

Writer's Wish List

Christmas. For writers, it's a holiday full of socks and oddly scented gift baskets. As a writer myself, I can tell you that it's not easy to find the perfect gift. I don't know how many holiday celebrations I had to endure with a fake smile as I received a decorated wine glass, infinity scarf, or four pack of lavender scented bath bombs. In the interest of the sanity of my fellow scribblers, I put forth this list of possible gifts for those who lean toward the writerly life. It is by no means comprehensive, feel free to think a little outside the box, but it's a good starting point if nothing else.

1. Books: Not just any books. Writers are also readers, but we can also be caught scribbling into journals and onto legal pads. There are some great books out there about the craft of writing, including *A Writer's Book of Days* and *The Writing Life*, and a vast array of books specifically for novel planning. If you have a poet or fiction aficionado in the family, consider picking up some Moleskine journals or pocket sized notepads. We really appreciate that kind of stuff.

The Writing Life:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0060919884/ref=as_li_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0060919884&linkCode=as2&tag=jerrienk-20&linkId=F3RKZSAUNE4DEUE3

A Writer's Book of Days: https://www.amazon.com/Writers-Book-Days-Spirited-Companion/dp/1577319362/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1480374124&sr=1-1&keywords=a+writer%27s+book+of+days

The Novel Planner: A Daily Planner for Authors: https://www.amazon.com/Novel-Planner-Daily-Authors/dp/151503383X/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1480374158&sr=1-1&keywords=novel+planner

Pocket Notebooks: https://www.amazon.com/Universal-3x5-Inch-Narrow-Wirebound-UNV20435-CL/dp/B000789FIS/ref=sr_1_9?ie=UTF8&qid=1480374343&sr=8-9&keywords=pocket+note

2. Candles: I love relaxing in my office while enjoying the scent of a great candle. Paddywax offers a great smelling candle in an attractive jar or tin for a reasonable price. They've even got literary themed candles, boasting the favorite scents of greats such as Twain and Poe. I'm not sure they signed off on the final product, but they would likely approve.

Paddywax Candles: https://www.amazon.com/Paddywax-Candles/b/ref=bl_dp_s_web_8496248011?ie=UTF8&node=8496248011&field-lbr_brands_browse-bin=Paddywax+Candles

3. Writing Gloves: I don't know how often I wish for a pair of fingerless gloves as I sit hunched over my keyboard. Writers like to be comfortable because we spend so much time in one position for extended periods of time. A cozy pair of gloves certainly wouldn't hurt.

Writing Gloves: https://www.amazon.com/Raven-Edgar-Allan-Poe-Fingerless/dp/B01EYUYM4/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1480374785&sr=8-1&keywords=writing+gloves

4. Prompt Boxes: There are many products on the market for those who enjoy a good book, but there are also many aides for writers in a funk. Several I personally enjoy are the Learning Resources Writer's Block, The Writer's Toolbox, and Writer Emergency Pack. They're easy to use and you really never know what you might pull from each kit. Sometimes, a random card is just enough to get the blood of your work flowing again.

Learning Resources Writer's Block: https://www.amazon.com/Learning-Resources-LER3035-Writers-Block/dp/B0015KGCCK/ref=sr_1_4?ie=UTF8&qid=1480440724&sr=8-4&keywords=writers+block

The Writer's Toolbox: https://www.amazon.com/Writers-Toolbox-Creative-Exercises-Inspiring/dp/0811854299/ref=sr_1_7?ie=UTF8&qid=1480440724&sr=8-7&keywords=writers+block

Writer Emergency Pack: https://www.amazon.com/Writer-Emergency-Pack/dp/B00R6ZLIOY/ref=sr_1_9?ie=UTF8&qid=1480440724&sr=8-9&keywords=writers+block

5. Scribbler Wear: Fun fact about writers: we wear clothes! Well, except when we're showering. If you're looking for something a little more personal, hit up Café Press or Zazzle and design your own t-shirt. Otherwise, here are some cool threads for your supremely cool writing friends.

Writer. Not A Serial Killer Tee: https://www.amazon.com/Writer-Serial-Killer-Writers-T-Shirt/dp/B01N95LSRT/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1480442104&sr=8-1&keywords=t+shirt+for+writer

Writer's Block Tee: https://www.amazon.com/Writers-imaginary-friends-refuse-T-Shirt/dp/B01MXMBCIW/ref=sr_1_13?ie=UTF8&qid=1480441956&sr=8-13&keywords=t+shirt+for+writer

Library Book Necklace: https://www.amazon.com/Library-Necklace-Pendant-Jewelry-librarian/dp/B016RKURPE/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1480442247&sr=8-3&keywords=gift+for+writer

Novelty Socks: https://www.amazon.com/Socksmith-Womens-Novelty-Socks-Austen/dp/B01HWVLE22/ref=sr_1_7?ie=UTF8&qid=1480442071&sr=8-7&keywords=gift+for+writer

Earrings: https://www.amazon.com/Vintage-Earrings-pendant-jewelry-librarian/dp/B01L8C3QP4/ref=sr_1_97?ie=UTF8&qid=1480442453&sr=8-97&keywords=gift+for+writer

Read/Write Stud Earrings: https://www.amazon.com/Read-Write-Stud-Earrings-Reader/dp/B01ACR31KG/ref=sr_1_121?ie=UTF8&qid=1480442507&sr=8-121&keywords=gift+for+writer

