



current classic

THEY ARE THE CHAMPIONS

You've worn them. Your parents or grandparents have worn them. Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe, and Jackie O have all worn them. The canvas Keds Champion lace-up sneaker has been around for more than 90 years, thanks to its comfort and clean good looks. You still can't go wrong with white or navy, but why not get your kicks in Bubblegum Pink, Tomato Red, Daybreak Purple, or another fresh-for-summer color?

Keds Champion sneakers come in more than 35 colors and styles. Design-your-own versions are also available. From \$35, keds.com

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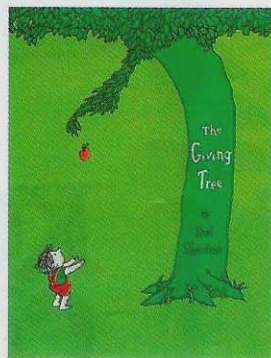
Treat friends who love to cook or travel to a trip to Mexico—via their taste buds. *The Essential Cuisines of Mexico* (Clarkson Potter/Publishers; 2009) is filled with know-how and regional recipes from Diana Kennedy (aka the Julia Child of Mexico). Pair it with a traditional *molcajete*, or mortar, made from volcanic rock; this vessel is used for grinding spices for sauces and mashing avocado for guacamole. Add a few ingredients and wrap it all up with a kitchen towel. Molcajete \$49, williams-sonoma.com



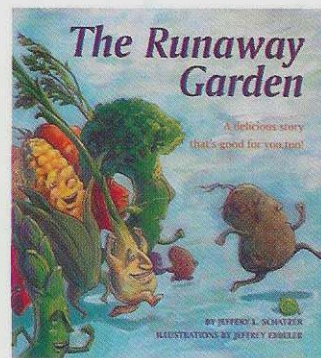
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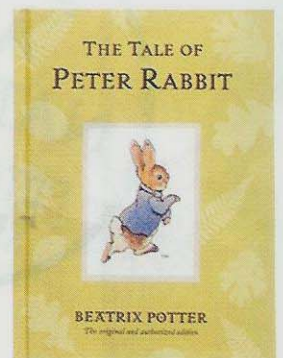
Inspire a new generation of plant lovers with these stories of adventure and misadventure in nature, all favorites of our gardening editors. For more award-winning garden-themed books for kids, visit jmgkids.us.



THE GIVING TREE
Shel Silverstein spins what can only be called a love story between a boy and the apple tree that nurtures him all his life. (HarperCollins)



THE RUNAWAY GARDEN
Rogue vegetables and a young girl with wanderlust learn life's lessons in this tale by Jeffrey L. Schatzer and Jeffrey Ebbeler. (Mitten Press)



THE TALE OF PETER RABBIT
Even after more than a century, Beatrix Potter's story of a misbehaved bunny is still enchanting. (Frederick Warne/The Penguin Group)