


# 5 TIPS FOR GIFT-GIVING WHEN THE WORLD'S ON FIRE



## 1: REDUCE THE NUMBER OF GIFTS...

overall

needing batteries or power cords

with big climate footprints (airline tickets, stuff made with tropical wood, beef, palm oil)

from huge retailers without unions, such as Amazon, Walmart

made of (or packaged in) single-use plastic

wrapped in non-recycled/ recyclable paper: try fabric, Sunday comics, reused gift bags, decorated paper bags



## 2: OFFER GIFTS FROM...

independent bookstores

local artisans, craft fairs, farmers markets, organic food co-ops, wineries, breweries

women's cooperatives, especially in developing nations

fair-trade sellers, especially for coffee, chocolate, clothing

resale or upcycle boutiques, online resale markets, thrift stores, garage or estate sales

your own home: what treasures might you pass on to others?

your own artistic efforts



## 3: PROMOTE CLIMATE JUSTICE BY GIVING...

Greta Thunberg's book *No One is Too Small to Make a Difference*

subscriptions to positive, empowering magazines: *Yes!* (teens/adults); *Skipping Stones*, *New Moon*, or *Kazoo* (kids)

donations to independent media focused on climate justice: *Guardian*, *Heated*, *Grist*

contributions to candidates or grassroots groups opposing new fossil fuel projects & advocating a Green New Deal

bail money or legal funds for people fighting pipelines through nonviolent civil disobedience



## 4: GIVE GIFTS SUCH AS...

art or yoga classes, gym memberships, fiddle lessons

gift cards to locally-owned coffee shops, food carts, restaurants, tasting rooms

tickets to join you at local theaters, whale-watching, soccer games, museums, wave pools, escape rooms

homemade coupons for your services: massage, cookie-making, pet care, tech support, bike repair, life-changing tidying up

an original song, story, poem, or ode to immortalize the recipient



## 5: SKIP GIFTS AND AGREE TO...

rent a cabin together (out of cell range) to sled, hike, skip stones, play games, bake pies, waltz, sing, stargaze, parkour

give money, used toys, clothes, household goods to those in need

volunteer together at a soup kitchen, shelter, or other service organization that supports, uplifts, and empowers

get off screens together

risk connection: make eye contact; ask questions; listen with loving attention