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All the Things Your Book Loving Friend *Really* Wants This Holiday Season (Hint: It's Not Just More Books)

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Chances are that you know a bookworm. Maybe they've been like this since childhood, or maybe they're a recent convert: They spend any ounce of free time with their nose buried in the latest release (or their eyes locked on their Kindle, should they prefer a lighter load). Some carry around a list in the Notes app section of their phone of what they've read already, or what stories they can't wait to dive into. Some of these creatures even look forward to the subway, or to long airplane rides and layovers, because it gives them a chance to read. Admit it: You know the type.

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The holidays are a wonderful time to show them some love. And sure, for those shopping for avid readers, a book may seem to be the most obvious gift— we prefer to think a little above and beyond. Sure, a book will get read, but you run the risk that they've already read it, or it's not their type of story, or maybe their apartment is overflowing with a "need-to-read" pile, and your well-intended present would throw the whole thing out of whack, or worse, lead the whole thing to toppling over on their bedside table. Why not give them a gift that they can use *while* reading, instead? Maybe that's a comfy robe to bundle up in before bed, or a padded case that can keep their eReader safe and stylish while on the go. You could also go down the quirkier route with an LED lamp from Hammacher Schlemmer that's fashioned to look like any regular old book when closed. Only you know what will really please the reader in your life!

Other desirable gifts for the bibliophile? A subscription to Book of the Month gives them the freedom to choose their own adventure from a selection of new titles and bestsellers across all genres. A pack of tea tagged with quotes by well-known authors is the gift that keeps on giving with each poured cup. You could also help your bookworm practice the crucial act of self-care while reading by gifting luxurious hand cream under the tree this year (one is never quite so aware of one's hands as when they're holding a book in front of your face). The possibilities are endless! Check out our picks below.

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Self-care while reading seems like a win-win. Slather on this hand cream for smooth and hydrated fingers and palms, especially crucial during the colder months.

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