



# Calendars, books and videos for adults

**F**ORGET THE plaid ties and over-priced colognes that often end up in the back of a drawer a few weeks after the holidays.

This year give the people on your list the gift of information — books to read, videos to watch and beautiful calendars on which you record their appointments for the year to come.

You already know that the bookworms on your list would like the latest best seller or a gift certificate from a bookstore so they can choose titles for themselves. But if you would like to be a little offbeat this year, consider these alternatives.

**EVERYBODY IS** trying to get organized and eliminate clutter from his life. Prentice Hall has come up with loose-leaf planning systems for students, households, oenophiles and photographers. Pick up the one on Christmas preparations for yourself.

From Fawcett Columbine come books of artistic postcards. Choose from such titles as "The Impression-

ists," "Renaissance Artists," "Flower Paintings" and "Cats in Art" for your friends to collect or send.

Books that combine art and beauty with informative text come from Collins Publishers. "The Beautiful Cookbook" series includes photos and recipes from France and Italy. "The Art of Adventure" collects 20 years of photography of adventurer photographer Galen Rowell.

**FOR MORE TRAVEL** and adventure captured in photos, there are "Bush Pilots of Alaska" by Fred Hirschmann and "Skiing the Rockies" (Graphic Arts Center). This publishing company also offers picture books of most of the states and several other countries, along with "The Collectors" by Bob Rau for antique buffs.

For music lovers, what about "Jazz From A to Z: A Graphic Dictionary" by Stephen Longstreet (Cathart Press), for collectors "Understanding Jewelry" by David Bennett and Daniela Mascetti (Antique Collectors Club) and for those who appreciate ar-

chitecture "The Architecture of Gunnar Birkerts" by Kay Kaiser (American Institute of Architects).

**AN UNUSUAL** and spectacular volume is "A Victorian Scrapbook" by Cynthia Hart, John Grossman and Patricia Dunhill (Workman), a lush collection of Victorianiana as authentic as if it had been assembled in the 19th century.

For a truly thoughtful pre-Christmas treat, surprise a friend with "The Spirit of Christmas" edited by Anne Von Wagner Young (Leisure Arts). This book offers decorating ideas, menus, recipes and instructions for making handmade gifts — enough to put anyone in the holiday spirit.

**FOR FRIENDS** and family with VCRs, the sky is the limit. Start their holiday season off with Christmas classics from Vestron Video, such as "A Christmas Carol," "Pinocchio's Christmas" and Henry Winkler's "An American Christmas Carol."

Other still popular releases from Vestron are "Mr. Mom," "Mad Max" and "Duty Dancin'" available this year at bargain prices.

Rhino Video has come out with an interesting concept: "Minute Movie Masterpieces." This Minute video shows minute-long clips from famous movies so that the viewer can make cocktail party small talk without actually having seen the film.

**FOR LOVERS** of old favorites, Republic Pictures offers Peter Lorre in "The Man Who Knew Too Much," "The Third Man" with Orson Welles and "High Noon" with Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly. Or such treasured westerns as "Rio Grande" and "Naked Sun." MGM-UA has brought out the chilling and unforgettable "The Manchurian Candidate."

Kultur Video offers opera star Kiri Te Kanawa from the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden, London, pianist Claudio Arrau playing Brahms and Rudolf Nureyev and Margot Fonteyn in "Roméo and Juliet," among many others.

**OTHER ART** favorites come from VUEW, which offers "Picasso: The Man and His Work," "Yehudi Menuhin" tribute to J.S. Bach and the documentary "A Woman's Place," narrated by Julie Harris.

Celebrate the career of Sir Laurence Olivier with "Love Among the Ruins," "Rebecca," "The Boys from Brazil" and "The Dotsy" just out from CHS/Fox.

**INTELLECTUALS** AND philosophy on your list will welcome the PBS series "Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth With Bill Moyers."

Paramount Home Video is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a huge selection from which you can pick for everyone on your list. Choose from comedy, horror and drama, as well as opera, travel and sports.

Self-improvement videos are always popular. Give the golfer on your list "Lee Trevino's Priceless Golf Tips" or "Greg Norman: the Complete Golfer." Parents will appreciate "Infant Health Care" or "Strong Kids, Safe Kids." Teenagers will enjoy "How Can I Tell If I'm in Love?" starring Ted Danson and Justine Bateman, all from Paramount, which also offers the relaxing and evocative Windham Hill "sensation" videos of the seasons and exotic locales.

Other self-help videotapes cover everything from exercise, travel and wardrobe planning to cooking and massage.

**REGARDLESS** OF the interests of the people on your list, you can be sure there is a calendar that will delight.

The average American family uses six calendars at home, at work or school and in purses, and briefcases and nearly one-third of them have been received as gifts, says Hallmark Cards Inc.

People today want calendars that are an extension of their personalities, their interests and hobbies," said By Anubright, Hallmark product manager for calendars. One of their more than 100 designs includes stickers for children to apply.

Landmark's extensive collection for this season includes stars such as Tom Selleck, James Dean and Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe, presidential first ladies, John F. Kennedy and the British royal family.

**THERE IS** a horror collection, a nostalgia collection that includes photos from "Leave It to Beaver" and the ever-popular sensual collection. Comics and humor calendars include Dennis the Menace, Bizarro and Mad magazine.

Consider also those featuring boats, trains, automobiles and aircraft, bicycling, hot-air ballooning, fishing, baseball, animals, birds, flowers, tropical islands, nature, art, fantasy, New Age, inspiration, clowns, travel, food, quilts, rock music — you get the idea.

Choose from an artistic wall calendar that can help dress up a room or a useful engagement calendar so your friend will think of you each time he or she writes down an appointment.

Paid calendars, such as those from Workman Publishing, provide a separate sheet for each day with cartoons, trivia questions, sports facts, vocabulary words, famous quotations or horoscope predictions to entertain the recipient throughout the coming year.



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