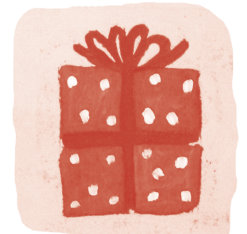


## ENTREE'S SELECT TOP GIFT IDEAS FOR 2009

It's time again to be making a list and checking it twice. We want to sort out who's been naughty and nice. Naughty? Carrie Prejean, Jon and Kate, the distracted Northwest pilots, the H1N1 virus, the balloon boy father, people who wage war, greedy Wall Street big wigs, Texas billionaire R. Allen Stanford, chef Gordon Ramsay, and Bernie Madoff, for sure. He definitely gets coal in his stocking. Nice? Captain Sully Sullenberger, of course, Raymond Bickson of Taj Hotels, Bill and Melinda Gates, Oprah, the Yankees, Stephen Colbert and so many others. We have a long list to shop for this year and while we are curbing our spending a tad, hope that this list of novel products and gifts might be of some help in your gift buying. Ho ho ho and all good wishes for the happiest of holidays.

**F**OR HER: The petite DailySafe H100 by Pacsafe is a compact and stylish travel purse and everyday around-town bag featuring Pacsafe's signature security features including slash proof exomesh construction, tamper proof zippers and more, \$79.99, [www.pac-safe.com](http://www.pac-safe.com); The elegant and practical Jacqueline Tote by Brahmin is a perfect anytime handbag. Available in many exciting colors, this bag features an embossed leather crocco styling, \$295, [www.brahmin.com](http://www.brahmin.com); In-ear headphones by Audio-Technica are designed specifically for a woman's listening pleasure. The ultra-compact and feather-light construction delivers outstanding sound quality while providing superior comfort, starting at \$59.95, [www.audio-technica.com](http://www.audio-technica.com); A Shusokumb tote bag is a compartmentalized tote for busy women on the go providing a stylish and functional way to carry everything a woman needs in one convenient and comfortable bag. Inspired by Oprah Winfrey's motto, "Get Movin," the tote makes it easier for women to walk to work and promote wellness through walking, \$39.95, [www.shusokumb.com](http://www.shusokumb.com); Pump Gloves, fashionable, quality and pretty gloves created to protect women against grease and grime, gasoline and germs when they fill 'er up at the service station...as their slogan says, "Don't be a ditz, cover your mitts," \$14.95, [www.pumpgloves.com](http://www.pumpgloves.com); A leader in the woman's travel wear market, UbU makes lightweight wrinkle proof travel clothing, each piece a travelers dream. An original jacket, which can roll up into a pillow for the flight or easily be tossed in a carry-on, will come back to its incredible shape the second you put it on. UbU outerwear is multi-functional and extremely cost effective, from \$118 to \$206, [www.ubuclothing.com](http://www.ubuclothing.com); Distinctive luggage tags from Peru and Bolivia from Jenny Krauss, crafted by artisans who earn needed income in the process, just \$12 each, [www.jennykrauss.com/artisans](http://www.jennykrauss.com/artisans); neuLash, active eyelash technology is an innovative eyelash enhancement serum that promotes healthier, fuller looking lashes with amazing results in as few as four weeks with a simple once a day application, \$150 at Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus or [www.neulash.com](http://www.neulash.com); Nature's Nail Secret is a "green" approach to nail care, offering a completely natural alternative to achieving beautiful fingernails without the use of artificial enhancements or harsh chemicals. Nature's Nail Secret increases fingernail strength and flexibility from the inside out, creating stronger nails that won't crack, chip



or peel, \$9.95, [www.naturesnailsecret.com](http://www.naturesnailsecret.com); Zents, complex and sophisticated scents in sprays, our favorite being Fig eau de toilette, [www.zents.com](http://www.zents.com); lia sophia, the world's largest direct seller of fashion jewelry, has a stylish yet affordable line of sophisticated jewelry capturing looks from traditional to the trendy. The Pearlette Necklace and Bella Donna Earrings are our favorites. All items in the line range from \$14-\$220, [www.liasophia.com](http://www.liasophia.com); Great for spring or summer weather, The Shôul is a new fashion accent that compliments any outfit, a compact shawl that combines a vintage inspiration with a modern cut and drape. It is unique because it doesn't require clasps, buttons or ties to stay put! The Shôul is a soft knit fashion essential that offers a convenient and stylish alternative to bulky shawls, jackets and wraps. Travel ready, the Shôul stays on the shoulders effortlessly. Comes in Cashmere blend and Acrylic, \$43-\$49. Colors include black, camel, navy, dark brown, cream, and off-white, [www.theshoul.com](http://www.theshoul.com); Sibü Beauty's sea buckthorn berry-based facial cream Repair and Protect is packed with the fatty acid Omega-7 and helps to boost collagen production and creates the perfect barrier to moisturize, rejuvenate, repair and protect your skin for more radiant, softer and healthy looking and feeling skin. The sea buckthorn berry is a superfruit that grows in the Himalayas and nutrient-rich for better skin tone, \$19.95, [www.sibubeauty.com](http://www.sibubeaauty.com).