Fountain Pen Tie Clip: https://www.amazon.com/PenSee-Copper-Novelty-Fountain-Ballpoint/dp/B01LEE00OQ/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1480442352&sr=8-2&keywords=tie+for+writer

6. Coffee/Tea/Booze/Vessels: We drink. On our “up days” we slam coffee and on our “down days” we indulge in...well, whatever strikes our fancy. We’re not all coffee or booze drinkers, do your research before purchasing a bottle of scotch or a bag of dark roast beans, but I’ve only run into a handful of people in my life who don’t drink coffee (I’m honestly not sure how these people live.) For the rest of us, the items below would make marvelous gifts. If you don’t see a beverage on this list that you think will be a fit for your writer pal, you could try googling what the greats drank. I’m sure you’ll find more than a few suggestions.

Slinger Shot Glasses: https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00J8WTT6?ref_ams_ad_dp_asin_1

Writer’s Tears Irish Whiskey: <http://walshwhiskey.com/writers-tears-irish-whiskey/>

Whiskey Barware Bundle: https://www.amazon.com/Barware-Bundle-Decanter-Glasses-Cocktail/dp/B01IRK301U/ref=sr_1_3?s=kitchen&ie=UTF8&qid=1480443446&sr=1-3-spons&keywords=whiskey+glasses&psc=1

Absinthe: <http://www.absente.com/>

Absinthe Pipe Glass: https://www.kegworks.com/slipstream-phoenix-all-in-one-absinthe-pipe-glass-with-straw-8-oz?keyword=&matchtype=&device=c&adtype=pla&productgroup=224146886161&productidSLIPSTREAM-PHNX&gclid=Cj0KEQjA6_TBBDInaPjhcelt5oBEiQApPeTF-wBr03Y-7u_7sjZYlxpFw0PWWzqsD7oAMsMYTxRdMaArHk8P8HAQ

Kicking Horse Coffee (Dark): https://www.amazon.com/Kicking-Horse-Coffee-Whole-Pound/dp/B0027Z8VES/ref=zg_bs_2251592011_3?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=J9FBPS4EYK333ERKE9RZ

Koffee Kult (Columbian): https://www.amazon.com/Koffee-Kult-Highest-Delicious-Aromatic/dp/B00THPH2F0/ref=zg_bs_2251592011_10?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=J9FBPS4EYK333ERKE9RZ

Gourmet Coffee Sampler: https://www.amazon.com/Bean-Box-Gourmet-Coffee-Sampler/dp/B00UGK4S3Y/ref=zg_bs_tab_pd_mg_3?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=J9FBPS4EYK333ERKE9RZ

Keurig Coffee Maker (Single Serve): https://www.amazon.com/Keurig-K55-Single-Programmable-Coffee/dp/B018UQ5AMS/ref=sr_1_1?s=kitchen&ie=UTF8&qid=1480445416&sr=1-1&keywords=keurig

Tim Horton's French Vanilla K Cups: https://www.amazon.com/Tim-Hortons-Single-Coffee-Vanilla/dp/B00KLV55U8/ref=s9_cctx_gw_g325_i2_r?encoding=UTF8&fpl=fresh&pf_rd_m=AVPDKIKX0DER&pf_rd_s=&pf_rd_r=ABRDPR9G9YGFHY4R2TMV&pf_rd_t=36701&pf_rd_p=a6aaf593-1ba4-4f4e-bdcc-0febe090b8ed&pf_rd_i=desktop

Apple Crumb Cake K Cups: https://www.amazon.com/Smart-Sips-Coffee-Compatible-Brewers/dp/B01CT5D3HA/ref=pd_sim_325_2?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=3CNB18G7GKEQY0SNS0HT

Superpower Mug: https://www.amazon.com/3dRose-Write-Superpower-Writers-Writing/dp/B013OBGRXA/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1480443371&sr=8-3&keywords=writer+mug

"Write Drunk, Edit Sober" Mug: https://www.amazon.com/Write-Drunk-Edit-Sober-Writers/dp/B01H7VPIGU/ref=sr_1_27?ie=UTF8&qid=1480443434&sr=8-27&keywords=writer+mug

French Press Coffee/Tea Maker: https://www.amazon.com/French-Coffee-Complete-Bundle-Stainless/dp/B00RH340WM/ref=sr_1_8?ie=UTF8&qid=1480444953&sr=8-8&keywords=french+press

Hibiscus Ginger Loose Tea: https://www.amazon.com/Tao-Tea-Hibiscus-Ginger-Loose/dp/B007Y94GN2/ref=sr_1_8_s_it?s=grocery&ie=UTF8&qid=1480445225&sr=1-8&keywords=loose+tea

Harney & Sons Earl Grey: https://www.amazon.com/Harney-Sons-Black-Loose-Ounce/dp/B00C1ZQHEK/ref=sr_1_35_s_it?s=grocery&ie=UTF8&qid=1480445296&sr=1-35&keywords=loose+tea

Tea Infuser: https://www.amazon.com/Schefs-Premium-Tea-Infuser-Stainless/dp/B00KX9XFCS/ref=sr_1_7?s=kitchen&ie=UTF8&qid=1480445139&sr=1-7&keywords=tea+ball

Here's the truth. You can buy anything for a writer. Just remember, one wrong move and you could wind up getting knocked off in their next novel.

Happy Scribbling (and Buying!)
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