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Short Orders Gift Guide 2008

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Whatever the economy, when you're buying gifts it's far more important to find that one gift that makes the recipient say "Wow!" than it is to buy a truckload of mediocre merchandise. After 10 months of searching, testing and comparing, I've put together a foodie gift guide this year that will help you get your "Wow," along with possible unbridled expressions of physical affection if your giftee is so inclined.

As ever, I've tried to cover a wide range of gift options. We've got some of the finest truffles ever made, sea salt I can almost guarantee no one you know has ever tried, a bit of maple madness and a host of others.

Without further ado, let's get started!

Vivabox: This just might be the most original upscale gift idea I've ever seen. If you're worried about what exactly to get for someone on your list, Vivabox lets them help you make the decision! There are several different Vivabox options, but since this is a food column, I tested the *Gourmet To Your Door* box. What your recipient will get is a lovely gift box containing two fine linen napkins, silver napkin rings and even a card with napkin-folding directions. But the *real* treat comes when the menu opens. The heart of the Vivabox is the Gourmet Station menu, where your recipient can choose from a great variety of menus such as French Bistro, New Orleans Favorites or Taste of the Sea. Once they pick their meal, the Gourmet Station chefs prepare the food and it's shipped to their door ready for a fantastic dinner for two. Just [click here](#) to start your Vivabox adventure!



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