**F**OR HIM: The Cordless Power Precision Screwdriver by General is a must-have for the handyman or hobbyist. Its ergonomic design and 100+ RPM motor are ideal for delicate repairs as well as hobbies and crafts, \$29.95, [www.generaltools.com](http://www.generaltools.com); The Filson Duffel Bag exudes quality and superior craftsmanship while capturing a timeless style. These bags come in four sizes, each made of rugged twill and featuring a leather shoulder strap, carrying handles and brass zippers, \$215-\$330, [www.filson.com](http://www.filson.com); The Toilet Bag from BlackSocks is the easiest way for a man to pack and travel with all his necessary body care items. The pack includes top-quality products from Clarins and Trisa of Switzerland and is enclosed in a transparent, zippered PVC bag, making the preflight trip through security a breeze, \$38, [www.blacksocks.com](http://www.blacksocks.com); The Oregon Scientific ATC5k Action Camera is a self-contained, hands-free digital video cam with a built-in 1.5" LCD screen. Waterproof to 10 feet and PC and MAC compatible, the ATC5k is an unparalleled action camera that every sports lover or family must have. Record your most thrilling moments and seamlessly download and email them to friends and family, \$149.99, [www.oregonscientific.com](http://www.oregonscientific.com); Colorful Jonathan Adler-designed journals, pen and pencil sets, diaries, totes and other smart accessories from Barnes and Noble, [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).

**F**OR THE KIDS: Dinosaurs Alive!, a captivating, real-life scientific adventure on DVD and Blu-Ray with eye-popping animation, narrated by Michael Douglas, \$19.98, [www.image-entertainment.com](http://www.image-entertainment.com); Asheba, the pied piper of calypso music for children leads the way with 11 vibrant new songs on his album In the Kid Zone. Asheba takes listeners on a joyful journey sharing Caribbean and world beat style music for children of all ages, \$13, [www.asheba.net](http://www.asheba.net); Nickelodeon music video stars Hot Peas 'N Butter bring unusual Puerto Rican and Cuban beats to the 11 original and traditional songs featured on their new CD, Best of the Bowl. Some songs are in English, some in Spanish, and some blend the two languages for a tasty mix of sounds and themes, \$14.95, [www.hotpeasnbutter.com](http://www.hotpeasnbutter.com); Going to a theme park, zoo, restaurant, or traveling somewhere soon? Lock your stroller in style with The Buggyguard retractable lock to secure it as you go about your day, worry-free. Fits all stroller models, no tools required! \$24.99, [www.buggyguard.com](http://www.buggyguard.com); My Heritage Book is a personalized children's book based on heritage. Each hardcover book can include up to four different countries, has the child's name throughout, and pages for the child to fill in his or her own family's traditions and family tree, making it a truly unique keepsake, \$39.95, [www.myheritagebook.com](http://www.myheritagebook.com); Bellysonic is a baby's first set of headphones, created so mommy can play her baby-to-be tunes before birth. Comprised of an Organic Sherpa

