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Part 2: Shopping for Kids



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From Birth to All Grown Up, [T.J. Maxx](#) and [Marshalls](#) have definitely got your Christmas shopping for kids covered!

Babies and Toddlers

Who can resist shopping for babies and toddlers. The cuteness factor is dangerous! Thank goodness people keep having babies, so we can keep buying these cute little items.

1. Blankets, Bags, and Baby Books

Before baby even arrives on the scene, Mommies are dreaming of the cuddly blankets and cute diaper bags.



Kyle & Deena Baby Blanket \$9.99 at T.J. Maxx



Baby Blankets \$7.99 and Paul Frank Diaper Bag \$39.99 at T.J. Maxx

So whether you are shopping for a not-yet-born, a newborn, or a baby, every mother will LOVE these gifts under the tree!

This cute baby photo album caught my eye. A perfect pink cover and room for 180 photos on acid-free pages for \$9.99. Can't go wrong.



Tender Kisses Baby Photo Album \$9.99 at T.J. Maxx

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2. From Head to Toe

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When Olivia and Jackson were babies and toddlers, I dressed them from head to toe in hats, clothes, socks and shoes from Winners, (the Canadian sister store for T.J. Maxx and Marshalls.)

I loved that I could get everything I needed, in fabulous designer styles and labels but discount prices, all under one roof. With a Winners five minutes from my house, it was almost the only store I entered for years!



Absorba Baby Shoes \$5.00 at T.J. Maxx



Absorba Baby Shoes \$5.00 at T.J. Maxx

With the cost of raising kids, every parent appreciates receiving clothing for their kids as gifts! You will find so many adorable pieces it will be hard to stop from buying a year's worth of clothes!

3. StoryTime

Babies may be too young to read, but they certainly aren't too young for books! At every stage of life, reading books, and building a small library of favorite books, is so important for children.

I always pick up books at The TJX Companies stores. I love the fantastic discounts on brands like Scholastic. I barely ever leave without buying some new books for my kids.



Assorted Children's Books at Marshalls

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4. PlayTime

Baby needs to PLAY!

I LOVE this fun Infantino Surfboard Tummy Time Mat at T.J. Maxx — and it is only \$16.99! Spending time strengthening their muscles is critical for baby's development, so an engaging Tummy Time mat is a perfect gift for an infant!



Infantino Surfboard Tummy Time Mat
\$16.99 at T.J. Maxx



Foam Wood Blocks \$16.99 and Oversized Plush Bear at t.J. Maxx

My in-laws gave us these Foam Blocks as a gift years ago and my kids (and I) love them! They are foam, but look like wood blocks. Perfect for building and knocking down, these are a hit! And of course, every nursery needs to be equipped with soft, snuggable stuffed animals! I love this sweet oversized bear.



Polo Vests \$19.99 and Sweaters \$24.99 at T.J. Maxx



Christmas Dresses \$24.99 and Coats \$19.99 at T.J. Maxx

When I shop for preschoolers, as much as I love to buy them clothes, I spend a ton of time in the toy aisle!

But before we get to the toys, lets cover a few of the more practical gift giving options for preschoolers.

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Preschoolers (Continued)

Under the tree or in their stockings, don't forget some new socks or slippers.



Capelli New York Kids \$7.99 at T.J. Maxx



Stride Rite Socks \$6.99-\$9.99, MukLuks \$12.99 at T.J. Maxx

Now to the TOYS 2. For the Girls

My three year old daughter and my nieces are completely enamoured with Tinkerbell and her fairy friends. Anything fairy-related is a sure thing!



Disney Rosetta & Friends and Assorted Tinkerbell Dolls and Accessories at Marshalls



Pink Leotard with Tutu Skirt, Disney Hairdressing Set, \$12.99 at Marshalls

Whether they are twirling around the room in their ballet clothes or twirling each other's hair as they play "hairdresser," Olivia and her cousins love everything "girly!" These gifts will be hits with girly girls like my Olivia.

