2010 Holiday Gift Guide

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We hope you find value in this gift guide. We’ve hand-chosen these titles and that they represent gift ideas for just about anyone. We’ve made sure to include many of our personal favorites. We know the importance of value, so we’ve also included several wonderful books under $20, which we’ve designated with this festive green snowflake.

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We truly appreciate your support for Books on the Nightstand, and thank you for allowing us to share our love of books and reading with you. For those of you that read and listen on a regular basis, thank you. For our new friends, welcome – we look forward to getting to know you!

Happy Holidays!
Ann Kingman and Michael Kindness
Barefoot Contessa How Easy Is That?
Ina Garten, $35.00, hardcover
Ina Garten, the beloved star of Barefoot Contessa on Food Network and the creator of six New York Times bestselling cookbooks, is back with her easiest, yet no less elegant, recipes ever.

Primal Cuts
Marissa Guggiana, $37.50, hardcover
This book, which profiles 50 of the country’s best meat cutters, teaches the home cook how to talk to a butcher, the differences between each cut of meat, and how to cook them properly, from chicken to wild game.

Rachael Ray’s Look + Cook
Rachael Ray, $24.99, paperback
Rachael’s new book features 100 recipes, each with multiple full-color photos showing the process. Many of the recipes in the bonus section of 30-minute meals have companion online videos so you can watch the meal come together in real-time!

Meat
James Peterson, $35.00, HC
A comprehensive visual guide to cooking all cuts of meat using every cooking method, from award-winning cookbook author James Peterson.

At Home with Madhur Jaffrey
Madhur Jaffrey, $35.00, hardcover
Madhur Jaffrey, who introduced Indian cooking to America in the seventies, now gives us a new approach to this delectable cuisine, making it even easier to incorporate into our busy lives.

Bobby Flay’s Throwdown!
Bobby Flay, $27.50, hardcover
Are you ready for a Throwdown? Star chef Bobby Flay presents the sought-after recipes from his hit show, now in its seventh season. For each featured battle, both recipes—Bobby’s and his competitor’s—are featured.

Quiches, Kugels, and Couscous
Joan Nathan, $39.95, hardcover
In this deeply personal journey, Joan Nathan explores Jewish cooking in France, past and present, and uncovers a wealth of recipes to be treasured!

The Geometry of Pasta
Caz Hildebrand and Jacob Kenedy, $24.95, hardcover
So much more than just a cookbook, this is a beautifully designed guide to many of the more than 300 shapes of pasta, their history, and the perfect sauces to accompany them. Plus, the dust jacket unfolds into a poster of pasta shapes and patterns!
Food & Drink

**How to Repair Food**
Tanya Zeryck, John Bear and Marina Bear, $14.99, paperback
This book is a must for every cook on your list! No matter the level of expertise, every home cook messes up once in a while. This encyclopedic reference can fix salty, burnt, bland, lumpy and more.

**The Gourmet Cookie Book**
Gourmet Magazine, $18.00, hardcover
The subtitle says it all: The Single Best Recipe from Each Year 1941-2009. Every recipe features a full-color photo, each so mouthwatering that you’ll be breaking out the flour, sugar and butter!

**Dylan’s Candy Bar**
Dylan Lauren, $35.00, hardcover
For the young at heart, this book appeals to those who are obsessed with candy, entertaining, and living the sweet life. Filled with crafts, cocktails and decorating ideas for parties centered around the sweetest of treats!

**Biscotti**
Mona Talbott, $18.95, hardcover
From The Rome Sustainable Food Project comes the first in a series of beautifully-illustrated single-subject cookbooks featuring classic Italian recipes and new favorites. Give your holiday cookie platter a makeover!

**America’s Test Kitchen Healthy Family Cookbook**
America’s Test Kitchen Editors, $34.95, hardcover
This new addition to Michael’s favorite series of cookbooks features 800 healthy recipes from breakfast to dessert, hundreds of step-by-step photos, plus honest equipment and ingredient ratings.

**Harvest to Heat**
Darryl Estrine & Kelly Kochendorfer, $40.00, hardcover
*Harvest to Heat* explores the dynamic relationship between farmers and restaurant chefs, and paints beautiful portraits of these often unheralded people, even while it offers up a bounty of never-before-published, easy to cook recipes—100 in all.

**Boozehound**
Jason Wilson, $22.99, hardcover
Part travelogue, part spirits history, and part recipe collection, *Boozehound* is a journalistic excursion into lesser-known, forgotten, and misunderstood spirits for adventurous imbibers of liquors, bitters, and elixirs from around the world.

