

Email blast "Gift ideas for the readers (and writers) in your life" from the president of BookBaby:

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I know I sounded pretty Grinch-y in last weekend's message about the "cherished" Thanksgiving feast, and I sincerely hope you're enjoying the afterglow of the holiday. But take a look at the calendar.. .there's a shortened holiday shopping season this year. It's time to put down the pumpkin pie (please!) and get to work on your gift list.

To help jump-start your shopping, I asked the BookBaby staff to suggest their favorite books from the past year. Here are a few that caught our attention:

Jeremy Beth Michaels is a makeup expert and comedian from Los Angeles. She started her stand-up comedy career in 1999, highlighted by a spot on the famed Tonight Show "for 30 long seconds." Meanwhile, her day job in the call center of Sephora provided a crash course on makeup and beauty tips. She's combined these passions in her book, Make Me Pretty, Make Me Laugh, that she calls "an unconventional how-to beauty book." From the mind of an irreverent comedian and makeup artist, complete with illustrations, this book is a delightful and lighthearted gift choice for some of the ladies in your life.

The Journey Of The Paper Heart tells the captivating story of a young girl chasing a paper heart as it's blown through the enchanting city of Paris. Along the way, she discovers a bit of the rich history and traditions of the City of Light. Author Alex Beene crafts a lovely children's story that encourages exploration of cities around the globe and the significance of sharing those moments with loved ones.

Welcome to Whimsy, a mystical town where legend comes to life at Christmas. Clarissa J. Markiewicz is a journalist, novelist, and literary editor of more than 200 titles. Her latest book, Christmas In Whimsy, is a fun, heartwarming read, especially during the holidays. The book's quirky, engaging characters and mystical town will appeal to readers of all kinds, and if you're heading on a trip for the holidays, Christmas In Whimsy makes a great traveling companion.

If you were a sharp-eyed TV watcher in the 1990s or 2000s, you'd probably recognize BookBaby author Larry Hankin. He's appeared in over 200 TV episodes and movies, including Friends, Seinfeld, Breaking Bad, CSI, and dozens more. His book, [The Loophole Dossiers — A Satire](#), is full of quirky stories that reveal how three completely different characters "survive" in contemporary America.

Venture back into ancient times with author Hana Noka and her book [Besa Po](#). Noka is a Kosovan-Albanian woman of many talents: model, actress, filmmaker, and author. Long an admirer of strong women in history, Noka was drawn to the stories of the Ancient Illyrian women. Queen Teuta of Illyria was a famous warrior queen who lived some 200 years before Cleopatra and was one of the first women to rise to power in a civilization always dominated by men.

So, there are a few ideas for readers, but how about gifts for your favorite hardworking authors? Our friends at The Write Life have a [creative list of gift ideas](#), including fingerless gloves and an Edgar Allen Poe air freshener!

All the best,



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