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Is Blood Thicker Than Water?
A look into LGBTQ+ friendships

BY LINDSEY ANDERSON
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It's the holiday season, and all across the country, people are planning out just how they'll celebrate — and survive — the next couple of months with family. For many, the idea of sharing a hot meal and reminiscing about childhood memories with loved ones is sacrosanct, but for others, the next few months can feel like a special section of hell, especially for LGBTQ+ people who may feel disconnected from the families of their birth.

While holidays are a great way to celebrate families and traditions, it is important to remember this time of year that blood is not what makes a family, and that there can be plenty of love to go around for found families and friend groups looking to share this time of year.

Science proves that LGBTQ+ friendships are special
Being able to travel home and spend time with loved ones who accept and reaffirm one's identity is a luxury often not afforded to LGBTQ+ people. A shocking survey by the Pew Research Center found that 40% of queer adults have faced rejection by their birth families after coming out.

Family is vital to a young person's development, not only emotionally but financially as well. The UCLA Williams Institute found that 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ+, and that this is a factor that contributes to their status as unhoused.

The holidays can make loneliness feel magnified for those who are unable to spend time with loved ones and can even serve as a reminder of what has been lost.

However, for queer people living in safer spaces like Seattle, opportunities to form pseudo-families or "found families" have given many a place to celebrate in an environment of love and acceptance.

Queer friendship is a magical thing, a phenomenon that social scientists have recently begun studying, to try to understand what it is that makes LGBTQ+ friend groups feel more like found families. In the study "Homophily, Close Friendship, and Life Satisfaction Among Gay, Lesbian, Heterosexual, and Bisexual Men and Women," researcher Brian Gillespie found that "gay men and lesbians, in particular, receive more substantial social support from friends than heterosexual men and women."

In his study, Gillespie theorized that the reason LGBTQ+ friendships are so strong is related to minority stress theory. "Minority stress theory proposes that GLB individuals are likely to experience rejection as a result of their marginalized sexual orientation and must learn to cope and adapt to a potentially inhospitable social environment," he explained.

Gillespie also found that friendship is vital for LGBTQ+ people in forming their identities and sense of self, and concluded that "sexual minorities may not only want more friends but need more friends compared to their heterosexual counterparts."

A rich history of LGBTQ+ friendships
While social experiments may not be required to understand that friendship is important to LGBTQ+ people, that sentiment is confirmed time and time again, both by recounts of personal stories and examinations from research studies.

Historians have also discovered that the phenomenon of Queer friendships date back centuries, although these close relationships were often not seen as Queer at the time. Author Maria Popova described the idea of "romantic friendships" of the last century as "that strange, wonderful, and often messy confluence between the two and the inevitable discombobulation of our nearly organized relationship structures that happen when romantic love and friendship converge."

Although it can be difficult for historians to distinguish which friendships were Queer, because society tended to be more homosocial, the consensus is that such close friendships have always been important to people. Romantic sentiments have been tied to friendships in texts dating as far back as the Bible, in which a verse claims: "The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself... then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself."

English literature is riddled with examples of close male friendships, and physical acts of adoration blurring the lines between romantic and platonic. However, as the study of sexology and laws regarding homosexuality became more prominent, acts of affection between same-sex friends became rarer and rarer, especially for male-identifying people. Perhaps it is the rarity of platonic same-sex affection that makes the phenomenon so special and enduring to this day.

Friendship for LGBTQ+ people is as vital as familial bonds. Friends are often the people there to reassure and comfort, and celebrate life's big events with those living far from the ones who raised them. Close friends keep us grounded, the community gives us life, and platonic intimacy is sometimes just what a person needs on cold winter nights.

So, this holiday season, if you don't have a birth family to travel home to, don't be afraid to reach out to your LGBTQ+ friend group for a Friendsgiving feast, and remind those close to you just how much you love them.
An Ace reflection on dating during the holidays

by Georgina Skerritt
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During my most recent visit to the website for the Asperger's Association and Education Network (AVEAN), I stumbled upon a post from one community member that suma up common fears people have this time of year: "No one to share the holidays with."

The post was exactly what 1 expected: this person relies on family for company during this time of year and often feels that they'll be "left behind" if their parents or siblings decide to spend the season with their partners and in-laws. The rest of the thread was filled with others validating and relating to the experience.

Holidays can be hard for everyone for so many different reasons: high travel costs, the stress of entertaining and hosting guests, balancing work and home life, a rocky relationship with food...the list goes on. For those of us in the Queer community, we may also be dealing with estrangement from friends or family, or celebrating with people we aren't yet.

Human beings are wired for social connection, and it's no mystery that this time of year is historically known for moments of love, connection, and celebration. There's also the fact that holiday media (movies in particular) almost always center around a narrative of family, friends, and/or romance, further reinforcing the idea that the holidays are a time to be with your partner. It's as much as the next person - I love the idea of seeing all my favorite people in one place and spending an entire day with them. At 21, I'm living at home with my parents and sister at the moment and will very happily spend the holidays with them. My sister will probably have a Friendsgiving give if we can manage it, and I have even more to look forward to when other friends come home for the holidays. But something is missing.

I will by no means be alone this holiday season, and yet this post left me with a familiar pang of anxiety because of one thing that has changed for me in the last year: this is my first holiday season since coming to terms with my asexuality. I started questioning my relationship with sex in January, and have since learned a lot about the asexuality spectrum and the complexities of attraction, sexual or otherwise. There has been a lot to unpack, a lot to learn, and a lot to unlearn. One thing I have learned a lot about is the existence of Aromantic and Asexual people living in a society that so heavily enforces romance and sex as pillars of a good life. This social conditioning is part of the reason I struggled so long to find an identity that made sense to me, and it is something that I am still trying to unlearn.