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2. For the Girls

Dolls big or small — my Livvie loves them all!



Strawberry Shortcake \$3.00 at Marshalls, Baby Emma Doll \$12.99 at T.J. Maxx

3. For the Boys



Tonka Chuck \$24.99 at T.J. Maxx

Little boys and their trucks! Jackson's favorite thing to do with his trucks was to crash them together so I always appreciated the sturdiness of Tonka.

Thomas the Train can be a big investment for a family. So finding sets at discount prices is such a treat! Both of my kids enjoy this noisy pre-historic line from Playschool. It is definitely not only for boys — Livvie loves them!



Tonka Chuck \$24.99 at T.J. Maxx



Playmobil Circus \$49.99 at Marshalls

One of the best toy lines to buy at [T.J. Maxx](#) and [Marshalls](#) is Playmobil. Like Thomas the Train, they are expensive, high quality toys. So finding them at low prices is fantastic!

I included this set in the boys section, but it is definitely not only for boys! Susan and I loved Playmobil right through our grade school years.

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4. Just Plain Fun

Boys and Girls will love these toys! This Vtech V.Smile TV Learning System at Marshalls is a great deal at \$29.99!



Vtech - V.Smile TV Learning System \$29.99 at Marshalls



Tweety Ball and Bat Set \$7.99, Assorted Sesame Street Sippy Cups, Vtech Kidilook Photo Frame \$9.99 at T.J. Maxx

Here are some fabulous stocking stuffers for preschoolers. I love this soft baseball set for little ones and what kid couldn't use more sippy cups! I thought this Kidilook Photo Frame for children is a brilliant idea. I should have bought one for Olivia!

And last but definitely NOT least, BOOKS! Never let a Christmas go by without some new books to read.



Assorted Books at T.J. Maxx



Fur Real's Zambi the Baby Elephant \$19.99 at Marshalls

Grade School

First off, I had to show you this wonderful toy from Fur Real. Zambi the Baby Elephant is part of the interactive, super popular line of toys from Fur Real. But what makes it unique is that 50% of its net profits go to Hasbro's Project Zambi fund. There is even a bracelet for kids to wear and show their support for kids in Africa. The artwork on the bracelet and on the elephant's ears was created by kids in Africa for kids around the world.

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Grade School
1. Girls Stuff

Speaking of Fur Real, both Marshalls and [T.J. Maxx](#) have a great selection of these fun stuffed animals. I especially love the cuddly Panda.



Fur Real LuvCub Panda \$24.99 at Marshalls and T.J. Maxx



Assorted Disney Stationery Sets, Tinkerbell Bag \$6.99 at Marshalls

I remember the thrill of stationery sets when I was a little girl — the tiny notebooks and matching pencils. I never grew tired of them and I always needed more! Pairing this Tinkerbell Stationery Set with this sweet Tinkerbell Bag is a perfect combination for the girl on your list!

Kids love erasers! I remember collecting them too. These are some fun stocking stuffers for sure!



Fun Eraser Set and Stamp & Sticker Set \$3.99 at Marshalls



Color Splitz \$7.99 at T.J. Maxx and Manicure Kit \$7.99 at Marshalls

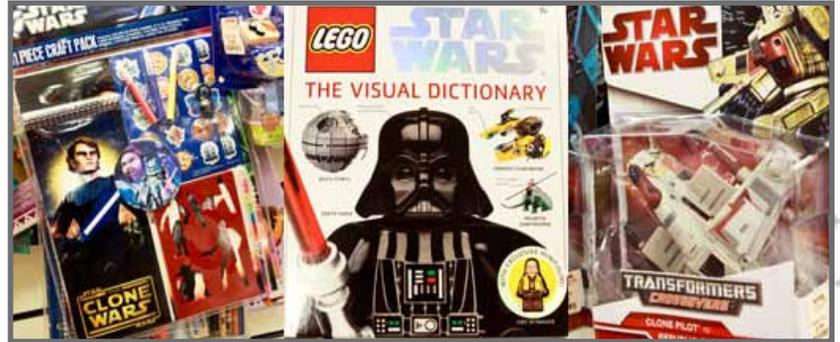
Coloring paper, coloring their nails... it is all tons of fun! Here are a couple affordable gifts to add to stockings or under the tree.

