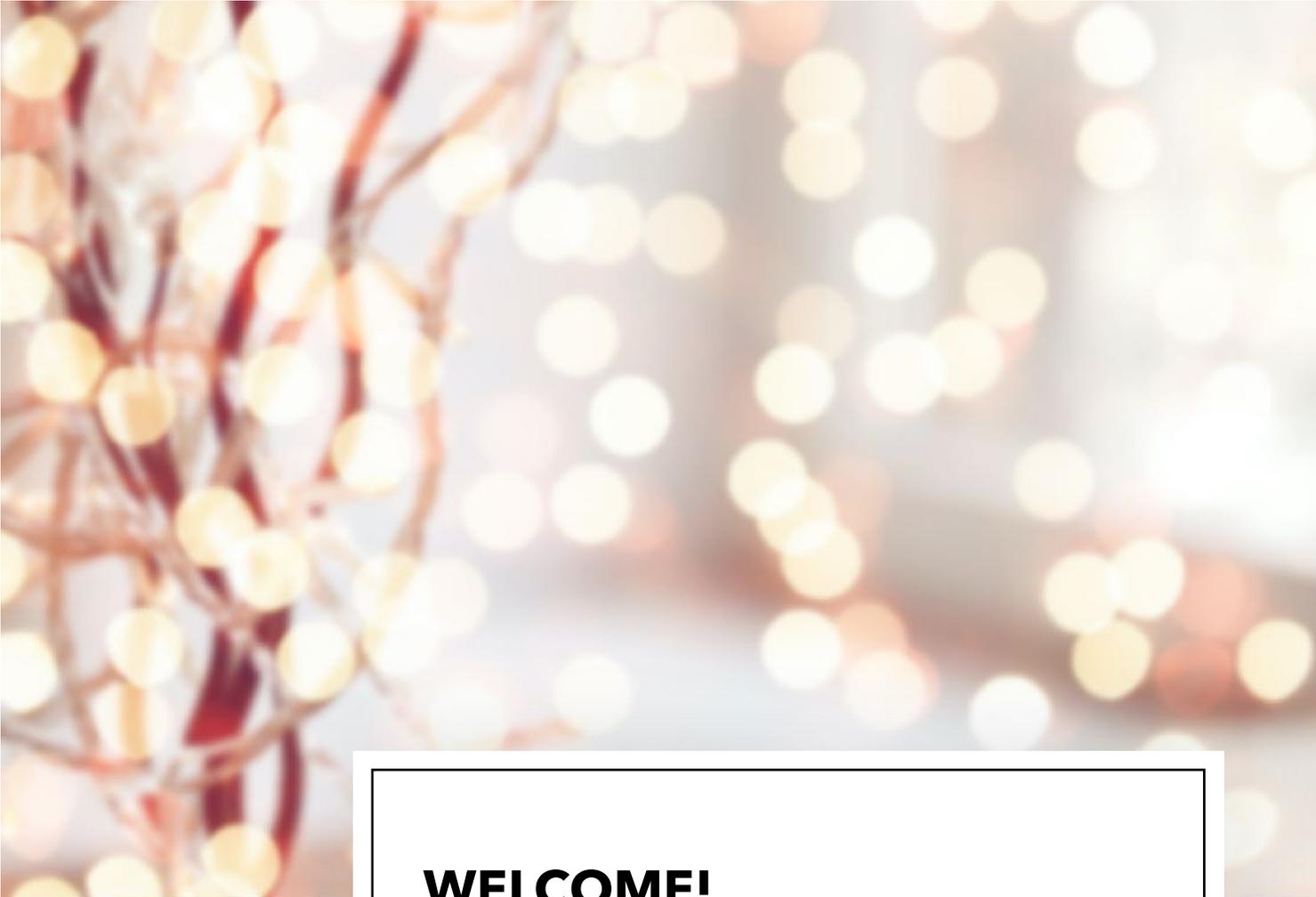


2019 She+ Geeks Out Holiday Gift Guide

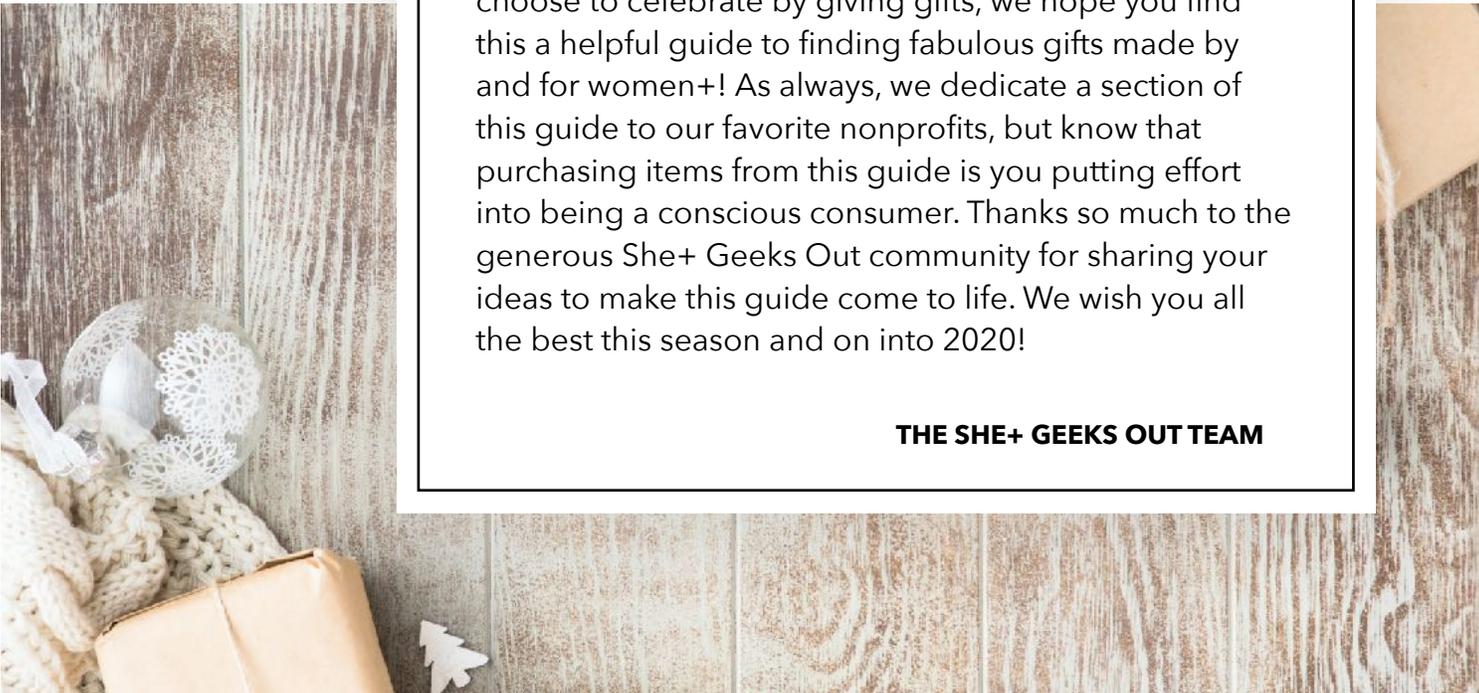




WELCOME!

While this is the season of giving for many of us, we recognize this season is different for everyone. If you choose to celebrate by giving gifts, we hope you find this a helpful guide to finding fabulous gifts made by and for women+! As always, we dedicate a section of this guide to our favorite nonprofits, but know that purchasing items from this guide is you putting effort into being a conscious consumer. Thanks so much to the generous She+ Geeks Out community for sharing your ideas to make this guide come to life. We wish you all the best this season and on into 2020!

THE SHE+ GEEKS OUT TEAM



BOOKS

We've rounded up some INCREDIBLE books this year from authors that are speaking truth to power - some very serious and some hilarious. Go ahead, dive in, and if you want to buy yourself one of these books as a present, we won't judge you. ;-)



All of Us with Wings

Michelle Ruiz Keil

Keil's YA fantasy debut about love, found family, and healing is an ode to post-punk San Francisco through the eyes of a Mexican-American girl. Seventeen-year-old Xochi is alone in San Francisco, running from her painful past: the mother who abandoned her, the man who betrayed her. Then one day, she meets Pallas, a precocious twelve-year-old who lives with her rockstar family in one of the city's storybook Victorians. Xochi accepts a position as Pallas's live-in governess and quickly finds her place in the girl's tight-knit household, which operates on a free-love philosophy and easy warmth despite the band's growing fame.