cotton pouch, sound splitter and a pair of digital stereo speakers, the Bellysonic easily connects to an iPod or MP3 player to provide soothing sounds to a precious child, \$69.95, [www.bellysonic.com](http://www.bellysonic.com); The Play it Safe Game is a clever new board game that is not only entertaining for the whole family, but teaches children invaluable lifesaving information. The game covers everything on the subject of safety: Internet, strangers, transportation, wild animals, fire, water, and much more. The family bonds and has fun while learning to tackle difficult situations, \$29.95, [www.playitsafegame.com](http://www.playitsafegame.com); Snuggin Go, the only SIDS reducing adjustable crash safety tested infant positioner, keeps your baby safe & breathing correctly in car seats, strollers, swings, high chairs, and more. Snuggin Go grows with your baby from birth to one year plus it allows parents to use other products like strollers and high chairs at a much earlier age, \$44.95-49.95, [www.snuggingo.com](http://www.snuggingo.com); Junior Varsity Naturals brand deodorant is an all-natural product developed for active children of any age. This antibacterial deodorant is complete with odor-preventing botanicals, which are gentle and effective while using no harsh chemicals. The deodorant is clear and will not leave any residue, \$6.99, [www.jvnaturals.com](http://www.jvnaturals.com); The Pocket Referee is a remarkably simple tool that will help your kids to learn how to settle their disagreements. Whoever's turn it is to have the coin has a choice to get their way on the current decision, which means giving up the coin to a sibling for the next choice, or letting a sibling have their way now and keeping the coin for the next thing that comes up. It's a win-win situation for all! \$12.95-\$15.95, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com); Rebel Ink Baby provides classic black or white, 100% super soft cotton apparel that is hip, durable, and trend-worthy. Spouting sassy sayings including "I'm too sexy for my diaper" and "Beastie Babies - Fight for your right to potty," these rebellious tees and snap-suits are guaranteed to make you smile and offend someone, all at the same time. There is something for everyone. The line includes recently added pants, hats, and bibs, all made in Minnesota, \$3-\$24, [www.rebelinkbaby.com](http://www.rebelinkbaby.com); Thomas & Friends' Holiday Express DVD is an entertaining and exciting adventure filled with lucky trucks, Christmas puddings, surprise parties and much more. It is trainloads of fun for every kid, \$7.99, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com); My Virtual Tutor is a fun, affordable and portable educational video game that helps children learn how to read and is for Nintendo DS, \$29.99, [www.myvirtualtutorgame.com](http://www.myvirtualtutorgame.com); Playstation 3 has three very exciting new games coming out this season including extreme off-road racing games Fuel and Dirt 2 by Codemasters and an action-filled adventure across a mysterious island in Where The Wild Things Are by WB Games, [www.playstation.com](http://www.playstation.com); Nintendo DS has plenty of new offerings to keep the kids entertained including Scooby-Doo! First Frights—a mystery-solving quest by WB Games, Nostalgia—a role playing adventure which takes the player on a airship around the world by Ignition Entertainment, Astro Boy—a super-powers fight to save Metro City by D3 Publisher, Ben 10 Vilgax Attacks—a battle against villains by D3 Publisher and The Secret Saturdays Beast of the 5th Sun—the Saturdays team fights to take control of the evil cryptids by D3 Publisher, [www.nintendo.com](http://www.nintendo.com); The ever-popular Nintendo Wii system continues to crank out hit video games including its own versions of Scooby-Doo! First Frights, Astro Boy and The Secret Saturdays Beast of the 5th Sun. In addition, the Wii system offers Spore Hero—players build their very own world saving super hero by EA and Deca Sports 2—an exciting completion game featuring 10 different sports by Hudson Entertainment, allowing players to compete with other "DECAtletes" from around the country by way of Nintendo's Wi-Fi online connection, [www.nintendo.com](http://www.nintendo.com).

**F**OR ONE AND ALL: The Oxygenics Evolution showerhead relaxes and massages your body with 54 powerful spray nozzles and 30% more water pressure while saving water and energy. It has a clean sleek design and installs easily on any standard shower arm, \$52.95, [www.oxygenics.com](http://www.oxygenics.com); iGo universal power chargers: one charger for all your devices made possible by iGo's patented tip technology that enables a single unit using interchangeable tips to rapidly charge all of your gadgets, \$49.95, [www.igo.com](http://www.igo.com); Soft Hugwear is a new collection of plush accessories helping to pamper you and your loved ones. Escape the chill with a Plush Blanket, bring a bit of indulgence to a long flight with the Travel Essentials Kit, or lounge around the house in a cushy pair of House Slippers. Items in the collection range from \$3-\$29,