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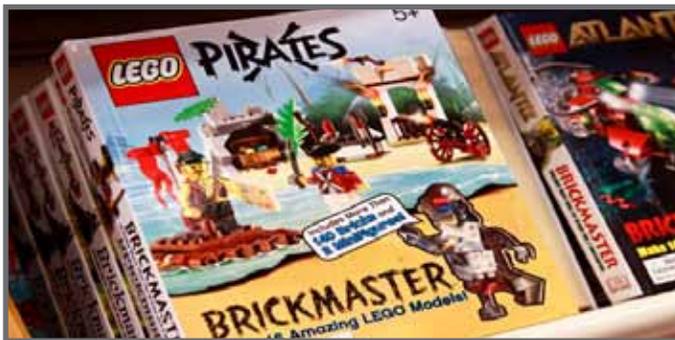
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2. Boys Toys
 Two words for you
 Star Wars



Star Wars Craft Pack \$7.99, Lego Star Wars Visual Dictionary \$14.99, Star Wars Transformers \$7.99 at T.J. Maxx

Since Jackson was three years old, he has been obsessed with Star Wars, (even long before we let him watch any of the movies!) If it has to do with Star Wars, my son will love it. (I bought him the Lego Star Wars Visual Dictionary below. Don't tell him!)



Lego Pirates Brickmaster \$16.99 at Marshalls

When I was a kid Lego was pretty basic. And oh we loved it. Susan and I played with our big brother's Lego for years! Nowadays, almost everything seems to come in a Lego version. There are so many great sets I would like to get for my kids, so I love when I find sets for discount prices! Ben 10, Bakugan, K'nex, Transformers... the boys love 'em!



Mega Blocks Spiderman \$9.99 at Marshalls



Assorted -- Ben 10, Bakugan, K'nex, Transformers at T.J. Maxx and Marshalls



Radio Controlled Car \$9.99 at T.J. Maxx

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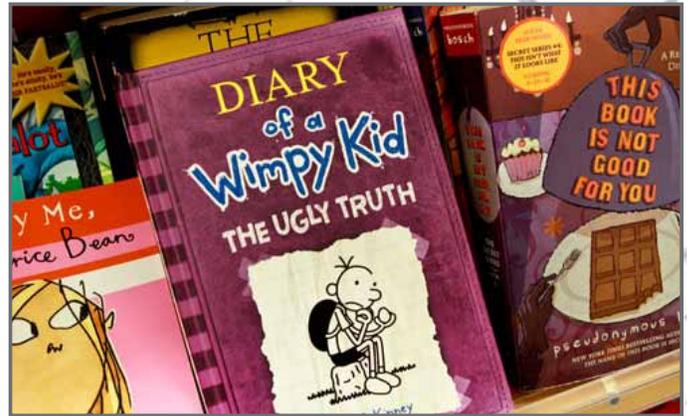
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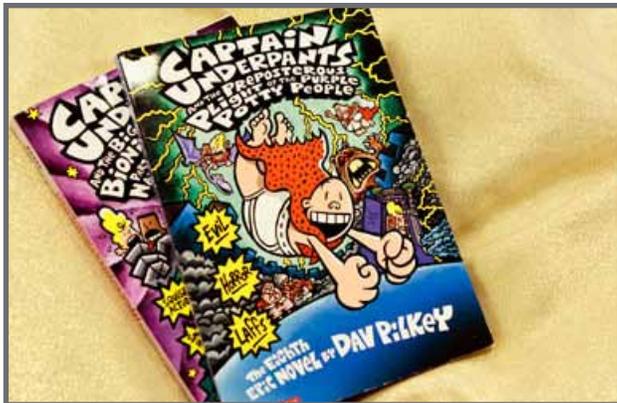
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3. Books, Books, Books

As much as kids don't always jump up and down when receiving books, it is still one of my favorite items to buy school age children. And fortunately nowadays there are even more super fun books that kids love to read!

