



what to **Give** & what to **Get**

Find out which books your favorite writer is giving to family and friends this holiday!



Photo: John Dolan

Khaled Hosseini

(author of *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*)

What Is the What by Dave Eggers. Okay, I know, I have plugged this book before. Countless times. But it's that good. This is a chronicling of the hardships, disillusion, and hopes of the long-suffering people of southern Sudan. It is impossible to read this book and not be humbled, enlightened, transformed.

Charlaine Harris

(author of the *Sookie Stackhouse* series)

What to give this Christmas? I love to give books, truly. But it's a delicate process. You want to send the recipient something they'll enjoy reading . . . no point in giving an elderly aunt Laurell K. Hamilton's Merry Gentry books, unless you have an unusual elderly aunt.



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Tana French

(author of *In the Woods*, *The Likeness*, and *Faithful Place*)

I've never been able to throw books away, but a lot of my favorites have been reread so many times that the spines are basically gone and the pages are falling out, so I'm gradually coming to terms with the fact that I may need replacements. My copies of *National Velvet* and *The Once and Future King* are held together by sticky tape and rubber bands.

Sarah Dessen

(author most recently of *Along for the Ride*)

Books are one of my favorite things to give, especially for kids. They don't require batteries, have no volume, and don't squeak when you step on them. Triple win! My friends' children will be getting the latest Anna Dewdney book, *Llama Llama Holiday Drama*.



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Terry McMillan

(author most recently of *Getting to Happy*)

Some Sing, Some Cry by Ntozake Shange and Ifa Bayeza, and *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. Both tell powerful stories of how black families survived and evolved in America during reconstruction: one is a novel and the other is non-fiction that reads like a novel.

Richelle Mead

(author of the *Vampire Academy* series)

Rampant by Diana Peterfreund. Two words: killer unicorns.



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