As I write this article, I observe myself as Grey-Asexual and Panromantic, meaning that my sexual attraction to others is based on emotional connection, but I am romantically attracted to everyone through my identity feels like it fluctuates almost daily. One of the most beautiful and liberating parts of discovering my asexuality has been allowing myself certain standards and boundaries while dating.

For a long time, sex was something I did to keep people around, not something I did for myself. Yes, in more serious relationships I enjoy being sex with my partner to make them happy and to feel more connected to them, but it's never been something that motivates me in and of itself. In many ways, dating on the Ace spectrum can be empowering, because it allows us to set our needs and our boundaries higher up on the priority list without feeling as guilty or ashamed or broken. Understanding my own experience has given me more self-compassion, something I wouldn't trade in a heartbeat. Still, it doesn't make the failed attempts at dating any less disappointing. When I do find someone who I click with, there's a part of me that tries not to get my hopes up. As sad as I am to admit it, telling people about my asexuality has often led to our relationship fizzling out somehow. Yes, prioritizing your needs and boundaries as an Ace person is a courageous and noble act of self-love, but it can still feel like you're letting people down (or like they're letting you down).

This is not to say that dating as an Ace person is a failure per se. It's not hopelessly plagued with heartbreak or disappointment. But it does come with a unique set of challenges, and it definitely helps if I said that I'm not more aware of these as the holiday season rolls in. I'm still young, and no one in my age bracket and/or social circle is planning on settling down any time soon, but I am still left wondering what holidays may look like down the road.

The struggle with holiday sobriety is real

by Michael Leach
Special to the SGN

Over the holidays, there is an increased number of holiday work events, family gatherings, and social functions. It is the time of the year to celebrate with family and friends. While it is a joyous time for most families, it can be challenging for some, what with the combination of stressful relationships, shopping, family, and social functions. It is the time of the year to celebrate with family and friends.

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Despite relapse triggers or the temptation to overindulge, the holidays do not have to mean jeopardizing recovery or one's choice to abstain from alcohol. Lasting recovery or sobriety does not mean missing out on all the holiday festivities and celebrations; it just means being smart about it.

There are practical ways to help maintain sobriety. Perhaps the best way to avoid relapse or overindulging during the holidays is to have a well-thought-out plan.

Initially, there are some things to consider when attending holiday celebrations, for example:

- Who will be at the party? Is there anyone there who could compromise your sobriety?
- What do I say when someone offers me a drink, and are there nonalcoholic options?
- How will I get home if I feel uncomfortable and need to leave?
- Are there the relapse triggers? Is there an issue of overindulgence?

Knowing what you are getting into with each holiday celebration makes it easier to avoid vulnerable situations. However, you may require some support. Going to these parties with a sober friend or another person who is not drinking alcohol over the holidays is often beneficial.

Other aspects of a support system for someone in recovery could be 12-step meetings, sponsor, a treatment center, or friends and family. A support network is vital when in recovery, especially around the holidays.

As for drinks at parties, "There are endless nonalcoholic options to enjoy, and holiday cocktails are popular because it provides a safer option and a better choice for sober guests," said Marcel Genne of SoberRecovery.

"Nonalcoholic options also eliminate the risk of drinking and driving," he added. According to Washington state's Traffic Safety Commission, on average, 100 people are arrested between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, and 50% of roadway fatalities are due to impaired driving.

One critical point that many people neglect is to take care of yourself. The acronym HALT (Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired) is an excellent way to remember basic needs. When people become hungry, they are more susceptible to anxiety and stress. The same occurs when someone becomes angry or lonely. Sleep is often neglected during the holidays; adequate sleep is critical to maintaining sobriety.

Finally, create new traditions and find the holiday spirit. It is essential to look beyond the parties, gifts, and celebrations. Find the real meaning of the holidays: joy, companionship, and kindness. Discover gratitude in every moment. Write down everything you are grateful for as a reminder.

While in recovery, gratitude is essential to the process and could help anyone through the holiday season. It is the season of giving and giving thanks. Every day during the holidays is a new reason to celebrate sobriety.
Foster a pet and save a life at the Seattle Animal Shelter

by Lindsey Anderson
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"To bond with an animal is to understand what unconditional love feels like. A pet does not care who you love or what gender you are, only that you are willing to show them kindness and friendship. Although animals are willing to show unconditional love to the people who take care of them, there are too many currently waiting behind bars for someone to see their worth."

The Seattle Animal Shelter was opened in 1972 to "protect public safety" and "enforce animal-related ordinances" in the city. In the 50 years since, it has also helped to house and adopt out thousands of dogs, cats, and small critters (rabbits, mice, guinea pigs) to loving families all over King County.

Too many pets!

Since the start of the pandemic, the shelter has become overwhelmed with animals. This is due in part to state and city ordinances that prevent the shelter from opening back up to its pre-COVID visiting hours. It has also seen an uptick in animal surrenders since the beginning of the pandemic, due to people's "pandemic pets" not working out the way they had hoped. While the Seattle Animal Shelter does not euthanize pets for time or space, there are still very harmful consequences to the animals when it becomes overcrowded.

For dogs, an overfull shelter means much more stress. The noise levels inside the facility can become overwhelming very quickly. Stimulation, paired with the anxiety of being in a new, cold, unfamiliar environment, often leads to behavioral and health issues for these dogs. Many will refuse to eat or develop stomach issues. Others who come into the shelter well behaved quickly deteriorate, losing their confidence and years of training.

