

Gifts we love

Making your list and checking it twice?

Here's some gift-buying inspiration for those hard-to-buy-for loved ones

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The Fashionista

For the fashionista in your life, a scarf from the Gap just won't do. Find exquisite, one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry direct from Spain, at the eclectic upscale consignment store Rewind (1959 152nd St., Surrey). The boutique also carries luxurious furnishings, décor, clothing and accessories.

\$39 and up



The Prankster



Is that something unsettling creaking overhead ... a sinister laugh ... a gasping last breath? No, you're not hearing things. That's the EvilTron, a fiendish, small device that your little prankster can use to lead the gullible into a maze of paranoia. Buy online at Thinkgeek.com.

\$9.99

The Wine Connoisseur

The wine-o will love some cheese-o to accompany their fine wine collection. An elegant choice is rocinante (drunken goat), a cheese washed in red wine, found at local cheese specialty shop, Keso (14841 Marine Dr., White Rock), otherwise known as cheese heaven.

Prices vary

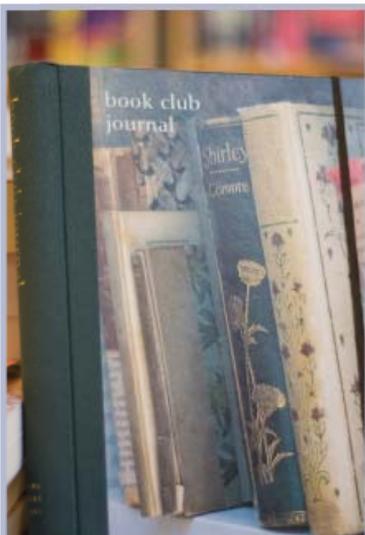


The Foodie

Know someone who loves to eat, but could use some help in the kitchen? Spice up your favourite foodie's life with a "Gourmet Cooking Session" gift certificate at Grandview Corners' Kitchen Therapy (2443 161A St., Surrey). And throw in a kitchen gadget as a stocking stuffer.

\$55

and up



A book club for one? If the bookworm in your life likes to keep track of good reads, this classy Book Club Journal from Black Bond Books has dividers for notes, suggested books and also how-to-start-a-book-club information.

\$9.99

The Bookworm



\$69

and up



The Gadget Lover

The Jawbone 2 Bluetooth headset is one of CNET's highest-rated headsets and a must-have for all cell phone users, especially since driving with handhelds may soon be banned. Get it in basic black, shiny silver or fabulous gold. Find it online at eBay and other electronics retailers.

The Fitness Buff



\$99

You need to be on the ball to get fit — or at least on half of the ball. Get your fit friend a Bosu ball this Christmas at bosu.com. It's good for improving balance, and 90 per cent of personal trainers include balance training to their fitness programs.

The Photographer

Have SLR, will travel? The three-in-one Kata 3N1-20 is the ultimate in travel camera bags. With a single reflex action, this bag changes form backpack to front loader. Check it out at Foto Source (15138 16th Ave., White Rock).

\$99



The Social Butterfly

Does your loved one love to entertain? Local artist and chef Moon Sarai creates one-of-a-kind fruit centerpieces using the rare Thai art of culinary carving, once reserved exclusively for the royal family of Thailand. Your butterfly will flourish with a gift from Moonscape Masterpieces (1407 Johnston Rd., White Rock).



\$39-129

The Giver

Make a hearty donation on a loved one's behalf to Peace Arch Hospital Foundation or other local hospital for quality medical care close to home.



Choose any amount

The In-laws

Give the gift that keeps on giving — get the in-laws out of your hair for the evening, with tickets to a show like *It's a Wonderful Life* (shown in photo). Shop online and send them off to the Arts Club Theatre Company on Granville Island (or Arts Club on Tour at the Surrey Arts Centre) for a delightful night — or season — of entertainment.

Ticket prices vary



Photography by David Cooper

The Forgotten (whoops!)



Photography by Duran Cheung

They have the books, the posters, the DVD. What else is there for Twilight series fanatics? How about the Bella Charm Bracelet in sterling silver by Sugarlime Jewelry. See a Twilight selection at Warren Fashion Boutique (14022 2 Ave., South Surrey).

\$5.99
and up

The Twilighter

They have the books, the posters, the DVD. What else is there for Twilight series fanatics? How about the Bella Charm Bracelet in sterling silver by Sugarlime Jewelry. See a Twilight selection at Warren Fashion Boutique (14022 2 Ave., South Surrey).

\$89

The Young Environmentalist

Teach your children to be green with Flip 'n' Tip Fred, a friction-powered recycle truck. Sturdy enough to be recycled to the next generation. Add the book *Michael Recycle Meets Litterbug Doug* at Kidsbooks (15033 32nd Ave., South Surrey).

\$50
for both

