

Unique yule gifts found in catalogs

Just as you manage to vacuum up the last bit of chaff from last New Year's Eve it is Christmas again and time to start looking at this year's rush of brochures and catalogues in search of the perfect Christmas gift.

From time to time there appears a catalogue that raises itself above the normal run of cheaply printed, glorified product inventories. The Neiman-Marcus book, which offers at least one almost unthinkably, filthily extravagant gift package each year is one of the better catalogs.

Another is the catalog put out by The Guitar's Friend, which operates out of Stockbridge, Michigan. Their catalog is a languidly handled work, printed on recycled paper, which offers a fair range of stringed instruments at agreeable prices.

David Ware omelet

Its greatest attraction is the relaxed, conversational prose style that is soothing to the mind. The amateuristic misspellings and sometimes incredible syntactic juggling, win hands down as the friendliest style around.

My favorite is the Christmas catalogue published by New York Metropolitan Museum of Art. Offering what are possibly the most beautiful Christmas cards in America, the catalogue has grown slowly over the past few years into an exquisitely printed, flat-bound volume. The museum offers ancient jewelry, sculpture, calendars, books and reproductions of early American glassware.

The greatest joys of the catalogue are its illustrations, which cover almost every item listed. The color is luminous, and the black-and-white reproductions are printed clearly. All descriptions are written in unadorned crystal-clear prose.

Stills to perform Dyas benefit

Stephen Stills, a former musician for Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, and the Buffalo Springfield will perform in a benefit concert Thursday in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room.

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