

# **Top 10: Valentine Gifts For You**

Why should women get it all? We also deserve some swag.

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#### Page 1:

Most of Valentine's Day is focused on women (as it should be), but we men deserve some swag, too. Sure, we'll eat *all* the chocolate you give us, but chocolate isn't our first choice, generally. And don't listen to anyone who says flowers are just for women. We can get down with flowers. But, again, not our first choice.

This list of Valentine's Day gifts for you features what are ostensibly some of the best items you could receive -- but, really, let's be honest -- why don't you go through the list and pick out something nice for yourself. You earned it, after all.

### Page 2: Things For The Home

There's nothing wrong with a gift or two that will help you spiff up your dingy apartment. The good people at Izola have a lot of options that possess a masculine sensibility. Don't be surprised if you get a manly <u>candle</u> (or mandle) to freshen up the place. Or one of these <u>shower curtains</u>. Take it as a hint to clean your tub more. She's spending so much time at your place, it may as well look good.

### Page 3: Tickets

Tickets to something, anything, make a great gift. Baseball season will be starting up soon and don't forget about NBA and NHL playoff games. And if she gets you tickets to see your favorite band, she wants to share your interests. <u>Stubhub</u> always has a decent selection of tickets to sold-out events. Make sure you invite her along, though. She toooaaatally likes sports, too!

### Page 4: Cookware

Think of kitchen gear as her way of saying she loves your cooking skills. <u>Cast-iron skillets</u>, for example, are an essential part of any man's kitchen. The beauty is the simplicity of it. You can cook anything in it. Sear your meat on the stove, add some veggies and throw it in the oven to finish. The best part is you only need to wipe it down after (soap will ruin the finish). Make use of your new tool by cooking her delicious meals.

### Page 5: Food

Forget bacon everything. Bring on bourbon everything, including <u>maple syrup</u>. This is the good stuff, handcrafted from Quebec maple orchards, then matured in oak barrels for a hint of raw bourbon. Use it to make her breakfast on those cold weekend mornings.

# **Page 6: Grooming Products**

By providing you with the grooming tools to stay prim, she gets to feel smug the next time she shows you off to her friends. We're especially digging <a href="Kyoku">Kyoku</a>. It's made especially for men, and its shaving cream features Japanese sake that hydrates the skin.

# Page 7: Cologne

Our sense of smell is powerfully connected to memory, if she gives you the Tom Ford Private Blend collection, she's probably creating an association that she'll never forget.

# Page 8: Accessories

A pair of fine deerskin leather driving gloves, like these from Kaufmann Mercantile, will have you looking like Ryan

Gosling. You love Ryan Gosling, your girlfriend *definitely* loves Ryan Gosling, and now, with these gloves, you can pretend you're The Goz himself. Sure, you might not even own a car, but that's a small detail.

### Page 9: A Phone

If the latest cell phone winds up in your lap, she clearly knows how much of a tech head you are. She also wants to equip you with the most powerful communication device on the planet so she can stay in contact with you however she pleases -- whether it's by texting, email or just talking. If you're an Apple guy, however, and she gets you a Samsung, she might not know you as well as you thought.

### Page 10: Booze

If the lady in your life buys you Pappy Van Winkle for Valentine's Day (or any day), marry her. Stop everything and marry her. And if you're already married, marry her again. She's a keeper. Pappy is notoriously hard to find and only comes out a couple of times a year, making it that much more special. It's so good, you might have to think twice about sharing it.

### Page 11: A Classy Watch

More than ever in the age of cell phones, a man's watch makes a deeply personal statement about who he is -- just ask our resident <u>Watch Snob</u>. When you wear her gift on your wrist, she'll feel your showing the world the importance of her role in your life. This <u>Tissot</u> is a beautiful option that makes a statement without costing an arm and a leg.