[www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com); Magnivision is a leading designer and distributor of over-the-counter reading glasses, offering more than 300 frames for men and women with fashionable styling and innovative features at affordable prices, [www.magnivision.com](http://www.magnivision.com); The PS 200 in-ear headphones by Phiaton are truly the ultimate listening experience. While delivering great detailed and spacious sound, the headphones make outside noise disappear for a listening experience second to none. They have an incredibly comfortable fit and will plug right into your iPod or MP3 player, \$249, [www.phiaton.com](http://www.phiaton.com); The Lusso Chrome toaster by Pop Art is a clever way to enjoy your favorite snacks. With four interchangeable steel stencil plates, the Lusso Chrome will toast an image right on the top of your bread. Featuring graphics including a heart, birthday cake, shining sun and “Bite Me” saying, the toaster is sure to make any snack a bit more enjoyable, \$49.99, [www.poparttoasterstore.com](http://www.poparttoasterstore.com); Barbarossa and the Towers of Italy is a new documentary film that uncovers the fascinating story of why the Italians built a series of “torries” along the Italian coastline to defend themselves against pirate attacks, [www.barbarossaandthetowers.com](http://www.barbarossaandthetowers.com); Rocksteady Pillows are handmade pillows created out of vintage rock ‘n’ roll t-shirts that have been embellished with studs, paint, glittering stones and other pieces of flair, \$35-\$40, [www.rocksteadypillows.etsy.com](http://www.rocksteadypillows.etsy.com); The Casio EX-FC100 digital camera combines a slim-line body and amazingly fast features, packing the most punch for any pocket-sized camera on the market. It is the best quality for catching every moment with friends and family, \$300, [www.casio.com](http://www.casio.com); CaliBowls are essential kitchen bowls that employ a patented no-spill lid, making them the easiest and cleanest bowls to use when making or enjoying your favorite snack. Offered in ceramic or plastic and in a bright array of colors, the CaliBowl is not only functional, but adds a flair to every household, \$13.99-\$49.99, [www.calibowl.com](http://www.calibowl.com); Pourfect Spill-Proof Bowl and Kitchen Tools are a must-have for every cook. Their shape and construction allow for easy measuring, mixing and pouring, \$15-\$40, [www.pourfectbowl.com](http://www.pourfectbowl.com); Print Master Platinum 2.0 is a computer graphics program that enables users to create personalized print projects in just minutes. Using your own photos and the thousands of templates and designs provided, users can create professional-looking banners, calendars scrapbooks and so much more, \$39.99, [www.broderbund.com](http://www.broderbund.com); Zbuds with Mic by Zagg, one of the best sets of iPhone earbuds on the market with rich sound, noise canceling mic, tangle-free cord, and in-line volume control; The Solar Voice 908 Bluetooth Headset by iTech is the world’s first solar-powered headset. It features noise reduction technology while giving users up to five hours of talk time per charge, \$74.99, [www.itechdynamic.com](http://www.itechdynamic.com); The Solar Charger 906 by iTech is a solar-powered portable mobile charger providing green power to nearly all mobile electronics including iPods, cell phones and entertainment devices, \$59.99, [www.itechdynamic.com](http://www.itechdynamic.com).

**S**AVORIES: Old-fashioned, lovingly homemade chicken soup that can be sent to a loved one anywhere in the country. Created with great care from a special recipe with all natural ingredients—chicken stock, chicken, pasta noodles, carrots, celery, onion, parsley, salt and pepper—no additives or preservatives. Each 64-ounce jar comes beautifully packaged and ready to enjoy—just heat and eat, \$32, perfect to comfort someone sick, sad or having a bad day, [www.spoonfulofcomfort.com](http://www.spoonfulofcomfort.com); Based in the lush Agrinion growing region of sunny Greece, Gaea Products is an emerging leader in pure Greek specialty foods, providing consumers and chefs with quality traditional, authentic and innovative olive oils, tapenades, olives, sauces, peppers and herbs. Using only all natural ingredients grown in the fertile earth of Greece, Gaea products offer all the rich flavors and traditional ingredients essential to create the finest Greek Mediterranean cuisine, [www.gaea.gr/index.htm](http://www.gaea.gr/index.htm); Vino Cotto is a naturally sweet, cooked grape must syrup exuding flavor hints of plums and raisins. This versatile syrup can be used as the new secret ingredient when preparing favorite dishes or makes a tasty topping on ice cream and baked goods. Vino Cotto is produced by Montillo Italian Foods following the Montillo family’s decades old authentic recipe from Calabria, Italy, \$15.95, [www.vinocotto.us](http://www.vinocotto.us); Taza Stone Ground Organic Chocolate, dedicated to the craft of organic bean to bar chocolate that is minimally processed to bring out the bright fruit and berry flavors



inherent to the cacao bean. Taza uses traditional stone mills to grind the cacao and are proud to be the only producers in the U.S. for 100% Stone Ground Chocolate, [www.tazachocolate.com](http://www.tazachocolate.com); Led by renowned Master Chocolatier Christopher Curtin, Eclat Chocolate makes the highest quality treats using the world's finest ingredients. Available in beautiful gift boxes, these chocolates are a delight to have around the holidays and for that special someone come Valentines Day. We especially like the Rose Caramels and the Organic Hot Cocoa Sticks, [www.eclatchocolate.com](http://www.eclatchocolate.com); buttery smoked salmon made the traditional way by smoking over oak logs in an open kiln from Santa Barbara Smokehouse, heralded by the New York Times Syndicate as "the best smoked salmon in the world," [www.sbsmokehouse.com](http://www.sbsmokehouse.com), (805) 966-9796; Wisconsin Dairyland Fudge, award-winning homemade confections by mail, [www.dellsfudge.com](http://www.dellsfudge.com).

