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Holidays
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Your Kids

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Winter-Weather GIFT GALLERY

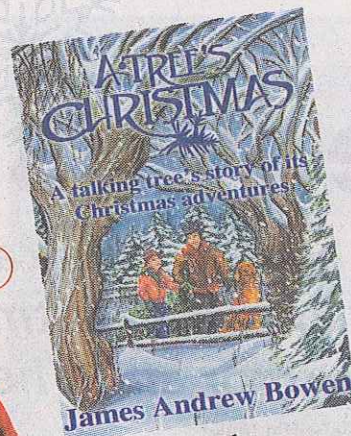
You were able to get the whole family together to head out Christmas tree shopping—so why not do it up in style, and spend the whole day outside?



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Trimming Time

1. It's tradition: The whole gang's seen "The Nutcracker" (check out where to find it this year on page 38). Now relive your favorite scenes while you're decorating the tree with this vibrant **Nutcracker Ornament Set**. (\$26.95; available at Crate and Barrel stores and at www.crateandbarrel.com)

Home, Sweet Home

2. Dad's setting up the tree, the kids are in their jammies. Why not slip into something more comfortable yourself—like this ultra-soft **plaid robe from American Living**? (\$58; available at JCPenney stores and at www.americanliving.com)
3. The hardcover children's chapter book "A Tree's Christmas" comes in a gold embossed case, making it a special gift—and the circle of life story about a family's beloved holiday tree, told by a 13-year-old narrator and inspired by author Andrew Bowen's own daughter, makes it memorable. (\$9.95; available at Barnes & Noble stores and at www.atreeschristmas.com)

4. Cuddle up with the kids for hot cocoa and a bedtime story—but first, deck them out in **Garanimals Sleepwear**. The cute gift sets come with a mini plush animal. (Sizes newborn–5T; \$10; available at Walmart)

Bundle Up, Baby

5. These must-have **Stonz Booties** slide on easily over your child's bare feet, socks, slippers, footie pajamas, or **Stonz Bootie Linerz** (pictured on model) to keep toes toasty and dry. They're fleece-lined, water- and wind-resistant with a soft, skid-proof sole for developing feet, and have adjustable toggles at the calf and ankle for a custom fit. (Sized for newborn to age 3; \$42.95 for booties; \$17.95 for liners; www.stonzwear.com)
6. Hats off to The Children's Place for their latest line of **fleece winter hats**—they are so cute, kids might just keep them ON. Pictured are the ladybug hat and tiger mittens, but there are plenty of other wild and wooly creatures to go around, from a monkey to a panda, and a teeny penguin for newborns, too. (Sizes 6 months–4T; \$7.50 for hat, \$7.50 for mittens; available at The Children's Place and www.childrensplace.com)

7. We hear you: Why invest tons in outerwear that they'll only outgrow...like, tomorrow? Well, this **Cyclops Bib Pant** is not only waterproof, lightweight, and breathable, it has Burton Snowboards' unique Room-To-Grow feature, allowing the product to extend a whole size (two extra inches of leg length!) to keep up with growth spurts—and give you bang for your buck. (Sizes 2T–5; \$89.95; available at www.burton.com)

8. Get your camera out: Your boy wonder will be ready for his outdoor close-up in this **cozy hooded shirt** (and what could be better than Lumberjack-inspired red plaid for trekking to cut down your own holiday tree?!). (Boys sizes 4–7; \$36; available at JCPenney stores and www.americanliving.com)

Hit the Snow!

9. Treat the kids to the **Zipfly Mini Luge Sled**, a compact and lightweight ride that zips down hills and is easy to carry back up. Equipped with a special lever for stability and control, it's simple to maneuver and quick to stop. Comes in a variety of colors. (Ages 5 and up; \$39.95; www.discoverystore.com)