**What I Eat**
Peter Menzel and Faith D’Aluisio, $40.00, hardcover
A stunning photographic collection, featuring portraits of 80 people from 30 countries, each photographed with all of the food they eat over the course of one day.
The Invisible Bridge
Julie Orringer, $26.95, hardcover
Julie Orringer's astonishing first novel is a grand love story, and a sweeping, magisterial tale of two brothers whose lives are torn apart by war.

Ann's favorite book of the year!

The Bells
Richard Harvell, $24.00, hardcover
Enchanting and epic, The Bells is the confession of a thief and a kidnapper--a boy with the voice of an angel whose exquisite sense of hearing becomes both his life's tragic curse and its greatest blessing.

Michael's favorite book of the year!

Luka and the Fire of Life
Salman Rushdie, $25.00, hardcover
This sequel to Haroun and the Sea of Stories is a lush contemporary fable for all ages in which a young boy must battle his way through a magical world in order to save his father.

To the End of the Land
David Grossman, $26.95, hardcover
This masterpiece about an Israeli mother and son and the costs of war is already an international best seller, poised to be the most popular book yet by David Grossman, one of Israel's greatest living writers.

Moonlight Mile
Dennis Lehane, $26.99, hardcover
Lehane is back with his sixth mystery to feature Boston private eyes Patrick Kenzie and Angie Gennaro. This new novel is a sequel to his bestselling Gone, Baby, Gone.

Doctor Zhivago
Boris Pasternak, $30.00, hardcover
From the award-winning translators of War and Peace and Anna Karenina, comes a stunning new translation of Boris Pasternak's Nobel Prize-winning masterpiece that brings to life the drama and immensity of the Russian Revolution.

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Fall of Giants
Ken Follett, $36.00, hardcover
This first novel in The Century Trilogy follows the fates of five interrelated families—American, German, Russian, English, and Welsh—as they move through the dramas of the First World War, the Russian Revolution, and the struggle for women's suffrage.

The Emperor's Tomb
Steve Berry, $26.00, hardcover
Cotton Malone and Cassiopeia Vitt return in the most intense novel of historical intrigue yet from New York Times bestselling author Steve Berry.

Worth Dying For
Lee Child, $28.00, hardcover
After the breathtaking conclusion of 61 Hours, Lee Child gives his legions of fans a heart-stopping surprise--starting in the very first chapter.

I Still Dream About You
Fannie Flagg, $26.00, hardcover
I Still Dream About You is a wonderful novel that is equal parts Southern charm, murder mystery, and that perfect combination of comedy and old-fashioned wisdom that can be served up only by America’s own remarkable Fannie Flagg.

Absolute All-Star Superman
Grant Morrison, $99.99, hardcover
The award-winning series from comics superstar Grant Morrison is collected in an oversized, slipcased hardcover, complete with a bonus sketchbook section.

American Vampire Vol. 1
Scott Snyder and Stephen King, $24.99, hardcover
A fresh take on a gothic classic—the vampire—by writer Scott Snyder and co-written by Stephen King--the first ever comic written by the horror master.
**The Hunting of the Snark**  
Lewis Carroll, $14.95, hardcover  
The tantalizing mysteries of Lewis Carroll’s nonsense poem are here perfectly matched in these brilliant new illustrations by artist Mahendra Singh, who has created a visual treasure hunt, full of riddles, puns, and allusions.

**The Odyssey**  
Homer, $14.99, paperback  
Award-winning graphic artist Gareth Hinds masterfully retells this classic story of action, adventure, and heroism. Beautiful illustrations show us this tale in a whole new way!

**How to Understand Israel in 60 Days or Less**  
Sarah Glidden, $24.99, hardcover  
In the footsteps of *Persepolis* comes this award-winning original non-fiction coming-of-age political story from a talented and aspiring young writer.

**Superman: Earth One**  
J. Michael Straczynski, $19.99, hardcover  
This contemporary, original graphic novel gives new insight into Clark Kent’s transformation into Superman and his first year as The Man of Steel.

**Cuba: My Revolution**  
Inverna Lockpez, $24.99, hardcover  
A roman à clef based on Inverna Lockpez’s astonishing early life in her native Havana, where her world was upended by the Cuban Revolution.