For cats, the stress of a full and noisy shelter can also mean their behavior becomes altered. Some cats deal with stress by becoming more aggressive and less willing to trust people. Others will act out by "spraying" or refusing to use a litter box, even if they had previously been trained to do so.

The stress reactions of animals in shelters can make them seem less adoptable to potential new families. A once-friendly pup can look aggressive when they're stressed out and barking from behind a cage door. A cuddly kitten might only be interested in hiding from those hoping to meet them, and appear antisocial.

For those that do make it out after their behaviors have been altered, the chance of being returned is great. When an animal returns to the shelter, its behavior often deteriorates even further. The animals do not understand what has happened to them and why their new family has rejected them yet again. Unlike people, dogs and cats do not have the proper ability to process the situations they are in. They face a return to the shelter with confusion, and can often become depressed.

Hope in the dark

While this cycle can feel hopeless, there is a solution! The Seattle Animal Shelter offers a wonderful foster program, where members of the community can help out by taking a pet out of the shelter and into their home. The foster program allows adoptable animals to get away from the stress of the animal shelter so that they can wait for their forever family in the comfort of a "practice home." Anybody is welcome to apply.

Foster parents can choose a pet to bring into their home, and work as an advocate in finding their new family. They are responsible for taking care of the foster pet, making sure it gets to its vet appointments, and most importantly, broadening its love. The pets that usually go into foster care first are dogs who have been in the shelter the longest, dogs recovering from an injury or medical procedure, and puppies who need socialization skills that they cannot get at the animal shelter.

"Fostering is a wonderful experience for you and your family — you can feel good knowing you have helped save a dog's life. Even better, you've created space in the shelter to accommodate other homeless dogs." Foster dog provides companionship and purpose. Your act of kindness is repaid in rewards that are beyond words," said Patti, a Seattle Animal Shelter foster coordinator.

For pet lovers who feel fostering is too big of a commitment, the shelter also offers programs to "check out a dog" for a day or to do an overnight. This allows people interested in going on a day trip, such as a hike or a venture to the beach, to bring a high-energy dog with them. This helps get the out of the shelter for a few hours, burn off some energy, and also gets them noticed by members of the community who might be interested in adoption.

Those interested in applying to become a foster parent for the Seattle Animal Shelter should email SASHeriffdog@gmail.com. For more information on adopting or volunteering with the shelter, check out https://www.seattle.gov/animal-shelter.

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December 11), will be a historic moment on this canonically conservative channel. It dipped its toes into Gay waters only a couple years ago with The Christmas House (2020), that centered on straight, cisgender Mike (a charming Rob Buckley) returning to his hometown in uptown New York, where his parents Phyllis and Bill (sensitively played by Sharan Lawrence and Treat Williams) and his Gay brother Brandon (a sharply nuanced Jonathan Bennett) come together to decorate their childhood home in their family’s trademark fantasy, over the top style before the house is sold. Brandon is a supporting character, whose movements in the film along with husboured Jake (a nondescript Brad Harder) revolve around their private journey of adopting a child. While commendable in featuring a story that many same-sex couples experience, there is no explicit language about the couple’s Gay life, although there is a magnificent scene where Brandon and Jake quietly masquerade themselves to their lair. The effort here is to show no difference between the two brothers and their respective relationships, such as softening the edges to endear straight and jolts. But the moment between Brandon and Jake is so shrunk in the film and clips that it left me underwhelmed. Here I am in 2022, shouting into the void that was 2020: “Just say Gay!”

The film is poorly drawn compared to its sequel, The Christmas House 2: Deck Those Halls (2021), which is much more light-hearted and quirky in pace and dialogue, giving a bit more Modern Family and Schitt’s Creek vibes. The sequel brings the brothers back together for a home-decorating duel on a reality TV competition. Bennett gets a lot more scenery to chew and brings a nice energy and charisma that elevates Buckley’s performance.

A gay-meets-gay atmosphere is a brand, supportive partner, but he has some moments as the solid protagonist in contrast to Brandon’s wild antics. But the big moment is between the real siblings, where queerness is still only obliquely referenced, although there is a tongue-in-cheek button to the scene that allows for forgiveness. One thing the movie does well, though clumsily, is dropping real family issues (like co-parenting, work-life balance, aging, and blended family) among the spirited holiday fun.

**Gay meets boy**

Although The Christmas House series pump-started the Gay Hallmark holiday-movie canon, neither film is very romantic. For this I turned to The Christmas Setup (2020) on Lifetime. New York City lawyer Hugo (an amiable Ben Lewis) returns to his hometown of Milwaukee with his bestie Maddie (a delightful Ellen Wong) to celebrate the holiday with his empty-nest mom Kate (a winning Fran Drescher) and embarks upon a whirlwind romance with high school crush Patrick Ryan (a handsome Blake Lee).
I liked how ordinary these two characters are though one has a skyrocketing big-city career and the other is a retired young app developer, the two are still the boys they once were in high school. In a bit of tribute to Sisteen Candles (Luke Ryan, my high school movie character crush!), Patrick, like Jake, is handsome and confident, popular, and deeply rooted in his good looks. There is a shy awkwardness between them, from both getting to know someone to the anxiety of reconciling that to the image you’ve held in your memory. Though there is not much to this love story with two too many plot points (including a long digression to save an old train station), the tension of the courtship was most affecting.

I appreciated the casting of a non-white person as the best friend. Wong shines, bringing a contemporary lightness to the movie without being inauthentic. But the real pro here is Drescher, dashing in and out of scenes with aplomb. Her familiar signature voice may grate to some ears, but Queen kids from the ‘90s who wished to have a fabulous caretaker like her Fran Fine character from The Nanny will feel comforted.

