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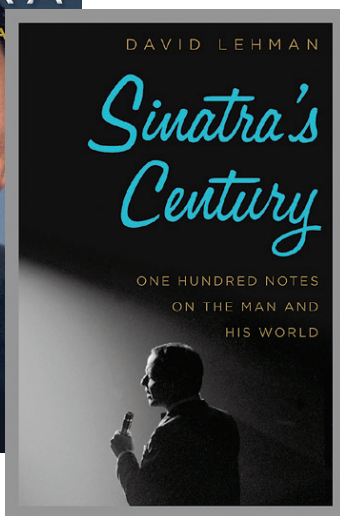
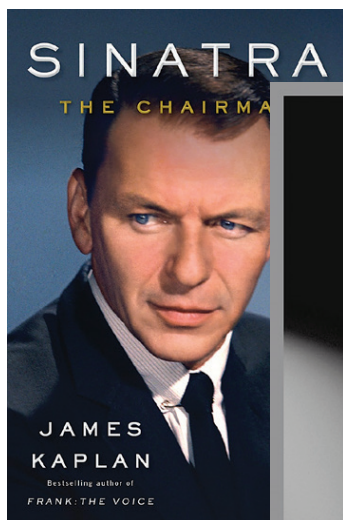
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Nowadays, a book is so much more than a book. It's a way to relax from our fast and frenetic world because the only thing it plugs into is your imagination. Here are some gift ideas for the bibliophiles in your life — and, yes, even a couple that have bits and bytes.

— BOB CUNNINGHAM, BLADE STAFF WRITER

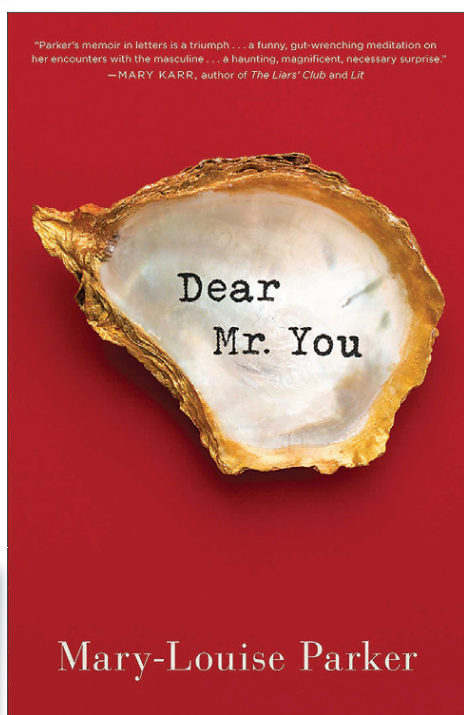
Year's best

Looking back on my favorite books of the year, four really stood out to me. *Last Words* (\$26) by **Michael Koryta** will make a lot of best-of lists next year with his latest thriller; **Dennis Lehane** delivers one of his finest with *World Gone By* (\$27.99); **Nick Hornby** has us laugh along with *Funny Girl* (\$27.95); and **Walter Mosley's** Leonid McGill makes a welcome return in *And Sometimes I Wonder About You* (\$26.95). **Barnes & Noble, Books-a-Million, Amazon,** and other retailers.



Centennial celebration

Frank Sinatra would have been 100 years old on Dec. 12. Celebrate the iconic crooner's life with two new books. **James Kaplan's** *Sinatra: The Chairman* (\$35) is a follow-up to his 2011 book on the singer, *Frank: The Voice*. There's also *Sinatra's Century: One Hundred Notes on the Man and His World* (\$24.99) by **David Lehman**. You can't go wrong with either book, so why not get both? **Barnes & Noble, Books-a-Million, Amazon,** and other retailers.



Personalized bookmark

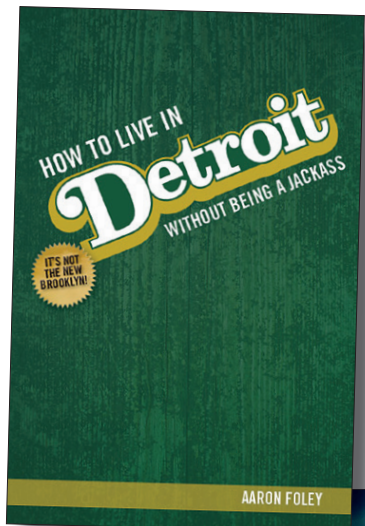
With a bookmark from **Leatherology**, you can give a personalized gift that could last a lifetime. You can add a photo or a monogram so the book lovers in your life always know their place in their books — and in your heart. Prices start at \$12 at **leatherology.com**.

High praise

Mary-Louise Parker, known for her leading role in the Showtime series *Weeds*, is turning critics' heads with her memoir *Dear Mr. You* (\$25). She writes letters to the real and hypothetical men in her life who have helped shape her as a person. It was named an Amazon Best Book of November. **Barnes & Noble, Books-a-Million, Amazon,** and other retailers.

