



The Spirit of Nashville by Joel Anderson and Angela Patterson, \$34.95 at Davis-Kidd Booksellers.

Books and more brighten the holidays and beyond

Quick picks for every reader on your list

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The last word has been written – and read by millions – in the Harry Potter series, but this holiday season the shelves are still teeming with tomes to satisfy a booklover’s thirst for the written word. We’ve put together a list of popular titles – some hot off the presses – and other accoutrements that should please bookworms of all persuasions. Here’s a sample, from our list to yours...

Go paperless

The **Sony Reader** is an ideal gift for readers who are always on the run. Roughly the size of a paperback

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Paper, please

While a portable reader is innovative and convenient, for some die-hard bibliophiles nothing can replace the feeling of a cold, hard spine in their hands. For them, Borders offers a number of titles – some just hot off the presses. For



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horror, murder and mayhem, new offerings include *Double Cross* by James Patterson (\$27.99), Stephen King's *Dark Tower: Gunslinger Born* (\$24.99), the latest entry in his popular Dark Tower series, and *Darkest Evening of the Year* from suspense writer Dean Koontz (\$22).

For health enthusiasts on your list, there's *Deceptively Delicious* by Jessica Seinfeld. Inspired by the author's desire to get her kids to eat more veggies, the book offers recipes that kids won't even know are good for them. Or check out these titles from a pair of frequent Oprah visitors: *Ageless Face, Ageless Mind* (\$25.95) by Dr. Nicholas Perricone and *You: Staying Young* (\$18.20) by Dr. Mehmet Oz.

In the children's department of the unexpected comes this wild and crazy book for kids: *The Alphabet from A to Y* (\$17.95) by actor and comedian Steve Martin.

Nashville connection

Want to share the spirit of Nashville with friends and family near and far? Pick up a copy of *The Spirit of Nashville*, a 120-page coffee-table book featuring classic poster designs that spotlight a number of Nashville landmarks, restaurants and cultural icons. Other titles with a

Nashville flavor include *Around the Opry Table: A Feast of Recipes and Stories from the Grand Ole Opry* (\$24.95) and *Historic Photos of the Opry* (\$39.95). All titles are available at Davis-Kidd Booksellers, The Mall at Green Hills, 385-2645.

The fine print

Baby boomers (though they don't want to admit it) and others of the older generation would surely appreciate a pair of **stylish readers**. And there's no need for more mature booklovers to be limited to plain, boring reading glasses. A stop at Character Eyes in Franklin (407 Church Street, 599-1800) reveals a selection of glasses that range from fun and funky to serious and distinctive. Featuring Cinzia Designs, prices range from \$20-\$80.

Let there be light

And for the booklover who has just about everything – including a well-stocked library – here's an enlightening gift: an **adjustable bronze floor lamp** from Lumen (280 White Bridge Road, 356-9877) for just \$210.

The Sony Reader is available at Borders for \$299.99



Bronze floor lamp by Robert Abbey, \$210 at Lumen.

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