From the title of the movie, you might think it telegraphs Kate as the typical meddler and the other as a retired app developer, the two are still the boys they once were in high school. It is that her matchmaking skills are done outside the frame. Kate even sets up Madsen’s character, Air Force pilot Aiden (a miscalculated Chad Connell), which seems like an afterthought. Although Madsen and Drescher set among the children can be interpreted as sinister, it brings a bit of a punch like energy to these someone you’ve pissed off for and the anxiety of being swatted by the two leads, real-life Gay couple Lewis and Lee. You feel at least the two are on screen together. There’s no friction here. Heat? Not so much. Call it a “network note.” But casting two Gay actors releases the viewer from having to make a leap of imagination and, overall, it works well.

The Gay cowboy Christmas movie
Yet still, I was searching for some romance. Maybe even a little sex appeal? For this, I decided to Dashing in December (2020). An interesting cinematic blend of the Western terrain of Ang Lee’s Brokeback Mountain and the provincial quiet of Amy Sherman-Palladino’s Gilmore Girls, Dashing brings both the romance and the beat to hit that sweet spot. The space guitar and tinkle piano score sets the mood for love.

Recently single botnet financier Wyatt (chiseled Peter Porte) returns to his childhood home in Colorado, where his widowed mom Deb (a delicate Andie McDowell) runs the family horse ranch with the help of sweet-natured stable hand Heath (an effortless Juan Pablo di Pace).

Wyatt’s high-school girlfriend Blake (a solid Caroline Harris) and her mom both know Wyatt and Heath are Gay but decide not to tell either, at first. Not quite like Setup, this plot device allows the men to make their own choices about each other. Though personality differences between the two divide them early on, they are still immediately attracted to each other and, over time, discover they are more similar than they thought. They are both upright and reserved, cheerful and charming. Decidedly dashing. And everyone around them loves them individually, but especially together.

Being released through Paramount gave this production a little more money to push the envelope. There is more room for character development and dramatic intensity. The courtroom setting is given to ignite, breathe, and solidify. The scenes flow nicely between intimate, two-character scenes and enervating, holiday-themed sequences. A Shania Twain needle drop at the local honky-tonk with an impeccably choreographed line dance transported me to another astral plane.

Andgot the heat I was looking for when the camera unashamedly swings on Porte’s ample anatomy in tight underwear (from front to back) before Wyatt innocently bumps into Heath, who is also in his underwear. You won’t see that on Hallmark.

Beyond the skin, there is a romantic moment when Wyatt unexpectedly is swept off his feet. He is surprised and enchanted, which leads to the second anticipated kiss. But as the plot unfolds, the uncomfortable power dynamics at play eventually unravel the romance to devastating effect. It’s not satisfactorily solved, but it does end happily (of course) many plot points. But what stands out about this film is that it feels wholly sophisticated and contemporary: the complicated bonds between all characters, the way the holiday is woven throughout the narrative and art direction, and of course, the sweeping, cinematic landscapes. Although it’s a movie with so many cups of cocoa, I can report there were absolutely no liquids in them.

Aside from that, obviously, the film’s real strength is in the casting. Once again, we have two Gay actors in Porte and di Pace. Porte’s hunky allure is evenly matched by di Pace’s easy sensuality. But it is di Pace’s sensitive portrayal in a series of monologues about his family and romantic history that is the film’s emotional center. The ranch is a token of what Wyatt left behind, but what has saved Heath’s life.

The diversity of the cast brings a modernity to the film, having thoughtful and three-dimensional characters played by people of color like Harris and di Pace breaks the stereotype that only white people can come from these kinds of places, and ultimately, play these kinds of roles.

And lastly, Andie McDowell is a Queer icon, obviously through her outrageous cameo in Magic Mike XXL but also with Dashing, adding another jewel to her crown.

For a Queer viewer of a certain age, the hometown holiday romance is a chance to go back in time and experience a first love, to replay lost youth, now as adults. It’s an opportunity to escape into the fantasy. And there’s the trick: for so long we were never included in these kinds of stories, and now these films gain traction, it’s a joy that Queer people can finally participate in this holiday tradition. Some may cringe watching, but most will dream.

Christmas House and Dashing in December are available on Amazon Prime, as is Christmas House 2, which will also be shown on the Hallmark Channel on Nov. 21. The Christmas Setup can be seen online on Lifetime, Hulu, and Amazon Prime.
**Feast on a Budget**

A step-by-step guide to satisfying holiday meal despite Seattle prices

By Julia Cragin

Special to the SGN

With the holidays just around the corner, now is the perfect time to set planning your spread.

I have been in the kitchen a lot lately and decided it was time to start making preparations. So I made a list of my favorite holiday-inspired recipes, modified to fit a tighter budget (especially important now, with the soaring cost of living across the state). While these dishes may not be as simple as buying a can and heating it up or making a simple stir fry, they will put you more in touch with what you are putting into your body and provide greater nutritional content.

So if you are looking to cook your cooking this season without breaking the bank, give a few of these recipes a try!

**Soft and Simple Diner Rolls**

Makes 9-12 rolls; Total cost: $3.05

Ingredients:

- What a great example of human ingenuity. Especially when it is soft, chewy, and fresh out of the oven. These rolls are simple to make and get that familiar, soft texture of store-bought dinner rolls with much more flavor.

