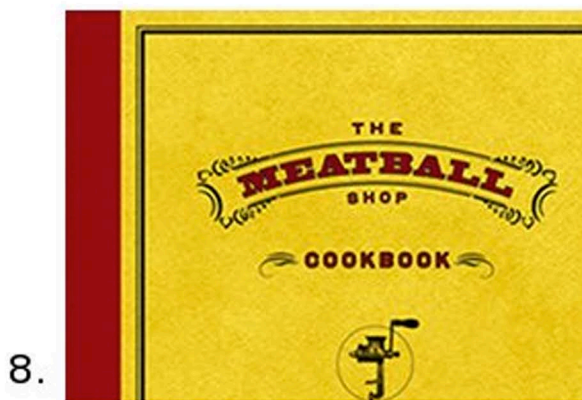


## 2011 GIFT GUIDE: BOOKS

I love books. I have a master's degree in library science, spent eight years at the New York Public Library before [joining Design\\*Sponge](#) and have a relatively large collection of books at home. So each fall, I anxiously await the moment I can begin work on this guide. This year while traveling around the country, Grace would catch me sneaking off in bookstores, writing down titles to share, and I spent many a late night online looking at publisher's catalogs. The great thing about books as gifts is that they ship quickly (making them the perfect last-minute gift), are easy to wrap and when you find the perfect title for the perfect person, there is nothing more personal. The downside is that it can be difficult to pick a book for someone else, and finding that perfect title can be a challenge. I've tried to help matters by only picking books that came out this year (most this fall), so there is a good chance your recipient doesn't have these titles yet. There are 42 books on this list, so you should be able to match at least one title to a person. And if you can't, there are now lots of options for your own wish list. Happy reading! — [Amy Azzarito](#)

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### for the chef



8. [The Meatball Shop](#)

*Cookbook* — I have an unhealthy relationship with their vegetarian meatballs with pesto. At least now I can keep my love a little more private.