



### Style

#### Gift Guide

# .. + Hot Tips From Industry Insiders



**Paul Feig** DIRECTOR, A SIMPLE FAVOR, ON GIFTING MEN'S FASHION A gift should be

a nice halfway point between the giftee and the gift giver. I'm known for turning out in suits and ties, so accessories are a sure path for the holidays. POCKET SILKS Where a lot of menfolk don't wear ties these days, they will sport one of these stuffed in their jacket over an open-necked shirt. Yet most don't buy them for themselves. When we did A Simple Favor, Anna Kendrick got me a beautiful Hermes tie and pocket silk. I loved and wore both to set two days later, and she was so happy to see a gift in use. Blue is never risky — every man wears blue. Pocket silks are also a chance to bestow pop with color (even pink) or a pattern (like paisley). Many guys are intimated by folding these

handkerchiefs: You just grab the

center, pull through your hand,

fold it in half and shove it down

**BOUTONNIERE** A boutonniere a silk rosette, by a brand like Charvet (\$150, *mrporter.com*) — is less of a leap than a pocket silk. Men know what do with a boutonniere. If you know someone who's begun to wear suits and perhaps ties, it's a tool for standing out. **SOCKS** Socks, being basic, are the most dangerous category to gift. Offer high-end socks in batches of four or five and include at least one set that isn't plain. Barney's does great socks; I like Paul Smith and

> Happy Socks for fun options. **CUFFLINKS** If there's no way the person is going to don a French cuff shirt, don't give these. Look for links with well-formed backings and not posts. More

than anything, cufflinks can be matched to someone's personality. When we wrapped *Ghostbusters*, my producing partner and our line producer gave me handmade cufflinks: replicas of the specter hood ornament on the Ectomobile in white gold with diamond eyes. They are such a nice trophy in my collection. P.S. Fashion is personal. Always include a gift receipt.



into your pocket.

#### Ken Ziffren Attorney and wine collector, on Gifting Bottles Give high-quality cabernet (better with

meats and fowl) from Napa (king of the roost) and, for snob appeal, it shouldn't

be rated by Robert Parker (no one can check up on your taste). **FOR YOUR TEAM** Powerful with roasted earth, Double Diamond (\$70) should be opened an hour before tasting. **FOR CREATIVES YOU ADMIRE** Bremer Howell Mountain is rich and well balanced (up to \$125). **FOR STUDIO HEADS** Cult wine Tusk with a two-year waiting list (\$600) has black fruit and is scrumptious. Contact the wineries directly to buy.





## Worst Gift I Ever Received

• "A Bluetooth speaker from a now-closed internet firm after I butt-chugged milk on a livestream." – ALT COMIC

• "A neon pink beach cruiser with the name of our show in three places." — WRITER ON CANCELED NETWORK SITCOM

• "A to-go coffee cup that leaked so badly, I just fuckin' threw it out." – VETERAN TV DRAMA WRITER



**Robert De Niro** ACTOR-RESTAURATEUR ON GIFTING SAKE I had experienced sake before [chef-restaurant

partner Matsuhisa Nobu and I] met, when I was in Sao Paolo [filming 1985's Brazil]. There's a huge Japanese community down there. I went into a restaurant in Little Japan and they had cold sake in a box. I never knew there was such a thing as cold sake, let alone in a box, with a little salt on the end. It was always warm. Like spaghetti. In my collection, I only drink YK 35, very cold, with cucumbers and salt. For yourself or others, I recommend gifting the Hokusetsu YK 35 Daiginjo Sake (\$95,1000Corks.com).



#### Spike Feresten CAR PODCASTER ON 3 TIPS FOR GIVING CARS

3 TIPS FOR GIVING CARS 1 Unless it's a very wellchosen vehicle, people won't want it. Recently a network-show

star did their research and gave a car to the happy network president. Their show will not get canceled for many, many years. **2** If you are buying a car for talent, take care of taxes and license fees. Don't make them get the car from the dealership; send it to them and have them sign for it. **3** Anyone in Hollywood making someone a lot of money should be receiving a car gift. If you are propping up a dinosaur network, it should be getting you a car. If you are getting that streamer a lot of notice, it should be getting you a car. The closest I've gotten was when Jerry Seinfeld gifted me a Porsche mountain bike after I helped him write a Mercedes-Benz commercial. I did secure a Porsche GT2 RS for Gordon Ramsay in exchange for him coming on my podcast. He hasn't yet. I trust he will honor his commitment. - AS TOLD TO JON ALAIN GUZIK, BRAD JAPHE, JULIE MANDEL-FOLLY, KATHRYN ROMEYN AND CHANTEL TATTOLI



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Clare V. Midi Sac, \$325 Stephanie Gisondi-Little styles Anonymous Content's Joy Gorman Wettels, among others. The Midi Sac "fits into a work tote beside a laptop and shows that you hold your assistant in high esteem," says Gisondi-Little.



Gucci GG Marmont Camera, \$980 Abby Arad dresses Elizabeth Raposo, Paramount president of production. The Camera is "a perfect transition piece when your assistant works crazy hours and can't switch bags at night," Arad says.

#### nd finally . **A Book**

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The Mamba Mentality: How I Play The first nonfiction book from Kobe Bryant since he retired in 2016 dives into his "biblical workouts" and more. GIVE TO Lakers fans like Jeffrey Katzenberg, Jack Nicholson, Steven Spielberg or Leonardo DiCaprio (\$35, Farrar, Straus and Giroux).



The Endings The photo book — with Julianne Moore, Tessa Thompson, etc. — is for "women with wild hearts," with foreword by director Mary Harron.

GIVE TO execs at Lionsgate and Paramount, studios with the fewest female-directed movies\* (\$30, Chronicle Books).



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