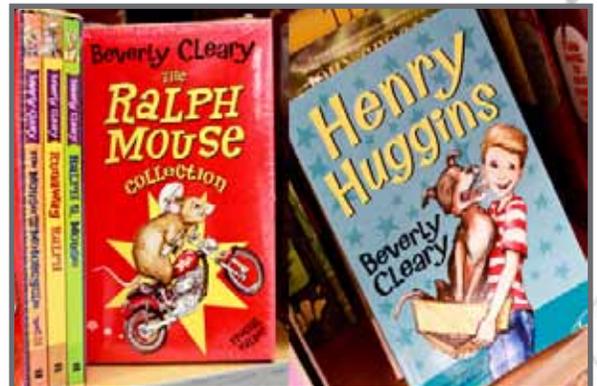


Diary of a Wimpy Kid - The Ugly Truth \$8.99 at T.J. Maxx and Marshalls

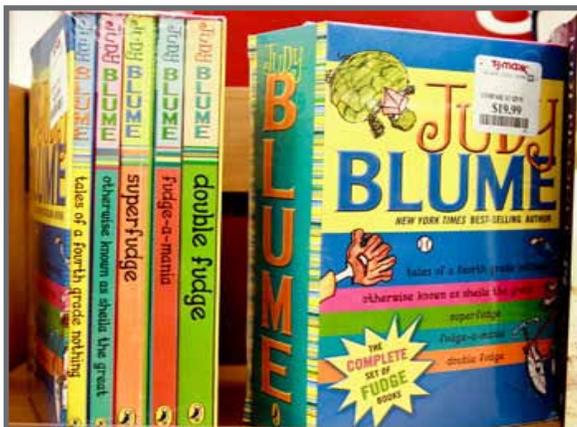


Captain Underpants - each \$5.99 at T.J. Maxx

...and, much to my delight, Jackson loves Beverly Cleary as much as I did!



Beverly Cleary - The Ralph Mouse Collection \$9.99 and Henry Huggins \$3.99 at T.J. Maxx



Judy Blume Set \$19.99 at T.J. Maxx

T.J. Maxx and **Marshalls** even had Judy Blume!

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Grade School 4. Foot Wear

When it comes to footwear, find a Marshalls store that features a Shoe-MegaShop and you will never want to shop anywhere else for shoes. Whether it is kids, mens, or ladies, Marshalls has the best labels at usually 50% off. ALL of the shoes here are 50% less than the suggested retail.



Steve Madden Girls Flat \$24.99 at Marshalls



Nine West Kids Boot \$24.99 at Marshalls

Jackson was thrilled when I brought him home the latest in the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series earlier this fall. Jackson has read all of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, (guess where I bought them?) all of the Captain Underpants series...

If only I hadn't been rushing to get all my photos shot, I would have picked up these Fila's for my son. I hope they have his size when I go next!



Fila Boys Shoe \$19.99, US Polo Assn \$14.99 at Marshalls

This is such a cool look for boys. Love it.



Tommy Hilfiger Boys Boot \$24.99 at Marshalls

Remember, don't let size or fit keep you from giving footwear as a gift. [T.J. Maxx](#) and [Marshalls](#) are great for returns. You have 30 days to return or exchange with a receipt and Christmas gifts without receipts can be returned until January 3rd.

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Teenages

When it comes to teens, the key to shopping is “cool.” They want to unwrap gifts that they would actually buy for themselves. So we have to get into their heads and think like teenagers. It wasn't THAT long ago we were young ourselves, right?



