Then came Looking at The Moon and finally the conclusion

JOHN W. BARTLETT

The Lights Go On Again (Viking). These three books follow the sweet lives of Gavin and his sister Norah. Shipped to Canada from England to spend the war "war guests", these two children live

charmed existence. But in the background looms, like a big black crow, The War.

This trilogy is for all those parents and children who know bloody well that



Sharon McKay

classics, The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett and Black Beauty by Anna Sewell. Both books are beautifully bound and illustrated and would make the

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perfect gift for children or adults. Given the release of the new film The Secret Garden, the timing couldn't be better.

Warning: Experience says that children seldom read classics presented to them by Grandma. Make use of movies and videos. A 12year-old may not read our choice of books but he or she will gladly listen. Thirdly, a classic may sit on a child's shelf for years but if reading is a part of a family's life, the book will eventually be read.

In the non-fiction category, we have The Science Book for Girls by Valerie Wyatt (Kids Can Press). It's

well-researched, the instructions are easy to follow and suitable for girls between 8 and 12 years of age.

O.K., you're thinking. "Why do girls need a science book all their own?" Well, a 1988 study revealed that women account for only one in six master's degrees and one in eight Ph.D.'s in math, science and engineering. Now, by the year 2005, 91 per cent of Canadian women between 25 and 44 will be in the labor force. At the moment, women represent only 9 to 10 per cent of the scientific community in Britain and North America.

Unless our daughters are encouraged to make the leap into science, they too will be confined to the "pink-collar ghetto".

Not that one little book is going to change the world, of course, but it's a start!

Have you seen these "cross-section" books? Take a look, they really are neat. They are large books, published by Scholastic, that take an object - say machine or ship and split it in sections. Amazing. The latest is the launch of a new series of cross-sections called Man-of-War by Stephen Biestys. It's in hard cover at \$21.95. It will keep the kids, and grandpa, entertained for hours over the holidays.

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Results of Monday afternoon's Duplicate Bridge played at the Georgetown Legion on Mill Street.

Tie for 1st: Mike Lorusso and Rene March; Karol Tobias and Aspy Bapooji; George Sargent and Jack Kaarsemaker

2nd: Cora Fairbridge and Norma Maynard

3rd: Adele Glavicic and Doris Barber

4th: Lorena Norris and Elsie Whitham

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