- 3.5 cups all-purpose flour - $1.37
- 1 packet instant yeast - $0.90
- 1 teaspoon salt - $0.03
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt - $0.04
- 2 tablespoons salted butter (softened) - $0.41
- 1 egg - $0.30
- Water

Preheat your oven to 375°F. In a small dish, combine the yeast, sugar, and 2 tablespoons of warm water and stir. Let sit for about 10 minutes to bloom the yeast (you should see some bubbles).

In a larger bowl, mix the flour and salt. Add the yeast mixture and 1 1/4 cups water and stir to form a sticky ball of dough. Knead a few times to incorporate all the flour.

Grease a clean bowl with about a teaspoon of butter and transfer the dough ball to the bowl. Cover with a damp towel and allow to rise for about 1 hour or until roughly doubled in size.

Bake the rolls in a 375°F oven for about 18 minutes or until golden brown.

Tart and Tangy Cranberry Sauce

Makes about 2 cups; Total cost: $1.08

Personally, I am not a big fan of the canned cranberry sauce normally seen in grocery stores around the holidays. It lacks what cranberries are abundant in flavor! This recipe brings out that lovely flavor and results in a slightly thinner consistency for easier spreading.

- 2 cups fresh cranberries - $0.20
- 2 cups sugar - $0.75
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch - $0.08
- Zest of 1 lemon** - $0.25
- 1 cup of salt

Combine the cranberries, water, salt, sugar in a small saucepan and heat over medium heat until you hear the cranberries popping. Once most cranberries have popped, use a spoon to mash them against the side of the pan.

When the heat is low and whisk in the cornstarch, making sure to break up any clumps. Cook for around 30 minutes or until thickened to your desired consistency. Add lemon zest a few minutes before you are ready to serve.

** More cornstarch can be used if wanted a thicker sauce.

** Lemon juice can also be added if wanted a sauce that tart.

** Roasted Veggies You Actually Want to Serve.

Serves 6-8; Total cost: $9.60

Sweet potatoes and green beans are both major components in classic holiday casseroles, but I usually find these to be a bit too sweet.

Usually, the green beans are only cooked in water, which makes them lose their amazing crunchy texture. The sweet potatoes are loaded with added sugar and marshmallows, which I find completely unnecessary. This recipe adds an additional classic winter veggie, beets. Enjoy the warm, earthy flavors and delicate texture of these nutrient powerhouse.

- 3 cups beans - $0.99
- 2 cups sugar - $0.29
- 2 cups sweet potatoes - $0.22
- 2 cups fresh green beans - $0.53
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions - $0.10
- 2 cups sliced cranberries - $0.10
- 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning - $0.02
- 1/2 cup salt

Preheat the oven to 40°F. Place the beans into a large baking dish and evenly distribute the ingredients. Place the dish in the oven and bake for about 30 minutes or until the beans are tender.

Remove the beans from the oven and transfer them to a bowl. Mix well and serve warm.

Place chicken in the oven to roast for 50 minutes at 45°F and another 10 minutes at 375°F. The chicken should be well browned, and the juices will run clear when it is done.

I used Diamond kosher salt. You want to use about half as much if using other salt.

** Marvelous Mashed Potatoes

Serves 6-8; Total cost: $4.13

Mashed potatoes can be cooked or broken down to a gently tossed, creamy, creamy, side dish. Here is a recipe for mashed potatoes that is perfect for any meal, whether it be a holiday dinner or a simple weeknight meal.

** Newly Prepared Creamy Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes

Serves 6-8; Total cost: $4.13

These potatoes are made with a combination of mashed potatoes and cauliflower, which gives them a creamy texture and a slight hint of nuttiness. I also added some garlic and parsley to give them an extra kick of flavor.

** Just-As-Good-As-Turkey Roast Chicken

Serves 6-8; Total cost: $18.81

A whole chicken is just as good as it gets when it comes to simplicity and cost efficiency. Not only do you get some delicious meat, but the bones can be used as a base for chicken broth and the drippings for a delicious gravy. This recipe will also produce a sizeable quantity of roasted garlic, which can be added to many other dishes (including my mashed potato recipe).

1 whole chicken - $12.80
1 cup water - $0.25
1 Granny Smith apple - $0.77
1 head of garlic - $0.99
1/2 cup dried onion - $0.38
4 tablespoons salted butter (softened) - $0.82
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning - $0.08
1 teaspoon kosher salt - $0.05
1/2 cup black pepper - $0.36
Optional: 1/2 cup fresh cranberries - $0.50

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My challenge for this meal guide was to make something that would serve about 6-8 people and still cost under $50. With prices on everything skyrocketing, this was certainly a challenge, but I was able to successfully create delicious recipes on a budget.

The price of the ingredients was calculated using QFC Capitol Hill prices and reducing those amounts to make the recipe. The Seattle tax of 10.25% was also added, and the grand total came out to $43.79. The takeaway here is that good food and hosting a holiday gathering doesn’t have to be expensive.

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**Fiction**

Lovers of fantasy stories will love Illuminations by Alan Moore, a collection of short stories with an underlying theme of comics and the industry. Perfect for the young graphic novel reader.

For those who like novels with a twist, wrap up The Storyteller’s Death by Ann Davila Cardinal, the tale of a girl who learns, at age 18, that she’s a storyteller, which is something that’s passed down through the women of her family, but that the blessing turns out to be a curse when she sees a murder that happened long ago. Give it with The Strange Inheritance of Lush Fern by Kiko Tosa Chin, also a story of a young fortune teller and a vision she may or may not have wanted.