**T**O CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS: OXLEY is a new ultra-premium gin capturing the freshest flavors of botanical ingredients to create a bright and intense tasting gin unlike any on the market, a sophisticated and savory tasting experience for gin and spirit aficionados, \$53.99, [www.oxleygin.com](http://www.oxleygin.com); Produced in Valdobbiadene, the most prestigious Prosecco region in Italy, Vigna Dogarina's Prosecco, features fragrant floral qualities accompanied by attractive notes of acacia and meadow flowers, wild apples and honey. Available in two varieties, Brut and Extra Dry, Vigna Dogarina is a great value, \$16-\$20, [www.vignadogarina.com](http://www.vignadogarina.com); Laurent-Perrier Ultra Brut's delicate finish leaves the palate fresh, while its subtle balance makes it a remarkably versatile Champagne. Its capacity to bring out flavors in food makes it ideal as an aperitif or paired with dessert, [www.laurentperrierus.com](http://www.laurentperrierus.com); 2008 Van Duzer Estate Pinot Gris, \$16, from the Willamette Valley is a crisp, bright, refreshing wine distinguished by notes of melon, floral and fig. Their 2007 Estate Pinot Noir, \$30, reflects the cool microclimate of their vineyards and is full of bright cherry character, complexity and balance, [www.vanduzer.com](http://www.vanduzer.com); You cannot buy a better gin than Martin Miller's Gin, small batch, pot-distilled, using only the heart of the spirit, 10 hand-picked botanicals and blended with Icelandic spring water, [www.millersgin.com](http://www.millersgin.com); Koz 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, is an intense 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from low-yielding, dry-farmed, hillside vineyards in the Napa Valley. Aged exclusively in French Oak barrels for 20 months and made by Chris Condos of Napa Valley's boutique winery, Vinum Cellars, in collaboration with the great jazz saxophonist Dave Koz. Only 200 cases have been produced, \$29.99, available at Whole Foods Market; Click Wine Group offers a great selection of tasty, value priced wines to help celebrate the holidays. One of the following is sure to be the perfect compliment to a holiday dinner: Fat Bastard—a rich and robust Shiraz, Root: 1—a smooth, richly flavored Carmenere, Clean Slate and Flying Fish—hearty and delicious Rieslings, High Note—a spicy and full-flavored Malbec, Root: 1—a classic and fruity Cabernet Sauvignon, Root: 1— a smooth and citrusy Sauvignon Blanc, Root: 1—a captivating Chardonnay, \$10-\$13, [www.clickwinegroup.com](http://www.clickwinegroup.com); The Ravi is an instant wine chiller allowing you to savor your wine at just the right temperature within seconds, \$39.90, [www.ravisolution.com](http://www.ravisolution.com); Bols Genever, a classically-styled Dutch genever gin based on a 19th century recipe is a unique and delicious distilled white spirit with a smooth character echoing its historic roots, [www.bolsgenever.com](http://www.bolsgenever.com); Vinturi, the essential wine aerator, for better bouquet, enhanced flavors and smoother finish, [www.vinturi.com](http://www.vinturi.com); 2008 Fume Blanc from Sonoma's Dry Creek, a quintessential balanced white wine, crisp, bright and refreshing with aromas of lemon-lime and melon and grapefruit-lemon zest flavors, [www.drycreekvineyard.com](http://www.drycreekvineyard.com); Dry Sack Sherry, a medium dry treat from Spain's venerable Williams & Humbert, a staple in so many dishes from traditional to ethnic, or as an aperitif, the world's top selling sherry brand, \$16, [www.kindredspiritsusa.com](http://www.kindredspiritsusa.com); wines of Navarra in northern Spain, five regions known for their fruity reds and roses, Chardonnays, celebrated Cabernets and Merlots and sweet Muscats, \$10-\$25, especially Boegas Chivite Gran Feudo Rosado, Sarria Senorio de Sarria Crianza, Marco Real Garnacha, Monjardin Castillo de Monjardin Deyo; Beaujolais from France, full of pure fresh fruit and some full and fleshy, velvet and tender, our favorites being Pierre Chermette 2007 Domaine du Vissoux, 2006 Earl Gelin Domaine des Nuges Beaujolais-Villages, Clos De Haute Combe Julienas 2006, Guy Breton Vieilles

