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SILKEN LAUMANN
THIS MOM
Remembers how to 'play'

ON THE HIGH
SEAS ...
with kids

SANDI RICHARD
...this girl is cookin'

Former drug addict
writes to parents

Editor's picks

The best to come across our desk this season



Jumparoo Frog Pogo

This fun toy gets your kids up and moving rain or shine. A fun toy for kids (26-52 lbs.) it launches riders up to 2 feet in the air. Kids can bounce away that extra energy on almost any surface, and the ribbit sounds make this interactive. Won't damage indoor surfaces. Ages 4+ \$119.99 Available at: grandrivertoy.com



Smart family camera

Kodak's EASYSHARE V610 is the smallest optical zoom digital camera on the market. The result is the ability to get extremely close and high-quality pictures without a larger camera. Bluetooth capabilities and unique scene modes - ideal for family picture-taking. \$549.95.

Diapees & Wipees

The most recent evolution in motherhood convenience and aesthetic is this fashionable accessory bag which fits 2-4 diapers and a travel pack of wipes to replace the oversized diaper bag. Hollywood moms Gwyneth Paltrow and Courtney Cox are fans. A unique gift for the modern mommy. Available in Edmonton at: e-children; Funky Frog; Jilly's. \$14.99



A hoot for Halloween

Attractive and fun - Sabba Toys introduces the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown 40th Anniversary board game; Deluxe Dominoes Game and UNO. Packaged in a detailed collector's tin; Board game retails for \$12.95 (US); Dominoes Game priced at \$14.95 (US); UNO - \$12.99 (US). All available at Barnes and Noble www.bn.com

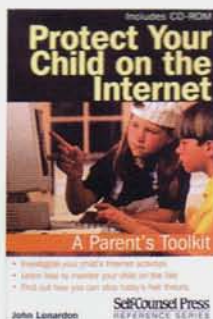
Light up her room

Klutz creates seven innovative ways for preteens and teens to decorate their bedrooms with Room Lanterns. A string of 10 mini lights and enough punch-out patterns to make seven complete sets of shades with super-simple instructions in a sturdy hardcover book. Pretty and unique. \$24.99. Available at major retailers.



My Baby Can Talk

Hearing babies who use sign language to communicate before they can speak are better adjusted, speak sooner and boast higher IQs than their peers. Set to classical music, My Baby Can Talk videos feature beautiful images, delightful puppet shows, colourful toys in motion and babies communicating with simple gestures. Visit MyBabyCanTalk.com a free resource featuring 200 signs. \$19.99. Available beginning Sept. 26 at major and specialty retailers.



Protect Your Child on the Internet

Smart parent's toolkit for investigating your child's internet activities. It teaches how to monitor your child on the Net and how to stop today's Net threats. The early part of this book gives clear definition to several terms related to the Net; handy for grandparents who may not be as familiar with computers. Self-Counsel Press. \$15.95



SuperFoods

British TV personality and children's nutrition expert Annabel Karmel's second cookbook - Superfoods - caught our eyes for its beautiful pictures, easy-to-make recipes and menu charts to help families plan ahead. Karmel offers info on organic and genetically modified foods, and how to read food labels. Simon & Shuster, \$31.50.



Baby Sherpa

Invented by a Manitoba mom, this man-friendly diaper bag is a four-in-one backpack: A cooler bag, a diaper bag, a video bag and an all-accessories bag. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie carry one. A practical winner for sporty families on the go. \$85. Available at several Alberta children's wear stores.