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#### Coffee-table books with wit, weight

By Leanne Italie / The Associated Press he holidays bring out an almost obsessive love by gift buyers for coffee-table books. They're easy, weighty and satisfying to give. Here are a few to consider for music lovers, history buffs, foodies, fashionistas and more.

#### MUSIC

"The Beatles: The BBC Archives: 1962-1970," by Kevin Howlett (\$60). The Fab Four's years on air at home, as told in transcripts of interviews, photos and internal documents.

"Soul Train: The Music, Dance and Style of a Generation," by Questlove (\$45). Aretha, Smokey, Michael, Diana — and plenty of photos and text covering the work of Don Cornelius, host of the longest-running syndicated program in TV history.

"Legends, Icons & Rebels: Music that Changed the World," by Robbie Robertson, Jim Guerinot, Sebastian Robertson and Jared Levine (\$29). For young readers, the music industry vets offer an introduction to 27 legends. Includes two CDs.

#### **HISTORY & MEDIA**

"Smithsonian Civil War: Inside the National Collection," edited by Neil Kagan and Stephen G. Hyslop (\$40). Entries include the story of Winchester, the swift-footed horse of Union commander Philip Sheridan, and Winslow Homer sketches.

"Vietnam: The Real War," by The Associated Press (\$40). Mostly black-and-white, up-close photography of the fog of war, including an injured John McCain and the interrogation of a Viet Cong prisoner by a South Vietnamese soldier.

#### **FILM & PHOTOGRAPHY**

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### holiday shopping most for the nost

By Andrea Dashiell Special to Sunday Market

Toliday-party season is in I full swing, and no one wants to show up emptyhanded. A bottle of wine or pretty candle are the traditional standbys, but maybe this year you want to spice things up a bit.

Here are a few gifts you can pick up at local stores that give an extra-special "thank you" to your host or hostess.

The gadget-obsessed can keep her hands toasty warm on cold mornings with Touch Tech Cashmere Gloves (\$38 at Nordstrom), which feature a smartphone-friendly fingertip and thumb. A variety of bold colors, including hot pink and sea green, are available. Prefer something neutral? Gap's Cable Cowl Scarf (\$35) has chunky cableknit charm in heather gray or oatmeal.

L'Occitane's five-piece Hand Creams Of Provence gift set (\$42 at Sephora) is a little luxury that will make her day. With scents of lavender, cherry blossom, almond and more, she'll have a lotion to suit her every mood. Or take the classic candle gift up a notch with the Simpatico Hobnail Candle (\$28 at Anthropologie). The textured-glass vessel can be enjoyed long after the candle has burned away.

Shopping for the woman who has everything? Surprise her with Seattle's best-kept beauty secret: Kari Gran. The local skin-care line is eco-friendly and luxurious, featuring only natural, plantbased ingredients. Try the Lip Whip Gift Pack (\$40), a set of four oil- and beeswax-based lip balms, or the Skin Care Starter Kit (\$35, both available at Kari Gran, Westlake), which includes Cleansing Oil, Hydrating Tonic and Es-

An interesting coffee-table book is thoughtful and an instant conversation starter. Bring "Lost Seattle" (\$19 at The Elliott Bay Book Company, Capitol Hill), by Rob Ketcherside, which contains many previously unpublished photos of lost landmarks from the Emerald City's colorful past.

Skip the wine and bring local brewery **Pyramid's Winter Variety Pack (\$19** at grocery stores). The 12-pack includes four different seasonal brews, including the new Fascinator Doppelbock, a full-bodied lager with a hint of caramel malt. Or give the beer lover a bottle opener he won't have to dig for, such as the handmade Bottle Opener Bike Natural (\$38 at Click! Design That Fits,

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Touch Tech Cashmere Gloves,

Simpatico Hobnail

Candle, \$28

Kari Gran Skin

Care Starter Kit, \$35



Jonboy Caramels, \$11





Bottle Opener Bike Natural, \$38

Birch Branch Coasters, \$16 for four



Scarf, \$35

Porcelain Fortune Cookies, \$16 each



Scout Seattle D-2 Handkerchief, \$43



Cupcake Royale Cupcaking Mix + Frosting Bundle, \$19.50

PHOTOS VIA THE RETAILERS AND MANUFACTURERS

## Thrill your gamer with the gift of one of the year's best video games stars

y Chris Suellentrop lew York Times News Service

The big news in gaming has been he two new consoles eleased last month, the PlayStation 4 and the Box One. Both look o be lovely gifts for the ame player in your ousehold (if you can get your hands on one).