Long Live the Tribe of Fatherless Girls: A Memoir

T Kira Madden

Acclaimed literary essayist T Kira Madden's raw and redemptive debut memoir is about coming of age and reckoning with desire as a queer, biracial teenager amidst the fierce contradictions of Boca Raton, Florida, a place where she found cult-like privilege, shocking racial disparities, rampant white-collar crime, and powerfully destructive standards of beauty hiding in plain sight.

BOOKS

Paul Takes the Form of a Mortal Girl

Andrea Lawlor

It's 1993 and Paul Polydoris tends bar at the only gay club in a university town thrumming with politics and partying. He studies queer theory, has a dyke best friend, makes zines, and is a flaneur with a rich dating life. But Paul's also got a secret: he's a shapeshifter. Oscillating wildly from Riot Grrrl to leather cub, Paul transforms his body and his gender at will as he crossed the country—a journey and adventure through the deep queer archives of struggle and pleasure.

The Body Papers

Grace Talusan

Winner of The Restless Books Prize for New Immigrant Writing, Grace Talusan's memoir *The Body Papers* bravely explores her experiences with sexual abuse, depression, cancer, and life as a Filipino immigrant, supplemented with government documents, medical records, and family photos.

We Live for the We: The Political Power of Black Motherhood

Dani McClain

In *We Live for the We*, first-time mother Dani McClain sets out to understand how to raise her daughter in what she, as a black woman, knows to be an unjust—even hostile—society. Black women are more likely to die during pregnancy or birth than any other race; black mothers must stand before television cameras telling the world that their slain children were human beings. What, then, is the best way to keep fear at bay and raise a child so she lives with dignity and joy?

Work!: A Queer History of Modeling

Elsbeth H. Brown

From the haute couture runways of Paris and New York and editorial photo shoots for glossy fashion magazines to reality television, models have been a ubiquitous staple of twentieth- and twenty-first-century American consumer culture. In *Work!* Elspeth H. Brown traces the history of modeling from the advent of photographic modeling in the early twentieth century to the rise of the supermodel in the 1980s. Brown outlines how the modeling industry sanitized and commercialized models' sex appeal in order to elicit and channel desire into buying goods. She shows how this new form of sexuality—whether exhibited in the Ziegfeld Follies girls' performance of Anglo-Saxon femininity or in African American models' portrayal of black glamour in the 1960s—became a central element in consumer capitalism and a practice that has always been shaped by queer sensibilities. By outlining the paradox that queerness lies at the center of capitalist heteronormativity and telling the largely unknown story of queer models and photographers, Brown offers an out of the ordinary history of twentieth-century American culture and capitalism.

BOOKS

Fearing the Black Body: The Racial Origins of Fat Phobia

Sabrina Strings

There is an obesity epidemic in this country and poor black women are particularly stigmatized as “diseased” and a burden on the public health care system. This is only the most recent incarnation of the fear of fat black women, which Sabrina Strings shows took root more than two hundred years ago. Strings weaves together an eye-opening historical narrative ranging from the Renaissance to the current moment, analyzing important works of art, newspaper and magazine articles, and scientific literature and medical journals—where fat bodies were once praised—showing that fat phobia, as it relates to black women, did not originate with medical findings, but with the Enlightenment era belief that fatness was evidence of “savagery” and racial inferiority.

All This Could Be Yours

Jami Attenberg

ALL THIS COULD BE YOURS is a timely, piercing exploration of what it means to be caught in the web of a toxic man who abused his power; it shows how those webs can tangle a family for generations and what it takes to—maybe, hopefully—break free. With her signature “sparkling prose” (Marie Claire) and incisive wit, Jami Attenberg deftly explores one of the most important subjects of our age.

