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2009 Gift Guide

Great Gifts for the Rest of Us!

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It's that time of year again, and we all have at least some degree of gift shopping on our minds. Have you figured out what to do for those harder-to-buy-for people on your gift list?

This guide is a collection of some of the newer, perhaps lesser-known products or services that can make great gifts. The guide features products for tweens (ages 9-14), teens, and adults, and the prices range from the very affordable to the somewhat expensive. (If you're in the market for younger children's products and toys, follow the link on the Baltimore's Child homepage, www.BaltimoresChild.com, to our 2009 Children's Gift Guide, compiled by Janice Hands.)

Also, don't miss the section that includes charitable opportunities for giving and volunteering as well as another section on shopping sites that highlight ways to save money.

Finally, just as many business forecasts predict that online sales will increase again this year, several gifts in this guide are sold exclusively through websites. Therefore, as a general precaution for purchasing anything sold on the Internet, make sure to read the tips provided by the Better Business Bureau of Greater Maryland immediately following this gift guide on protecting yourself when you're shopping online.

Happy shopping...and Happy Holidays!

Prices listed are manufacturers' suggested retail prices, provided prior to the publication of this guide. Baltimore's Child cannot be responsible for price or availability changes.

BLACK Sipping Chocolate by Norman Love Confections

Indulge your favorite chocolate lover with sipping chocolate made with chocolate from around the world. Chocolatier and founder of Norman Love Confections, Norman Love has introduced **BLACK Sipping Chocolate**, a gourmet collection of dark chocolate, featuring rich chocolates from the finest growing regions in the world.

Each tin of sipping chocolates contains one of the five ultra premium dark chocolate varieties: 74 percent Hacienda Elvesia, an elegant, robust chocolate with notes of black tea and a hint of tobacco made with beans from the Dominican Republic; 72 percent Arriba, made with cocoa beans of the prized Nacional from Arriba Mocache, Los Rios, Ecuador; 68 percent Cru Sauvage, the world's first chocolate made from beans harvested from wild cacao trees growing in the Beni region of north-eastern Bolivia; 65 percent Maracaibo Clasificado, made with noble criollo cocoa from the vicinity of Lake Maracaibo in Venezuela; and 64 percent Madagascar, made with cocoa beans of the trinitario variety from Sambirano, Madagascar.

The BLACK Sipping Chocolate retails for \$19.50 each and is available at www.NormanLoveConfections.com.



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