Vignes Morgon 2007, Michel Tete Domaine de Clos du Fief Julienas 2006, Domaine Piron & Lafont “Quartz” Chénas 2006, Chateau des Jacques Moulin-a-Vent 2005, Bouland Vieilles Vignes Organic Morgon 2008, all \$15-\$23 with the exception of the \$46 Chateau des Jacques Moulin-a-Vent.

**M**USIC TO OUR EARS: Putumayo World Music has introduced three exciting new CDs that keep up with their slogan, “Guaranteed to make you feel good!”—Brazilian Café, Jazz Around the World, and Espana each sample a selection of songs from renowned international musicians creating play lists that are the perfect match for any occasion, \$14.98, [www.putumayo.com](http://www.putumayo.com); the singing of Antoine Bleck-his CD *Mes Illusions* is a masterpiece of French crooning, [www.frenchcrooner.com](http://www.frenchcrooner.com) (he also owns one of New York’s best French restaurants, Opia).

**B**OOKS: *THE EDGE OF FOREVER* by Jeff Chimenti, a series of earthquakes spurs a disastrous cataclysm of nature. This intriguing human story blended with scientific research is sure to pique your interest in what might be the end of mankind; *GOLDEN DOOR COOKS AT HOME* by Dean Rucker with Maria Stets. Since the opening of the world-renowned Golden Door spa fifty years ago, guests have dined on an inspired collection of bold and innovative cuisine and in this book the celebrated spa’s executive chef shares his most sought-after recipes and cooking tips; *250 TRUE ITALIAN PASTA DISHES: Easy & Authentic Recipes Inspired by Quartino Ristorante Pizzeria Wine Bar* by Italian chef John Coletta, takes the mystery out of creating the perfect pasta meal with this new cookbook co-written with noted food writer Nancy Ross Ryan. For home cooks learn all the tips, tools, and techniques needed to produce delicious pasta; *NEVER TRUST A THIN COOK AND OTHER LESSONS FROM ITALY’S CULINARY CAPITAL* by Eric Dregni. Moving from Minnesota to Italy in search of the world’s best food, Dregni presents a classic American abroad tale, brimming with adventures both expected and unexpected, awkward social moments, and most important, very good food; *THE 100 SPORTING EVENTS YOU MUST SEE LIVE: An Insider’s Guide to Creating the Sports Experience of a Lifetime*, published by BenBella Books in which sports travel guru Robert Tuchman ranks the Top 100 events—from the Masters to the Little 500—and tells readers how to get the most out of them; *THE HUMAN BRAIN BOOK* by Rita Carter, gorgeously illustrated and designed, *The Human Brain Book* is a remarkably comprehensive reference, and the book’s author breathes life to this subject area with her thoughtful and articulate opinions and experiences studying neuroscience. The book smoothly breaks down the complexities of the brain so that the general population can easily engage and understand what it is, what it does, how it does it and why; *ISLANDS: 100 Ultimate Escapes*, a stunning Rizzoli book sure to inspire for those long for white sands and blue waters, disconnecting from the world, and traveling to out of the way destinations sure to inspire and entertain; *SISTER PARISH DESIGN: On Decorating*, a fantastic book filled with beautiful images and wonderful advice from the two people who can best keep Sister Parish’s legacy alive: Susan Bartlett Crater, Sister Parish’s granddaughter, and Libby Cameron, her last protégée. The book includes sections on all parts of design, from furniture to lighting to color, and has helpful advice and inspiring words from some of the most infamous designers currently working in the field. This, combined with Sister Parish’s ever-valuable wisdom and beautiful watercolors by Mita Corsini Bland; *THE HEART OF BUDDHA* by Elsie Sze takes readers on a breathtaking adventure through the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan while bringing to life the story of a young Canadian woman who mysteriously disappeared at the end of a six-month assignment in Bhutan; *PARIS POSTCARDS* by Leonard Pitt is a stunning new volume of historical postcards featuring the City of Light that takes readers deep into the art of the postcard and one of the most beautiful cities in the world; any audio book by Random House Audio, simply the best in the business, [www.randomhouseaudio.com](http://www.randomhouseaudio.com).

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