

Holiday Gift Guide



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For women-positive books and nonsexist children's literature, In Other Words is unsurpassed. A quick trip in can become an hour-long experience, the shelves teeming with the latest books, videos, music and queer-positive merchandise.

This holiday season, In Other Words has gone the extra mile to provide the community with a unique and diverse collection of gifts. You can thank the manager, Sue Burns, and the assistant manager, Els Debbaut, for that when you stop in for all your holiday needs. One of these friendly dykes will always be around to help pick out the perfect feminist manifestos for your loved ones.

Don't forget to comment on the new and improved look when you visit and don't forget to check out:

Handmade Accordion Books \$9
Made locally, these little blank books are great stocking stuffers and can be used as on-the-go journals or address books or placed



PHOTO BY MARTY DAVIS

Els Debbaut (left) and Sue Burns are up to their ears in books you should be buying

under one's pillow for easy-access dream journaling. No two are exactly alike!

We'Moon Calendar \$15.95
The We'Moon calendar is an indispensable staple. It's a daybook, a book of prose, poetry, original art, histories of women and goddesses, a lunar chart and...do we need to continue? Run out and get two copies—one for you and one to share. Published locally by Mother Tongue Ink.

Novels by Sarah Waters Prices vary
Els' pick of the literary litter. Waters has

been referred to as "the new Jeanette Winterson," and her beautiful works of lesbian fiction have been flying off the shelves. Look for the titles *Tipping the Velvet*, *Affinity* and *Fingersmith*.

Bennington candles Prices vary
Beautiful, fragrant hand-poured candles from Vermont. Els concludes there's "one for every mood." Choose from Peace, Serenity, Sensual, Air, Moon or Joy for a singularly relaxing kind of holiday.

Pussy Pucker Pots \$3.75
These little tins of lip balm have hilarious names like Clitoris Citrus, Shaved Peach, Fairy Cherry and Vanilla Vulva. The first retail batches sold out so quickly, rumor has it local manufacturer TechnoDyke.com can't even keep up with the orders.

Girls Will Be Boys, Boys Will Be Girls coloring book \$7.95
Explores the issues of stereotypes,

Where to shop



"sissies" and "tomboys," gender-specific toys and clothes, and how to be strong in your identification at a very young age. Give it to a child in your life or to any adult whose childhood might have been easier if books like this had existed.

In addition to providing a diverse selection of reading material and gifts, In Other Words is also a community forum for events, dialogue and debate. Find a complete list of goings-on at www.inotherwords.org.

—Jodi Darby and Lisa Bradshaw



WESTSIDE FLORIST
20455 S.W. Tualatin Valley Highway
503-642-9992

OK, so when I got the assignment to interview a florist, I kind of had a picture in my mind of what Don Duncan would look like. You know,

flamboyant, flashy, perhaps wearing gold jewelry or a blouse. I mean, I was thinking...nellie.

Well, cowboys, ride your asses right on over to the Westside and meet the butch-est pansy picker this side of Texas. Don donned a flannel shirt and a tight pair of blue jeans as he poked and prodded at a silk arrangement.

The rugged 55-year-old grew up in Pendleton. It's not surprising to learn that he didn't come out there. It's not surprising to learn that he worked for the U.S.

Forest Service or that he was an engineer. But a flower fluffer? Don, looking like the forester he used to be, describes the difference between his work and that of, say, a supermarket floral department.

"When you look at the art of flowers, you see a single stem that means something. The beauty of each individual bloom is so inspiring. It's like a painter. It's an art form."

In addition to flowers, Westside Florist carries an array of gift items. Don and his partner of 10 years travel to England each year to visit the small coastal town of Rye and hand-select from the studios of Biddy and Quinn Cole, owners of Rye Pottery. So prestigious are they that the royal family commissioned a plate for Di and Chuck's

wedding! To think a little cow-poke from our rustic state has befriended these people.

So, what's so special about the Rye marking? First of all, it's made in a tiny studio where generations of potters have toiled since the 1840s. Second, did I mention they made a plate for the royal family? Oh, and I guess they have some kind of special lead glaze with sprigs of hop and hop leaves fired onto them. The royal family really appreciated that.

So if you're looking for a special gift for someone you love, head on over to the Westside and pick up some posies or pottery from Don Duncan. He'll treat you like (royal) family.

—Kathy Belge



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Don Duncan owner

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