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THE OFF DUTY 50 GIFT GUIDE

Rare Finds

No one desperately wants to unwrap sad, ordinary socks. Or a ballpoint pen. This holiday, we've hunted down 50 true unicorn presents—from one-of-a-kind buys to handmade originals, rich with idiosyncrasy



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PROUDLY WEIRD
Someone out there wants to paper a wall with peacock feathers, right?
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Hermès reaches back into its design archives
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A Noah's Ark of luxe animal brooches—but only a few kangaroos
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Don't hand out unwanted fruitcakes. Whip up this coriander brittle instead
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And make it chilly. And add dogs. A Greenland getaway for a loved one with wanderlust
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Apple AirPods come in white and... white. Unless you customize them (for a friend)
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Hop To It
Though the animals typically travel two by two in the new Noah's Ark-inspired collection of clips from Van Cleef & Arpels, you get three kangaroos in this bouncy set. Notice the baby roo poking out of the pouch of his gem-encrusted mother; like her mate, she's set in 18k yellow gold and crafted from diamonds, yellow sapphires, spessartite garnets and cabochon-cut black spinels. Act fast (each piece is one-of-a-kind) or you may end up with sparkly giraffes or mere bejeweled monkeys. Brooch Set, \$260,000, Van Cleef & Arpels, 877-826-2533 —Marshall Heyman

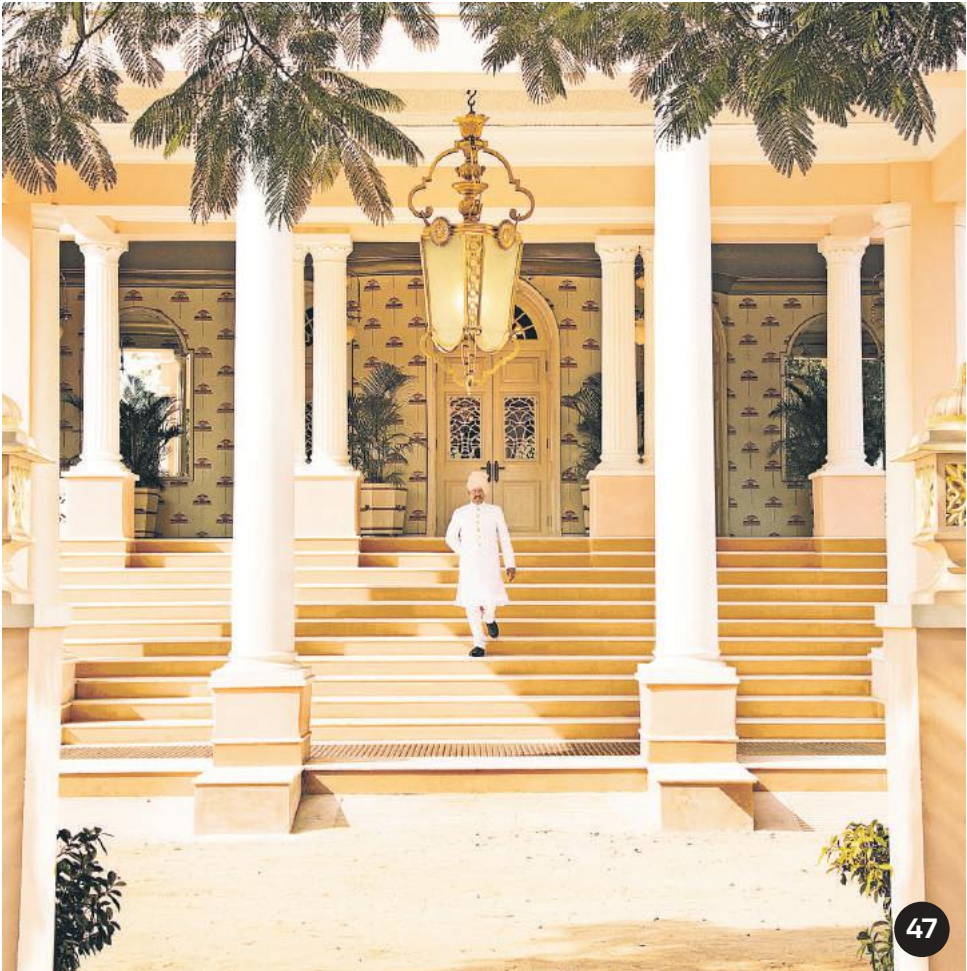
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Sleep Like A Raja
Is there someone on your list with royal taste? Consider gifting him or her a stay at an Indian palace hotel. But don't settle for just any opulent pile, overstuffed with dusty tapestries and antiques. The 18th-century Suján Rajmahal in Jaipur, an erstwhile Maharajah residence, reopened its doors in 2015

after a playful reboot. Each of the 14 suites, awash in fuchsia, violet and royal blue, as well as countless wallpaper prints, looks distinct. And many are named for former pedigreed guests, including Jackie O. and Queen Elizabeth. How's that for royal cred? *From \$930 a night, sujanluxury.com/raj-mahal* —Sarah Khan

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High Seafood
For a fishy gift of hospitality, serve up seafood as they do in Spain and Portugal: straight from the can. La Brújula of Galicia, Spain, and Portugal's José Gourmet offer premium-quality, locally caught fish in tins, ready to eat and far more rarefied than Chicken of the Sea. La Brújula's buttery ventresca (what's known as toro at the sushi bar) or José's mackerel in olive oil will instantly elevate a Triscuit. La Brújula's razor clams make ordinary garlicky linguine a dinner-party dish. And the tins are certainly pretty enough to stuff stockings with. *From \$8, wixtermarket.com* —G.G.

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Unbeatable Beetle
Measuring 3 feet bumper-to-bumper, this handmade 1960s wicker Volkswagen Beetle, one of only a few made, will make a classy addition to any kid's room or rev engines among the gear-head set as a living-room objet. And while your recipient won't get pulled over for trying to drive this bug after that third eggnog, don't blame us if the rattan can't support his or her winter weight. Vintage Oversize Wicker VW Beetle Car, \$980, *chairish.com* —Tim Gavan

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Special Buds
Apple's wireless AirPods (compatible with iPhone 5 and up, including the new X) are very in the air. Make a standard gift standout by creating a unique pair for your gadget-geek cousin. Each bud can be custom-painted one of 58 colors in glossy and matte finishes. Add a custom charging case to cement your status as this season's favorite relative. *From \$299, color-ware.com*



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