Glimmer Dresses - \$19.99, \$16.99 at T.J. Maxx

1. Wearing...

I just love these sweater dresses! What a fun and wearable look for school or weekends. They are perfect with leggings or tights, and a pair of flats or boots.



Luciano Berni Scarf \$16.99 at T.J. Maxx

I almost bought this scarf myself. But since I already have quite a few new scarves, I resisted. I think it would be a great look for a teenager too — sweet and hip.

The boys in my life are pretty basic kinds of guys... comfy shirt and baseball cap are a good way to go.



Nike Cap, Lucky Brand Shirt \$19.99 at T.J. Maxx



Burton Hat \$9.99 at T.J. Maxx

I love this Burton hat (or toque as Canadians call them!) It is snowboarder-cool.

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2. Walking...

I tried on these boots. I had to! Coach boots that looked that funky — I just had to slip them on my feet.

And can I tell you? They are SO comfortable and warm. Although they are Coach and a bit of an investment, they fit so well and are such great quality

that they would be great boots for teenage girls who are spending a lot of time walking in the cold weather. (I am missing the price in my notes, but they were between \$100-\$200. I have to call the store and ask.)



Coach Boots at Marshalls



Converse \$19.99 at Marshalls

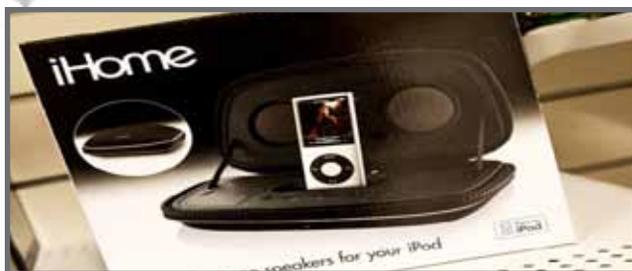
Converse. Cool. And only \$19.99.

3. Carrying...

Can you imagine the squeals of delight from a fashion-savvy teenage girl who opened up a Juicy Couture Backpack on Christmas morning??? It isn't in everyone's price range — but it was SO fun to see them for so much less at [T.J. Maxx](#) and [Marshalls](#). You can pick one up for \$119.00 compared to \$198.00.



Juicy Couture Backpacks \$119.00 at Marshalls



iHome Portable Speakers for iPod \$49.99 at Marshalls

Teenagers are on the move. And they are always connected to their iPods. Portable speakers??? Yes. Very cool.

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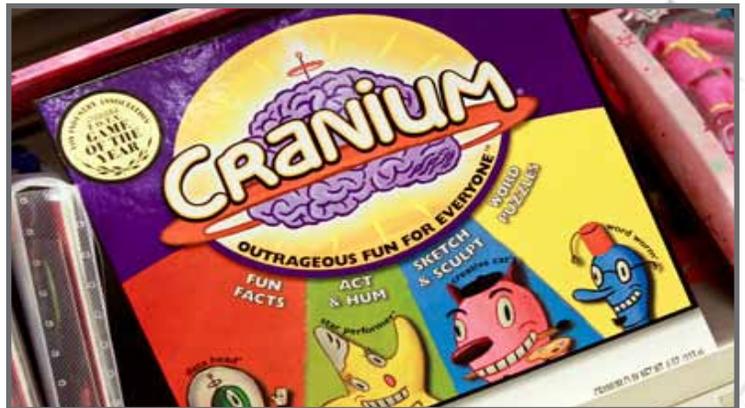
And of course, [T.J. Maxx](#) and [Marshalls](#) have the silicone cases and sleeves to protect all the technology teens are toting around with them.



Assorted Silicone Cases for iPhone and iPad at Marshalls

4. Playing...

And of course, T.J. Maxx and Marshalls have the silicone cases and sleeves to protect all the technology teens are toting around with them.



Cranium \$9.99 at T.J. Maxx



Scene It? is only \$14.99 — another great game to get teens and families playing games together.

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