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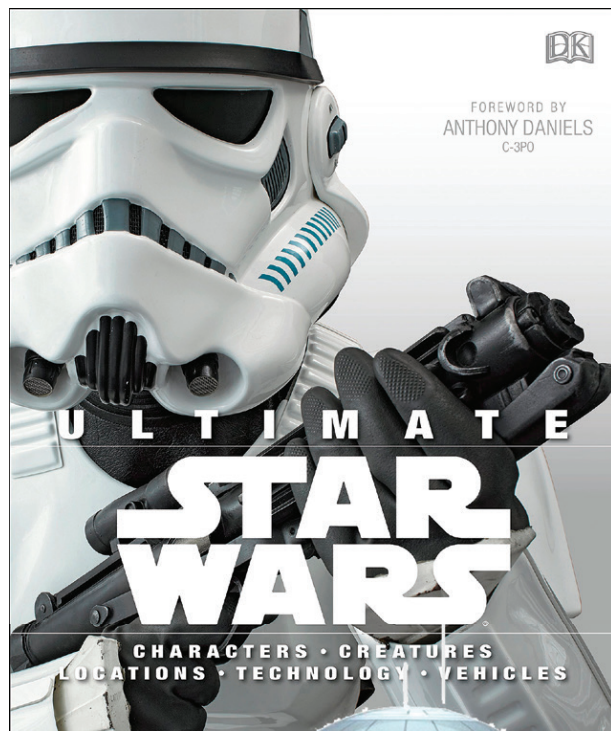
Star Wars: Episode VII — *The Force Awakens* arrives in local theaters beginning the night of Dec. 17. Of course, the return of a new *Star Wars* movie also means ancillary products like never before.

Here's a list of 10 *Star Wars* gifts — from Death Star waffles to lightsaber tongs — certain to make even the scruffiest-looking nerf herder smile this holiday season.

— KIRK BAIRD,
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'Ultimate Star Wars' (DK publisher)

With *The Force Awakens* sure to dominate conversation, for those who don't know a wookiee from a womp rat DK Publishing has you covered with this exhaustively comprehensive guide to the characters, stories, planets, and creatures in that galaxy far, far away. **Books-A-Million, Amazon.com, \$23.84.**



LEGO 'Star Wars The Force Awakens' Millennium Falcon

Construct your own adventure in the *Star Wars* galaxy with this 1,130-piece LEGO set, including mini figures of new heroes (Rey, Finn) and old (Han, Chewbacca), and more. This LEGO build of the fastest hunk of junk in the galaxy features a detachable cockpit, rotating top and bottom laser turrets, entrance ramp, the holochess board, and a secret compartment. **Toys R Us, \$149.99.**

Officially licensed 'Star Wars' art

One cannot walk through a *Star Wars* merchandise aisle without seeing the artistry of Brian Rood. The Monroe painter has been busy working on an exhausting amount of *The Force Awakens* projects for Lucasfilm — murals, books, popcorn tins, and much more — but his big project is the stunning 250 illustrations in the just-released *Star Wars: The Original Trilogy Stories* (Storybook Collection). **Books-A-Million, Amazon.com, \$10.53.** Or for a gift suitable for framing, visit brianrood.com for Rood's fine art and other collectibles for sale.



BB-8 App-Enabled Droid by Sphero

Only a Sith Lord can resist the irrepressibly cute and cool BB-8 App-Enabled Droid by Sphero. This rolling-ball droid — a new character in *The Force Awakens* — is controlled remotely via Bluetooth by a smart phone or tablet (iOS and Android), with a swiveling R2-D2-like head that moves independently. BB-8 also responds to the user's voice and features an adaptive personality that evolves. **Apple Store, Amazon.com, Bed Bath & Beyond, \$149.**



Han Solo in Carbonite Mini Fridge

Frozen in carbonite, everyone's favorite smuggler will keep your food warm or cold as a portable fridge that features two removable shelves, a top handle, rubber feet, red LED lights that can be turned on and off, and cooling capacity from 32 to 44 degrees and heating capacity from 131 to 149 degrees. The fridge weighs 9.75 pounds, is 19 inches tall and 10.75 inches wide, and can store up to 18 cans with the shelves removed. **Thinkgeek.com, \$149.99**



'Star Wars' Lightsaber Barbecue Tongs

Add some sizzle to those steaks and bantha burgers with these metal lightsaber tongs. Only a Jedi master chef can properly wield such an elegant barbecue tool, which features a heatproof plastic handle, makes the famous lightsaber sounds, and sheathes in a red storage case when not in a grill battle. **Books-A-Million, Amazon, \$39.33.**

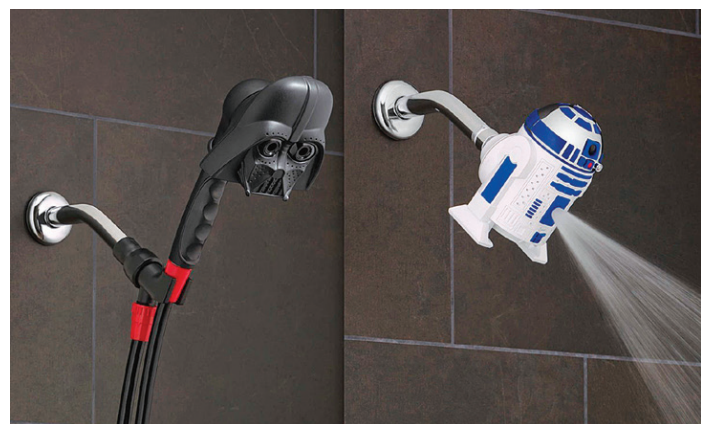


Star Wars Remote Control Ultimate Millennium Falcon Quad

If building a Millennium Falcon isn't enough to fire up your imagination, then pilot the ship yourself. Air Hogs' Millennium Falcon takes to the sky through quad propellers and is remote controlled via 2.4GHz up to 250 feet. Also features LED lights and the familiar sounds. Requires six AA batteries. **Toys R Us, \$88.**

Millennium Falcon Bed

Make the Kessel Run to sleep much more fun with this Millennium Falcon bed. Shaped like the ship's iconic cockpit, this hand-painted, solid wood bed features the Falcon's familiar control panel and is big enough to accompany a twin-size mattress (sorry, dads): 45.5 inches wide, 108.24 inches long, and 45.5 inches high. **Pottery Barn, \$3,999.**



'Star Wars' shower heads

Use the Force of water to get clean with these *Star Wars* shower heads from Oxygenics. The R2-D2 shower head is fixed, while the Darth Vader is handheld with a comfort control grip, and both feature three spray settings. **Bed Bath & Beyond, R2-D2 \$24.99, Darth Vader \$29.99.**



* Prices and availability subject to change.



'Star Wars' Death Star Waffle Maker

That's no moon ... it's a waffle. The boring square waffle is now the ultimate power in the universe and served with melted butter and hot maple syrup. The Death Star Waffle Maker is 8 inches deep, 10 inches wide, and 4 inches tall, and features non-stick cooking plates that produce a 7-inch round waffle sure to strike fear in the hearts of the Rebellion. **Thinkgeek.com, \$39.99.**

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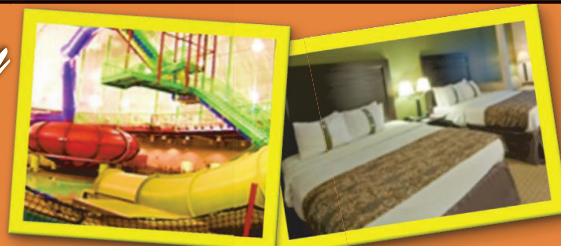
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