The person who loves to people-watch and connect with, well, everybody will want Iona Iverson’s Rules for Commuting by Clare Pooley, a story of an advice columnist who starts covering her commute by watching the other people on the train — until the day something happens, and commuters suddenly become something more. Pair it with Has Anyone Seen My Toes? by Christopher Buckley, a hilarious novel about doing the pandemic, when one’s health in the least of one’s worries.

Give the historical fiction lover A Woman of No Importance by Robert Fisk, the tale of an African woman who’s captured and sent to a plantation in Puerto Rico for the sole purpose of having babies that are always taken from her immediately after they’re born. How she survives and heals is part of this book’s appeal.

The reader who loves to laugh will thoroughly enjoy Random by Pinn Siltote, the story of a 20-year-old who inherits a pile of debt from his horrible father, and it’s due to the (even more horrible) loan shark when the guy turns 21. Will a roll of the dice eliminate all of his problems? Maybe it is the person who gets this book and finds out.

And if you’ve got a father-son duo on your gift list, see if you can get them to share The Ski Jumpers by Peter Geye, the tale of a son who can never forgive his father, a father who has a past the son is just now learning, and a brother who’s caught in the middle.

**General nonfiction**

The reader who wants a little diversity in their selection will love Latino Almanac: From Earliest Explorers to Corporate Leaders by Nicolas Kanellos, PhD, which is absolutely filled with mini-biographies of Latino immigrants, heroes, and inspiration, and it’s perfect for any reader age 14 and up. Give it with Indigenous Firsts: A History of Native American Achievements and Events by Yvonne Wakim Dennis, Arlene Hirschfelder, and Paulette F. Moline, which has fact sheets about the achievements of Indigenous Americans.

If you’re looking for something unusual for someone science-minded, then find The Handy Engineering Answer Book by DeLain Tolbert Smith, PhD, Alyshwara Pawar; Nicole Patterson, PhD; and Debra Ann C. Butler, PhD. It’s perfect for anyone who works in or dabbles with any kind of engineering today; it’s also the kind of book your dedicated science fans need.

For the person who always embraces the good in life, Inciting Joy by Ross Gay will be a welcome gift. It’s a collection of essays on the things that make us happy, that cause us to count our blessings and smile, and that gather us together. Wrap it up with Duppler Hour by Cassie Holman, PhD, and help someone decide what their worth their joy.

There’s just no way your animal-loving recipient won’t want a copy of Pawsome or Not Cat! by Ally Burgiures. It contains adorable photos of pawsoms of all ages, in cute poses and just living their best lives. Bonus: Pawsome facts and trivia! Give it along with Sentinel: How Animals Illuminate the Wonder of Our Human Senses by Jackie Higgins, for a gift that’ll make your animal lover roar.

The historian on your gift list will enjoy Mutinous Women: How French Convicts Became Founding Mothers of the Gulf Coast by Joan Delahun, the true story of 332 women who were taken from France to the mouth of the Mississippi and released in 1719 — partly because they’ve been accused of crimes they didn’t commit, and because they were considered a commodity: women were needed in the new settlements. Pair it with The Women of Rothschild by Natalie Livingstone, about influential women in one famous family, women who left their marks on the world, despite the men in the family who tried to shut them out; or with The Scandals by Bill Shaffer, the story of a Gilded Age scandal and the beginning of tabloid-style journalism.

They will also whoop it up in the wrapping comes off The Escape Artist by Jonathan Freedland, the story of a man who actually broke out of Auschwitz and lived to tell the world what was going on. It’s a true story that reads like a deadly thriller.

For the person who is obsessed with current events, Adrift by Scott Galloway could be the gift this year. It’s a book of charts, where America’s been, where we seem to be heading, and how our leaders are leading. Give it with Myth America: Historians Take on the Biggest Legends and Lies About Our Past, edited by Kevin M. Krende and Julian E. Zelizer; together, these books are both eye-openers, for sure.

Or give them The Storm Is Upon Us: How Qanon Became a Movement, Cult, and Conspiracy Theory of Everything by Mike Rothschild. It’s an eye-opener. Add it to Seek and Hide by Amy Cajda, about our right to privacy throughout history, what it means, and how the demand for privacy today can be a good thing or a bad thing, or Conspira- cies and Secret Societies, third edition by Brad Steiger and Sherry Hansen Steiger Foss; could anyone not want to own one of the last books by these two late, great authors?

For your media-obsessed friends, It’s Not TV: The Spectacular Rise, Revolution, and Future of HBO by Felix Gillette and John Koehn is a nice look at how we watch television, even in an age of streaming. It will go well with a book that reads like a movie Same Ground by Russell Wagening, about a journey across America, in search of a family story.

For the loner in your life, or the person who longs for connection, On Belonging by Kim Samuel might be a great gift. It’s a book for our times, in four categories: isolation in our relationships, belonging in nature, being alone in political spheres, and a sense of belonging in our inner cores. Pair it with The Newlyweds: Rearranging Marriage in Modern India by Mami Choksi, about three modern couples who’ve set aside tradition and arranged marriages in favor of love on their own terms.

The reader who’s concerned about migration and immigration this year will want to read Nomaad Century: How Climate Migration Will Reshape Our World by Cian Vince, who says that climate change will cause worldwide change in cities; and Somewhere We Are Human, edited by Reina Grande and Sonia Guanacastec, which is a collection of stories from migrants and new citizens.

Is there a parent on your gift list, one that continually gets to the end of their rope? Then give What To Do About Your Troubled Child by Laura J. Stevens, MS, and Richard W. Walker, Jr., MD, about behavioral disorders in children ages 3-11, and how to cope with them.