**DC Comics: Year by Year**  
Daniel Wallace, Alex Irvine and Matthew Manning, $50.00, hardcover  
This slipcased hardcover traces DC’s fascinating story and details the major DC publishing landmarks and more, displayed month by month. Needless to say, this book is heavily illustrated and is a treat to peruse!

**DC Super Heroes: The Ultimate Pop-Up Book**  
Matthew Reinhart, $29.99, hardcover  
All of the stars of the DC Universe spring to life in this amazingly constructed pop-up book from paper wizard Matthew Reinhart. The book even includes a light-up Bat Signal!

**DC Comics: The 75th Anniversary Poster Book**  
Robert Schnakenberg, $40.00, paperback  
Here are 100 of the most important, most incredible, and most bizarre comic book covers from DC’s archives, all perforated and ready to display in your apartment, dorm room, or Batcave.
**How to Live**  
Sarah Bakewell, $25.00, hardcover  
An unorthodox biography of the fascinating sixteenth-century philosopher and essayist Michel de Montaigne that attempts to answer the universal question of: how to live?

**Atlantic**  
Simon Winchester, $27.99, hardcover  
Blending history and anecdote, reminiscence and geography, science and exposition, the author of *Krakatoa* tells the breathtaking saga of the magnificent Atlantic Ocean, setting it against the backdrop of mankind's intellectual evolution.

**The Tiger**  
John Vaillant, $26.95, hardcover  
A riveting account of the hunt for a marauding man-eating Amur tiger, set in the bleak and forbidding cold of Siberia.

**Chasing the Sun**  
Richard Cohen, $35.00, hardcover  
An epic chronicle of humankind's relationship with the sun--from our first recorded history to the present day. Informed by seven years of research and the author's visits to seventeen countries, it is both an engrossing social and scientific history and a story of discovery.

**Unbroken**  
Laura Hillenbrand, $27.00, hardcover  
Louis Zamperini: childhood troublemaker, teen track star, Olympic athlete, WWII prisoner of war and a man who refused to give up. From the author of *Seabiscuit*, comes another unforgettable story.

**The Hard Way Around**  
Geoffrey Wolff, $25.95, hardcover  
An ideal combination of biographer and subject. Joshua Slocum, author of *Sailing Alone Around the World*, was internationally renowned well before his death in 1909 and remains to this day a patron saint of mariners and explorers.

**The Autobiography of Mark Twain, Vol. 1**  
Mark Twain, $34.95, hardcover  
The year 2010 marks the 100th anniversary of Mark Twain's death. In celebration of this important milestone, Twain's uncensored autobiography is available exactly as he left it.

**Patti LuPone**  
Patti LuPone, $25.99, hardcover  
Legendary Broadway star Patti LuPone tells the intimate story of her life in this fascinating and revealing memoir. She’s not afraid to bruise egos as she honestly shares her memories.
At Home
Bill Bryson, $28.95, hardcover
From beloved author Bill Bryson, comes a classic of modern science and history writing, a book about our homes—how they truly work, how they got to be the way they are today, and the fascinating history behind it all.

Decoded
Jay-Z, $35.00, hardcover
For the millions who know him as the greatest rapper alive and an unparalleled cultural and business icon, this is the story of the legendary Jay-Z, told through lyrics, images, and a powerful personal narrative.

Seeing Further
edited by Bill Bryson, $35.00, hardcover
Seeing Further is an unprecedented celebration of the history of the Royal Society. Bringing together the very best of science writing, this is an amazing look at the power of ideas.

The Grand Design
Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodinow, $28.00, hardcover
Here in one brilliant volume is the accumulated wisdom of a lifetime of thinking about the questions that were once addressed by philosophy, but are now the province of science.

Decision Points
George W. Bush, $35.00, hardcover
Decision Points brings readers inside the Texas governor’s mansion on the night of the 2000 election, aboard Air Force One during the harrowing hours after the attacks of September 11, 2001, and behind the scenes for many other historic presidential decisions.

The Wave
Susan Casey, $27.95, hardcover
Blending science and personal stories, this is an astonishing book about colossal, ship-swallowing, city-destroying rogue waves, and the surfers who seek them out.

The Mind’s Eye
Oliver Sacks, $26.95, hardcover
From the best-selling author of Musicophilia, an exploration of vision and its myriad dimensions that become apparent when we face their loss.