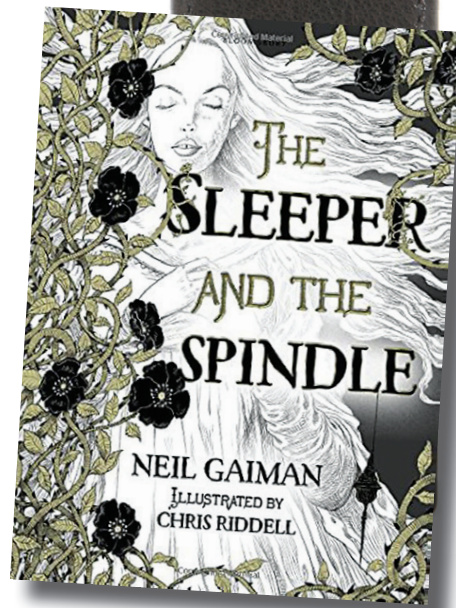
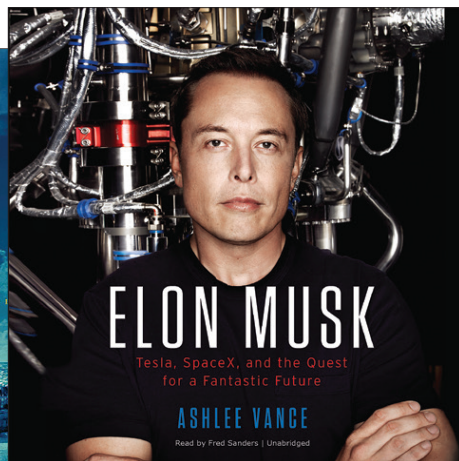
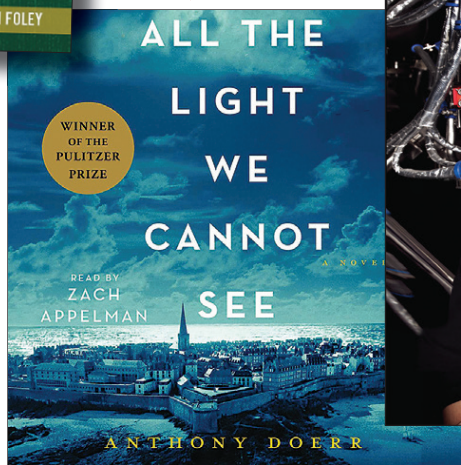
Motown methodology

Toledo's big brother was cool long before the hipster invasion and ongoing gentrification of Motown. Author **Aaron Foley** lends some keen advice to Detroit's newest denizens as well as its native sons and daughters with *How to Live in Detroit Without Being a Jackass* (\$20). **Amazon.**



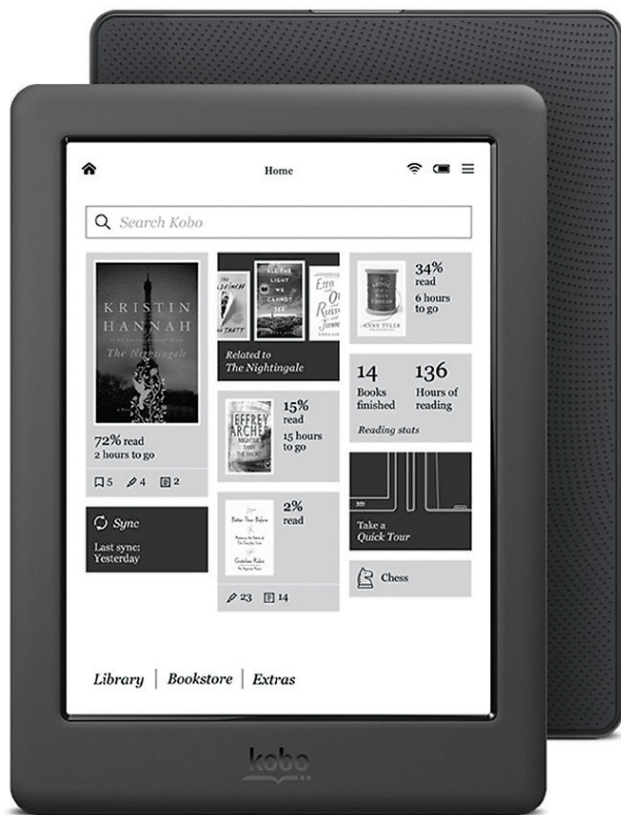
Audiobooks

Maybe the book enthusiast in your life is always on the go. He or she can enjoy an audiobook on the plane or in the car and not miss a beat. BGSU alumnus and Pulitzer Prize winner **Anthony Doerr's** *All the Light We Cannot See* (\$39.99) is narrated by **Zach Appelman**, while **Ashlee Vance's** *Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future* (\$44.99) is read by **Fred Sanders**. **Amazon** and **audiobooks.com** (subscription required).



Ereader

Kindle finally has some competition. According to several reviews, the **Kobo Glo HD** is every bit as good as the Kindle Voyage ereader, but it's \$70 cheaper. That's a lot of ebooks you can buy with the extra loot. It boasts an easy-to-use interface and it's easy to read, making it a great option for a first ereader. **Walmart, ebay,** \$130.



Gift cards

Maybe the loved one on your list is a voracious reader and already has plowed through everything 2015 has to offer. This is where gift cards really come in handy because there's always 2016. **Barnes & Noble, Books-a-Million, Amazon,** and other retailers.



Young adult

Frequent Blade contributor **Melissa Cain** offers *The Sleeper and the Spindle* (\$16.99) as a choice for the young reader on your list. In the book, storytelling wizard **Neil Gaiman** presents a mash-up of *Sleeping Beauty* and *Snow White* in this creative folktale illustrated by **Chris Riddell**. **Barnes & Noble, Books-a-Million, Amazon,** and other retailers.

Independent bookstores

Unfortunately, there aren't any independent bookstores to speak of in the immediate Toledo area that sell new books. **Ann Arbor,** however, is just up the road. **Literati Bookstore**, 124 E. Washington St., just celebrated its second anniversary and hosts thousands of author readings. Literati has several book clubs, including a signed first editions' club. There are hundreds of books to browse through and there is an award-winning coffee shop on site. You can even order books online at **literatibookstore.com/books**.



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