If you know someone who is interested in the paranormal, then give them Here & Hereafter by Tyler Henry, who is a Hollywood medium. What can they learn from the dead? Find out by adding Hollywood Horrors by Andrea Van Landingham. Oh, the scandals and murders in Tinseltown past!

Won’t your reader enjoy Great Short Books by Kenneth C. Davis this holiday? The answer is yes; this book is about books — specifically, more than 50 short novels by authors you know and don’t know. Wrap it up with a gift certificate to your favorite bookstore. See books page 20.
Memorial: Music lovers will absolutely want Loud by Tana Douglas, a memoir of rock & roll and working with the bands of the rock world's first female roadie. Yes, there's plenty of behind-the-scenes stories. Yourgifter won't be able to resist.

Another adventure to find: Life on the Mississippi: An Epic American Adventure by Rinker Buck. The author built an old-time-tin flatboat and sailed it down the river. You can't miss what happened then.

Board-game lovers will enjoy A Game Most Deadly by Jeffrey Bemison, with Cynthia Beebe; there's plenty of insider info to make any player smile. It would also complement This is NOT a Book About Benedict Cumberbatch by Tituba Carvan, about passion, obsession, and being a really big fan.

For the reader who loves a sweeping, but differently told life story, I Always Know: A Memoir by Barbara Chase-Riboud might just be right. This is the story of the author and artist, told through a series of letters written to her mother. It showcases not only Chase-Riboud's life, but also her work, and the many people she met along the way. Wrap it up with Seven Saints by Staci Lou Drouillard, about the author's fan-f上线, but very beloved, aunts and the ways they helped her overcome the world.

The Hollywood watcher will be so happy to receive Garelice: Love Me as I Am by Garelice Carson with Nicole E. Smith, a biography of Beatrice's life, work, struggles, and triumphs. Pair it with another great Hollywood memoir, Winning On The Road To Me and Me by Ralph Macchio.

More from Hollywood: Check out No Filter by supermodel Paulina Porizkova, or Don ReCatTo: The Merchant of Venom by Michael Seth Star. So many gifts, so little time...

And for the art lover, put ConArtist: The Life of the Great Visions of the World's Greatest Artists Forger by Tony Tetro and Gianpietro Ambrosi beneath the tree.

African American studies: The activist in your life will be very happy with The White Alcove Handbook by Lucie Michelle. Yes, it's meant to teach while readers how to eliminate racism within their own lives. It's also a good way to learn to help friends who are working on it. It would go well with with No Justice, No Peace by Devin Allen, with images by Gordon Parks, which is filled with inspirational messages and pictures from 60 years of activism.

For the reader — male or female — who is interested in the culture of manhood, you'll want to give Patriarchy Blues by Frederick Joseph, a collection of essays, poetry, and reflections on what it means to be a man today.

Readers of any age will enjoy Originals! Black Women Breaking Barriers by Jessica Carney-Smith, Ph.D., a fascinating and browsable collection of mini-biographies about Black women who changed the world. Give it along with Ride or Die by Shantia Hubbard, a feminist manifesto for black women, and slip Black Women Will Save the World by April Ryan (yes, the journalist) into the package, too.

Mystery: People "of a certain age" will absolutely love The Godmother: The Women's House of Detention by High Ryan could be the perfect gift this year. It's the story of a prison in New York's Greenwich Village that, for nearly 45 years, was the landing place for thousands of women, gender non-conforming people, and Transgender men. Angela Davis was there. So was Alton Shakes. This book takes the reader there, too. Add it to Manifesting Justice: Wrongly Convicted Women Reclaim Their Rights by Valeria Beckey.

Families: The real person who loves for the meaning of home will want to have The Long Road Home: On Blackness and Belonging by Debra Thompson, a book with one foot in America, one foot in Canada, and a search for place between them. Wrap it up with Fruit Punch by Kendra Allen, a coming-of-age memoir about growing up a woman in the South.

The historian will enjoy The Grimke: The Legacy of Slavery in An American Family by Kerri K. Greenidge, a sweeping and detailed story of two slave-owning sisters who became fierce abolitionists, and the legacy they left to the Black people to whom they were related.

For LGBTQ+ readers: For the person who loves dark, gothic, romantic mysteries, give Mourning Light by Richard Goodkind, the story of a man who can't let go of the girl he feels since his lover died. Coincidentally, that death happened on the exact same day he met another man that he can't stop thinking about.

Those who like a good memoir will want to read A Place Called Home by David Ambror, a tale of homelessness, foster care, coming out, and how sheer determination put that all in one man's past.

For someone who made a difficult decision this year, Families We Keep by Rin Reczek and Emma Bosley-Smith is a great idea. It’s a look at LGBTQ+ people who have decided to stick with their family, though there may continue to be a struggle for acceptance or a total lack of it. It means work, and this book might help "Know your gifter before giving the gift.""
THE HUMAN SIDE OF INNOVATION
THE POWER OF PEOPLE IN LOVE WITH PEOPLE

Forewords by Raman Lajugia and Indra Nooyi

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Business
What do you give the businessperson who’s also a people person? The Human Side of Innovation: The Power of People in Love with People by Mauro Porcini, which shows why it’s best for a business to put people first, always, and unapologetically. Readers who want to know where the next trend is may find it here.

The entrepreneur in your life might enjoy Launchpad Republic: America’s Entrepreneurial Edge and Why It Matters by Howard and John Landry. Lest them know that history agrees with their can-do spirit. It would go well with the Plywood: How Cities Are Creating Their Own Futures by Tom Alberg, about how businesses can partner with cities to attract the brightest employees and citizens.