Girls and their Cats

BriAnne Wills

Girls and Their Cats showcases 50 strong, independent, and artistic women who take the world in stride with their beloved felines. This stunning book redefines what it means to be a “cat lady” through striking portraits and engaging profiles of each woman and her cat—or cats. Interspersed throughout are amusing lists any cat lady will find relatable, from “How to Catproof Your Home” to “The Chorus of Cat Sounds,” as well as an adoption resource guide and a list of rescue organizations in the United States and Canada.

The More or Less Definitive Guide to Self-Care

Anna Borges

The More or Less Definitive Guide to Self-Care is here to help you exist in the world. Borges gathers over 200 tips, activities, and stories (from experts and everyday people alike) into an A-to-Z list—from asking for help and burning negative thoughts to the importance of touch and catching some Zzz’s. Make any day a little more OK with new skills in your self-care toolkit—and energy to show up for yourself.

BOOKS

The Witches Are Coming

Lindy West

In a laugh-out-loud, incisive cultural critique, West extolls the world-changing magic of truth, urging readers to reckon with dark lies in the heart of the American mythos, and unpacking the complicated, and sometimes tragic, politics of not being a white man in the twenty-first century. She tracks the misogyny and propaganda hidden (or not so hidden) in the media she and her peers devoured growing up, a buffet of distortions, delusions, prejudice, and outright bullsh*t that has allowed white male mediocrity to maintain a death grip on American culture and politics-and that delivered us to this precarious, disorienting moment in history.

Unpregnant

Jenni Hendricks

Seventeen-year-old Veronica Clarke never thought she'd want to fail a test—that is, until she finds herself staring at a piece of plastic with two solid pink lines. With a college-bound future now disappearing before her eyes, Veronica considers a decision she never imagined she'd have to make: an abortion. There's just one catch—the closest place to get one is over nine hundred miles away. With conservative parents, a less-than-optimal boyfriend, and no car, Veronica turns to the only person who won't judge her: Bailey Butler, a legendary misfit at Jefferson High—and Veronica's ex-best friend.

Beyond Guilt Trips: Mindful Travel in an Unequal World

Anu Taranath

Beyond Guilt Trips helps us to unpack our Western baggage, so that we are better able to understand our uncomfortable feelings about who we are, where we come from, and how much we have. Through engaging personal travel stories and thought-provoking questions about the ethics and politics of our travel, Beyond Guilt Trips shows readers ways to grapple with their discomfort and navigate differences through accountability and connection.

FOOD & DRINK

Everyone knows the best part about the holidays is the food- so why not buy some delicious food from women-owned businesses to share the love with your family and friends?



88 Acres Craft Seed Products

Support women entrepreneurs, and local CEO Nicole Ledoux specifically, by trying all of 88 Acres craft seed products, which we think are the best bars you'll ever taste. All products are free of the 9 most common allergens: NO peanuts, tree nuts, soy, dairy, gluten, egg, fish, shellfish, or sesame!



Apotheker's Kitchen

Yummy, locally produced marshmallows and chocolate (and chocolate-covered marshmallows, if you want to get *really* crazy) by a wife and husband couple. Perfect for your hot chocolate this winter, and makes a great, decadent gift for someone you love!



Lyndigo Spice

Inspired by Caribbean and Indian cuisines, Lyndigo Spice is a minority woman-owned business that sells chutneys, relishes, fruit spreads, and spice blends for all of your cooking needs. All recipes are made locally in the Boston area in small batches.

FOOD & DRINK

Mug Buddy Cookies

Mug Buddy Cookies are adorable, handmade cookies that fit neatly on the side of a your mug, to add fun to any hot beverage. A great gift for the upcoming cold weather!

OneHope Wine

Looking to drink some delicious wines, *and* donate to a good cause? Look no further! OneHope Wine partners with nonprofits around the world to help support causes including animal welfare, children, education, the environment, veterans, and women's rights and safety. Each varietal of wine is matched with a cause category, so feel free to try a few!

True Syrups

True Syrups sells grenadine, kola, ginger, and tonic syrups to help you make delicious, authentic cocktails at home. Their syrups never use dyes or high fructose corn syrup, and are a great gift for someone in your life who loves making drinks.