How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming
Mike Brown, $25.00, hardcover
A memoir by the adorably geeky scientist who, in his effort to discover the tenth planet, ended up demoting everyone’s favorite planet, Pluto, to a firestorm of public outrage.
**History**

**Colonel Roosevelt**
Edmund Morris, $35.00, hardcover
Thirty years after he began the series, Edmund Morris brings us *Colonel Roosevelt*, the third and final volume of his landmark life of one of the most indelible and significant figures in American history.

**American Colossus**
H. W. Brands, $35.00, hardcover
Pulitzer Prize finalist H. W. Brands chronicles the sweeping changes during the Gilded Age in America, the three decades after the Civil War.

**First Family**
Joseph J. Ellis, $27.95, hardcover
A fascinating portrait of Abigail and John Adams' marriage in the context of the American Revolution by the best-selling, prize-winning author of *His Excellency* and *Founding Brothers*.

**Madison and Jefferson**
Andrew Burstein & Nancy Isenberg, $35.00, hardcover
A sweeping and provocative account of the most important political friendship in American history by two leading historians of early America.

**The Warmth of Other Suns**
Isabel Wilkerson, $30.00, hardcover
This magnificent epic by Pulitzer Prize-winner Isabel Wilkerson chronicles the decades-long migration of African-Americans from the South to the North and West, from World War I through the 1970s--through the stories of three individuals and their families.
**Finishing the Hat**
Stephen Sondheim, $39.95, hardcover
In *Finishing the Hat*, Sondheim has not only collected his lyrics for the first time, but he's giving readers a rare and personal look into his timeless productions while also educating fans and aspiring songwriters with keen insights into his writing process.

**Bob Dylan In America**
Sean Wilentz, $28.95, hardcover
One of America's finest historians makes the case for Bob Dylan as one of America's greatest and most enduring artists.

**The Noël Coward Reader**
Edited by Barry Day, $39.95, hardcover
A sublime Noël Coward reader—the first ever that brings together the best of his short stories, verse, songs, plays, novels and screenplays.

**Apollo's Angels**
Jennifer Homans, $35.00, hardcover
Written by a critic, historian and former ballerina, this is the first definitive history of ballet, lavishly illustrated and beautifully packaged.

**Reading Jackie**
William Kuhn, $27.95, hardcover
Using the lens of the books she acquired and edited, this is a revealing biography of the former first lady and her career in publishing.

**My Reading Life**
Pat Conroy, $25.00, hardcover
Bestselling author Pat Conroy celebrates the books that have shaped him, and shares the profound effect that reading has had on his life.
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edited by Diana Secker Tesdell, $15.00, hardcover  
Two centuries of great short stories about man's best friend, from Mark Twain to Jonathan Lethem. A perfect stocking stuffer!

**I Remember Nothing**  
Nora Ephron, $22.95, hardcover  
Nora Ephron is back, taking a cool, hard, hilarious look at the past, the present, and the future, bemoaning the vicissitudes of modern life, and recalling with her signature clarity and wisdom everything she hasn’t (yet) forgotten.

**The Best Buddhist Writing 2010**  
edited by Melvin McLeod and the editors of the Shambhala Sun, $17.95, paperback  
An eclectic and thought-provoking collection of Buddhist and Buddhist-inspired writings on a wide range of issues published in North America during 2009.

**Great Migrations**  
K.M. Kostyal, $35.00, hardcover  
A breathtaking visual companion to the 7-hour National Geographic Channel special miniseries of the same name, this book will appeal to animal lovers, naturalists, environmentalists, and anyone who loves beautiful photographs.

**Creative Paper Cutting**  
Edited by Shufunotomo, $19.95, paperback  
Contemporary and creative paper cutting techniques that can be used in a variety of crafts—making cards, designing mobiles, stenciling fabrics, creating decorations, and more.

**Knitted Wild Animals**  
Sarah Keen, $19.99, paperback  
For knitters at all skill levels who want to make cute, cuddly wild animals, from a sweet elephant to a huggable penguin. Michael’s wife is knitting a hippo from this book as he’s typing this sentence!

**Of Thee I Sing**  
Barack Obama, $17.99, hardcover  
This beautifully-illustrated picture book by President Barack Obama is a gift to his daughters and a treasure to share in every family.

**Warm Knits, Cool Gifts**  
Sally Melville and Caddy Melville Ledbetter, $22.99, paperback  
Thirty-five family-friendly designs fill this new pattern book with classic and colorful designs, solid techniques, expert advice, tips and tricks, fitting tips, and heart-warming personal stories.
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