For the person whose dream is to head a corporation, Leading Lightly by Judy Michael could be the perfect gift. It’s a book that advocates for a gentler way of leadership, one that’s easier on the led as well as the leader. You’re the Leader. Now What? by Richard Winters, about being a good leader, from the Mayo Clinic, would be a nice complement too.

If there’s a new grad or a newly unemployed just looking person on your gift list, look for Self Yourself by Dr. Cindy McGovern, all about making and promoting a personal brand that employers will find irresistible.

Another book for prospective leaders: True North by Bill George and Cheryl Chrysler, about authenticity in leadership and how to keep it. Also look for When Women Lead by Julia Boorstin, for the female entrepreneur who’s ready to succeed.

For someone who watches their pennies, or who’s thinking about dabbling in cryptocurrency this coming year, give Cash, Cards, Crypto and the War for Our Wallets by Brett Scott, which goes deep into the new frontier that is digital financing. Pair it with Finance for the People by Pico de Leon for a nicely balanced gift.

The reader who loves a good business biography will enjoy Happy at Any Cost: The Revolutionary Vision and Fatal Quest of Zapppos CEO Tony Hsieh by Kirsten Grind and Katherine Sayre, about a beloved business and the visionary who created and nurtured it.

The business leader who enjoys looking into the future may like reading Redesign, Rebuild, Reboot: How to Reimagine Your Organization & Make Hybrid Work for Everyone by Lynda Gratton, about how to make your office work successfully. Wrap it up with Competing in the New World of Work by Kerryn Finnerty, Kian Gohar and Noel Wray, about radical adaptability in business today.

Science
For those who love the movies, half the fun is wondering what’s on the big screen is really possible. Licence to Kill: The Science of 007 by Kathlyn Harkup looks at all the what-ifs of the Bond movies, from the PON of real science, and no armchair detective will be able to resist.

Foodies will love getting Ten Tomatoes that Changed the World by William Alexander, a new recipe that a long, juicy trail from South America and Mexico to the New World and beyond to show how one vegetable changed the way we eat.

Romantics with an inner streak of science-lover will be enthralled by Wired for Love by Stephanie Cacioppo, a neuroscientist. It’s the story of her unlikely (but absolutely wonderful) romance, a devastating loss, and why she better with love anyhow.

For gearheads, Racing Green: How Motorport Science Can Save the World by Kyle Chapman would make a great gift. It’s the story of how innovation in our vehicles is saving lives, taking the sting out of commuting, and helping environmental causes.

Health, death, and grieving
For the person who hates to exercise, hates eating healthy (let’s face it!), and stresses about it all, you can’t go wrong with The Gospel of Wellness: Gyms, Gurus, Goop, with pictures by Ken Daley, is a welcome gift. It’s an inspirational book full of all the good Black men do, and that a Black boy can hope for.

The child who’s having a rough holiday may want to have These Wild Waves told by Adam Lehrhaupt, illustrated by Carrie O’Neill, read to them. It’s the story of a little girl who’s missing someone and she thinks she’s the only one. It’s a pretty sweet tale of loss and coping that would go well with Everything Will Be Okay by Andy Schachner, with pictures by Judy Schachner, a comforting book for when nothing goes right.

For the kid who needs a boost of confidence, Most Perfect You by Jammie Simon, illustrated by Tamisha Anthony, is a good choice. Iris hates her hair, and she wishes it were different. Her mother’s answer is perfect.

For the little reader who thinks someone who entered the world this year, I’m Your Mean by Eve Bunting, illustrated by Juliashik, is the sweetest, gentlest, most perfect gift. Hint: It’s really for mom... Pair it with My Hero by Brian Biggs, which is really a good book for dads and kids.

For the kid who loves water, the lake will love opening Monsters in the Bronx by Lynn Becker, illustrated by Scott Brundige, about a colorful, illustrated fun book on everybody’s favorite food.

For the kid who loves monsters, Mystical, Magical Boxers by Stephanie Warren, illustrated by Tim Foley, is just the right book. It’s full of information from National Geographic Kids about real animals that were somehow mythologized throughout history.

If there’s a child on your list who loves legends, then The Return of the Christmas Witch by Dan Murphy and Audrey Zick, illustrated by Julia Iredale, is the book. It’s the story of Krismorn, who was Santa’s twin sister, a battle, a mystery, a bit of Christmas darkness. (No worries, happy endings abound.)

For the child who simply becomes a big brother or sister, the Baby-Changing Station by Rhett Miller, illustrated by Dan Santat, is absolutely the best. It’s the tale of a boy who isn’t happy that there’s a baby brother in the house, until he discovers a magic that changes the baby, but not in diapapers any more.

Children 9-14
The young environmentalist will be so happy reading Meadows: Discover Earth’s Incredible Replenishable Glaciers and Rivers. You Can Do to Save Them by Anaita Sanchez, illustrated by Lily Padula, which is full of ideas, information, pictures, and graphs, as well as a sense kids really can save the world. Add it to Dinosaurs: Terra from National Geographic Kids, a large-size book all about dinosaurs and where they lived. Your young scientist will love it.

If there’s a child who loves good historical fiction, then The Other Side of the World by Alda P. Dobbs, the second part of a story featuring a character based on a real girl who migrated to the United States, and a true account of the American Revolution. If your intended recipient hasn’t read the first book, give both.

Young adult books
The social-media obsessed teen may need to read Thanks, Baby, by Leni Derhally, which may make them think twice before posting and sharing.

If you read Cannery Boys: Image Discontent by Isabel Wilkinson, you know that it’s a great book to share with your young adult this holiday, because it’s not in a version that’s adapted for younger adults.

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