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Gift Guide

Discriminating ideas for everyone on your list: the aspiring writer, the modern-day "It" girl, the fun-loving neighbors, and the jet-setting couple whose feet rarely touch the ground

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THE MOST ESSENTIAL GIFT FOR A GOOD WRITER IS A BUILT-IN, SHOCKPROOF SHIT DETECTOR. CAN YOU FIND ME ONE?

Ernest Hemingway

Tivoli satellite table radio in cherry, $300, at Abt Electronics and tivoliaudio.com

Wooden Ships wool anchor hat and scarf, $34 each, at Penelope's

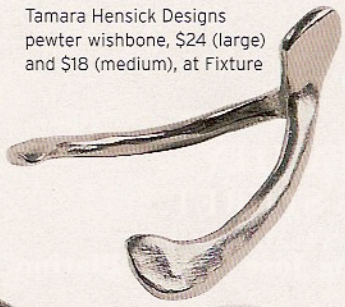
Endangered species chocolates (set of three) by Kathleen Walsh and Anita Mothersbaugh, $45, at the Museum of Contemporary Art

Mark Mothersbaugh Postcard Diaries limited-edition numbered plate (one of a set of four), $360, at the Museum of Contemporary Art

Nymphenburg porcelain Hedgehog Fish, $1,019, at Nymphenburg USA

Pecksniff's razor, $95, and brush, $86, at Raizy

Tamara Hensick Designs pewter wishbone, $24 (large) and $18 (medium), at Fixture



2001: A Space Terrarium by Portland-based Esque Studio, $600, by special order, info@esque-studio.com

Manuel Ferreiro bronze "La Mirada" eyeglass sculpture, $340, at Material Possessions and manuelferreiro.com

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Louis Vuitton ID necklace, $2,470, and padlock pendant, $17,300, at Louis Vuitton

Nicolas Feuillatte Champagne minis in brut (blue) and rosé (pink), $9.99 each, at Whole Foods and feuillatte.com

Gutzees mink-covered hangers, $123 each, at neimanmarcus.com

Yubz Talk phone handle, $45, at Zella Brown and yubz.com

"Seven Ways to Say I Love You" boyshorts by Mary Green, $112 for the set of seven, at Underthings

Plank "Pill" yoga mat, $84, at Homey Gallery and plankdesigns.com

Nokia E90 Communicator, $1,200, at Nokia

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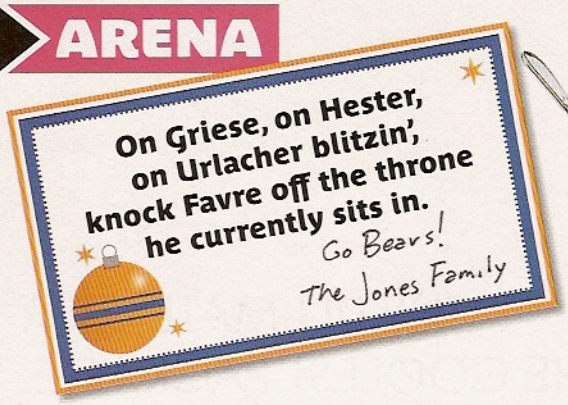


Bobtail-o-gram, six pints of the ice cream of your choice, $46, plus shipping, at Bobtail. Pictured in an antique silver-plated bowl, with antique soupspoons, from Robin's Egg Blue

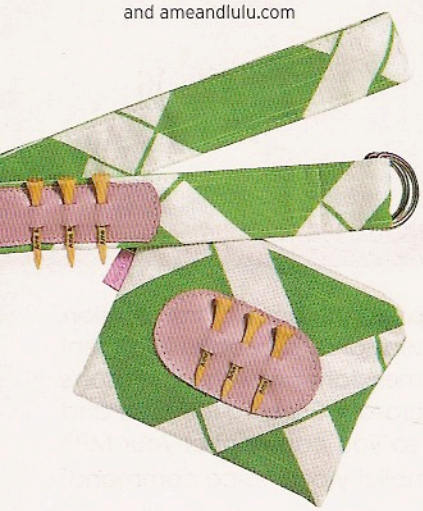
Owl pendant by Kathleen Walsh and Anita Mothersbaugh for Walteria Living, $200, at the Museum of Contemporary Art

"Poison Ice" customizable sneakers by artist Vince "Stizo" Wasseluk, $300, at A. Okay Official

Demolished baseball stadium necktie by Josh Bach, $45, at Chicago Architecture Foundation and joshbach.com

Hello Kitty Fender Squire electric guitar, $199, at The Different Strummer Music Store

Ame & LuLu tee bag and belt, $24 each, at All She Wrote and ameandlulu.com



One-of-a-kind David Bowie fleece hoodie made with vintage T-shirt by A's Tees, $150, by special order, VintageAdrienne@aol.com; 847-867-8613