But there are also a lot f games released this year worth noting as well. Here re a few to get for your

"Ni No Kuni: Wrath of he White Witch" (\$30).

Hayao Miyazaki, a Japaese writer and director of nimated films, announced his year that he would not nake movies anymore. This delightful game, which eceived a Western release his year, is like an interacive Miyazaki film. (Miyazaki vas not involved, I should note.) Because of some hemes involving parental leath, very small children hould probably avoid it.

Everyone else shouldn't.

PlayStation 3; rated E. "BioShock Infinite" \$40). Was it really a good dea to set a game in an alernate-universe 1912; open t as a seeming examination of the dangers of white suoremacy, religious nationalsm and American excepcionalism; and then convert t into a mind-bending work of science fiction, all while making it fun to shoot and kill people in that world? Yes.

and Mac; rated M. "The Last of Us" (\$60). This zombie drama — a sort of surrogate-fatherand-daughter version of "The Road" — contained several of my favorite moments from a year of playing

PlayStation 3, Xbox 360, PC



"The Last of Us," \$60



"Skylanders: Swap Force," \$75



"Gone Home," \$20

games, including its extraordinary, morally ambiguous final scene. PlayStation 3; rated M.

"Gone Home" (\$20). This year has seen a number of interesting independent games, and "Gone Home" might be the best of the bunch. Kaitlin Greenbriar returns home from a college year in Europe to find her parents and sister missing. She explores the house to find out what happened. It's a 1990s period romance posing as a horror story. PC,

Mac and Linux; not rated. "Grand Theft Auto V" (\$60). With its latest installment, Grand Theft Auto has dropped the tragic overtones of "Grand Theft Auto IV" in favor of a full embrace of farce. The game's treatment of women — a mixture of indifference and hostility is disappointing. But Trevor, the third main character, is a brilliant creation, a sociopathic antihero who is a



"Disney Infinity," \$60

manifestation of pure player id. You'll start out hating him and end up loving him, and perhaps becoming him. PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360; rated M.

"Disney Infinity" (\$75). This children's game relies on a mix of real-world and digital toys to fill out the game play, with packs of toys that feature characters such as Jack Sparrow and Sully from "Monsters Inc." Each pack comes with its own setting and story challenges, which should be enjoyable for Disney fans of all ages. Xbox 360, PlaySta-





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"BioShock Infinite,"

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tion 3 and Nintendo Wii U, Wii and 3DS; rated E.

"Skylanders: Swap Force" (\$75). If you don't know what Skylanders is, you don't have children over the age of 3. In "Swap Force," the Skylanders can jump for the first time, and the toy figures that come to life inside the video game world now have interchangeable tops and bottoms. Put octopus tentacles on a firebombtossing knight, and you can see that change manifested virtually inside the game. PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Wii U, Wii and 3DS, Xbox 360 and Xbox One; rated E.



Kari Gran Lip Whip Gift Pack, \$40



"Lost Seattle," \$19



L'Occitane Hand Creams Of

#### Give thanks with a special host gift

Continued from E1 West Seattle), which hangs on the wall for effortless toppopping.

The gentlemanly art of carrying a handkerchief is making a comeback. Get him the hippest one available — an olive Japanese cambric D-2 Handkerchief (on sale for \$43) from Scout Seattle on Capitol Hill. Navy and cream variations are also available.

You don't need a sweet tooth to fall in love with Seattle-based Jonboy Caramels (\$11 at PCC Natural Markets). The soft, buttery confections come in flavors such as Fleur de Sel, Molasses Ginger and Absinthe with Black Salt.

Visiting an avid baker? Get her Cupcake Royale's **Cupcaking Mix + Frost-** ing Bundle (\$19.50 at Cupcake Royale), a new make-at-home kit that includes mix for the local company's beloved vanilla cupcakes, a pint of buttercream frosting, plus sprinkles and a gift box.

Design lovers will fall for the sleek Porcelain Fortune Cookies (\$16 each at the Frye Art Museum Store, First Hill) by local artist Aleksandra Pollner. The charming cookies contain fortunes written by a local psychic.

Or go for rustic charm with a set of four Birch Branch Coasters (\$16 at Butter Home, Capitol Hill), which are hand-sanded and finished with beeswax. Add a few favorite holiday words (joy, noel, merry) in metallic ink for a personal touch.