S'well Bottles

Did you know that those beautiful, trendy metal water bottles were also founded by a woman– and that they also partner with UNICEF, (RED), and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation? They're a helpful, environmentally-friendly gift for anyone on your list.

Simple Mills Cookies and More

Someone in your family gluten-free? Simple Mills is a perfect, delicious solution. They never use artificial flavors or sweeteners, and all of their baking mixes, cookies, frostings, and crackers are gluten-free.



CLOTHES & ACCESSORIES

You want whimsy with a some baller feminism thrown in? We've got you covered! It's been amazing to see the explosion of incredible art and fashion made by and for women+. We'll be doing this a little differently here. We're highlighting shops & our #1 fave gift item. (PS this photo is from WILDFANG, who we are kind of obsessed with).



WILDFANG, Portland, OR & The Internets

Wildfang is your go-to shop for clothing, gifts, and accessories that say fuck the patriarchy. Offering non-traditional silhouettes and clothing that promotes wild feminism, these two former Nike employees realized that there was an opportunity to create a space for those who have been marginalized by the retail industry. We absolutely love all of their models as well. We're currently fans of the PAY ME bobby pins!

<https://www.wildfang.com>



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Otherwild, LA, NYC & The Internets

Otherwild is more than a shop - it's an experience. Yes, you can buy gifts, accessories, jewelry, clothes, and more, but it's also a studio that co-creates goods for sale and a community space which holds events such as workshops, performances, parties, and more! Lots to choose from here, but we're going with the slogan beach towel!

<https://www.otherwild.com>

Suffragette, The Internets

Suffragette brings color to the lives of women worldwide by creating high quality and inspirational products, using their brand as a platform to drive equality and unity, and donating 30% of profits to charities that support women. BOOM! These watches are hot and we would like one, please! Each color has a meaning - we're choosing Scarlet, the color of sexuality, passion, courage, and love! Also it reminds us of our logo color. :D



Me & You, The Internets

Feminist undies FTW! Two women met, were frustrated by the lack of fun, comfy, and inclusive clothing, so they started with feminist underwear and grew from there, with new collections coming out a few times a year. We're choosing their classic box set of undies! <https://www.itsmeandyou.com/>

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Gravel & Gold, SF & The Internets

Gravel & Gold is an independent, woman-owned design collective in San Francisco, California. Since 2008, they've supported a broader community of artists to create joyful, useful items. We wondered where the boobs tote started and now we know. They made it in 2014 and it's been selling out ever since. We love it in black! <https://www.gravelandgold.com>

Skida, The Internets

Two Vermont skiers needed something fun to put on their heads to keep them warm and look colorful and unique. They created what are now super popular and so fun hats, headbands, and neckwear to keep you warm while on the slopes (or not). There are tons of prints to choose from but we love these for the little ones. We must keep the little ones warm! :D <https://www.skida.com>



Cleverest Girl, The Internets

She+ Geeks Out community member Molly Walter is a helluva talent and we had to include her designs here! We absolutely adore these feminist illustrations and it was hard to pick a fave, but we did. The "I Believe Her" illustration from Christine Blasey Ford's testimony is incredible. Check her work out, you will not be disappointed!

<https://society6.com/cleverestgirl>



NONPROFITS

Interested in giving back this holiday season? We've rounded up a collection of organizations doing amazing things- so you can take your pick of what causes matter most to you.

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

National Women's Law Center (NWLC)

Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

Native American Rights Fund

Center for Reproductive Rights

Pathfinder International

Citizen Schools

Planned Parenthood

City Year

ProPublica

Girl Develop It (GDI)

Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN)

International Rescue Committee (IRC)

Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services

NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund

She Should Run

NARAL Pro-Choice America

Silent Spring Institute

National Immigration Law Center (NILC)



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WE HOPE YOU FOUND IT HELPFUL, AND WE
ALWAYS WELCOME FEEDBACK. FEEL FREE TO
EMAIL US AT HELLO@SHEGEEKSOUT.COM TO TELL
US HOW WE CAN MAKE THIS BETTER NEXT YEAR!**