Leather band with hand embossing, from $15, at Broadway Shoe Repair and Leather

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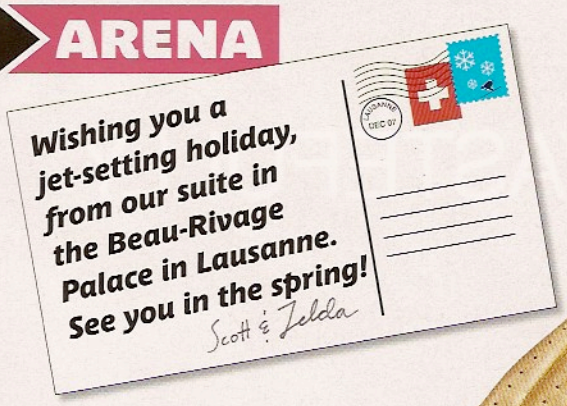

Gold leather driving gloves by Shaneen Huxham New York, $225, at Ultimo

Leather and metal Buon Viaggio luggage tag, $180, at Prada Chicago

Snooze City British flag pillowcases (set of two), $25, at snoozecitydesigns.com

Anon "Amos" sunglasses, $125, at Burton Chicago

Customized destination T-shirts by Hubwear.com, from $25, by special order, george@hubwear.com

Koga Miyata "Excellence" black aluminum-frame touring bike with integrated lock and electronic suspension, $3,299, at Upgrade Cycle Works

PB Travel orange cashmere travel blanket, $225, at Flight 001 and Seagrass Home

Nooka Gold series metal mesh "Zoo" watch, $295, by special order at Casa de Soul and The Silver Room

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All She Wrote, *825 W. Armitage Ave.; 773-529-0100, allshewrote.com*

Art Effect, *934 W. Armitage Ave.; 773-929-3600, arteffectchicago.com*

Bobtail, *2951 N. Broadway; 773-880-7372*

Broadway Shoe Repair and Leather, *3171 N. Broadway; 773-472-8800*

Burton Chicago, *56 E. Walton St.; 312-202-7900, store.burton.com*

Casa de Soul, *1919 W. Division St.; 773-252-2520, casadesoul.net*

Chicago Architecture Foundation, *224 S. Michigan Ave.; 312-922-3432, architecture.org*

The Different Strummer Music Store, *909 W. Armitage Ave., 773-751-3410; 4544 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-751-3398; oldtownschool.org*

Elements, *741 N. Wells St.; 312-642-6574, elementschicago.com*

Fixture, *2108 W. Roscoe St.; 773-244-3100, shopfixture.com*

Flight 001, *1133 N. State St.; 312-944-1001, flight001.com*

Greer, *1657 N. Wells St.; 312-337-8000, greerchicago.com*

Homey Gallery, *3656 N. Lincoln Ave.; 773-248-0050, ilovehomey.com*

Louis Vuitton, *919 N. Michigan Ave.; 312-944-2010, louisvuitton.com*

Material Possessions, *704 N. Wabash Ave.; 312-280-4885, materialpossessions.com*

Museum of Contemporary Art, *220 E. Chicago Ave.; 312-280-2660, mcachicago.org*

Neiman Marcus, *737 N. Michigan Ave.; 312-642-5900, neimanmarcus.com*

Nokia, *543 N. Michigan Ave.; 312-670-2607, nokiausa.com*

Nymphenburg USA, *470 N. Milwaukee Ave.; 312-421-3500, nymphenburg.com*

Penelope's, *1913 W. Division St.; 773-395-2351*

Prada Chicago, *30 E. Oak St.; 312-951-1113*

Raizy, *1944 N. Damen Ave.; 773-227-2221*

Red Balloon Co., *2060 N. Damen Ave.; 773-489-9800, theredballoon.com*

Robin's Egg Blue, *823 Burlington Ave., Western Springs; 708-783-1776*

Saks Fifth Avenue, *700 N. Michigan Ave., 312-944-6500; 1849 Green Bay Road, Highland Park, 847-681-5100; saksfifthavenue.com*

Seagrass Home, *895 Green Bay Rd., Winnetka; 847-446-8444, seagrasshome.com*

The Silver Room, *1442 N. Milwaukee Ave.; 773-278-7130, thesilverroom.com*

Ultimo, *116 E. Oak St.; 312-787-1171*

Underthings, *804 W. Webster Ave.; 773-472-9291*

Upgrade Cycle Works, *1130 W. Chicago Ave.; 312-226-8650*

Whole Foods, *multiple locations; 312-587-0648, wholefoodsmarket.com*

Zella Brown, *1444 N. Milwaukee Ave.; 773-276-1746, zellabrown.com*

Zid Zid City blocks, $70, at Red Balloon Co.