

# Holiday Gift Guide “Must-Have”: Personalized Books for Kids!



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Give your kids the gift of reading this Christmas, but with a fun, unique twist! Personalized books for kids by [Put Me In The Story](#) takes bestselling books and beloved, famous characters to create personalized books complete with the child's name, photo, and a message from the gift giver! Your child will love the fact that they can become a part of the story and engage more in their reading! In 2016, *Put Me In The Story* published over 60 new books with partners like Disney,

National Geographic Kids, Curious George, Harper Collins, Sesame Street, Star Wars, The Avengers, and more. In our [product review](#), we got a look at a few of their favorite titles.

**These favorite titles will be sure to give you a few [parenting tips](#) on what to buy for your child this holiday season:**

### **Dream Big, Princess!**

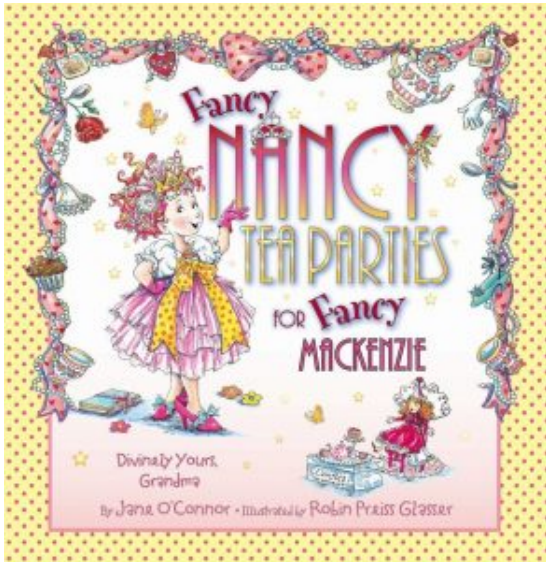
In the magical book, [Dream Big, Princess](#), 11 Disney Princesses tell their stories, encouraging young children to dream big, believe in themselves, and work hard to achieve their dreams! In this beautifully illustrated book, your little child, usually targeted from 4-8 years old, will write, draw, and imagine all the things she can be, led by the adventurous, independent, and ever-faithful Disney princesses! The journey begins with a personalized letter and Princess Passport, which your child can use to check off each princess as they read their stories. Whether she's putting together a restaurant menu alongside Tiana, listing treasures she's found on her travels like Ariel, or comparing her bookshelf to Belle's, your little one will learn that being a princess is more than just wearing fancy dresses and living in a castle...it's about being brave, honorable, kind, and hardworking. At the end, they can even match up each princess with her greatest wish, then fill in a special page with her own hopes and dreams! It's motivational and inspirational! You can purchase your child's happily ever after for \$34.99 on hardcover or \$29.99 on paperback!



Dream Big, Princess!  
Personalized Book

### **Fancy Nancy Tea Parties**

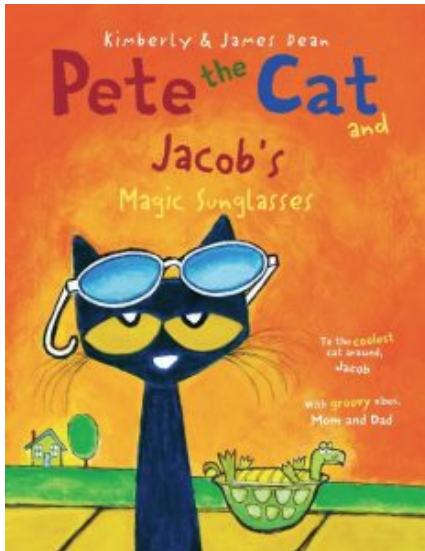
For \$34.99, you can personalize your own [Fancy Nancy Tea Parties](#). Hostess Fancy Nancy shares some secret hostess tips with your little one, usually targeted from ages 4-8. From recipes and crafts to etiquette tips and French lessons, this precious personalized book contains everything your child needs to throw the perfect tea party. It also includes a personalized letter from Nancy herself to your child! Plus, your child's name is worked into the text and has adorable illustrations throughout the book. Wrap up with a set of recipe cards from the Fancy Nancy's kitchen. Best of all, show off your kid's hard work and success by cutting out and framing the certificate declaring your child a graduate of Fancy Nancy's Tea Party Course!



## Fancy Nancy Tea Parties Personalized Book

### **Pete the Cat**

Looking to find a personalized book for your even younger child? [Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses](#) is just for you. Meant for kids aged 1-3, follow the journey of Pete the Cat to see how he turns his his not-so-great day around with a pair of blue magic sunglasses thanks to Grumpy Toad! This personalized book teaches your child about seeing the world in a whole new way. It also features your child's name and photo along with an encouraging dedication message from you. The coolest part of the book? Your child plays a special part in the story! They are the one to let Grumpy Toad borrow the magic sunglasses in the first place! Because of your child, he's not so grumpy after all. As Pete the Cat travels through town, he meets friends that could use a little bit of magic. Your kid will be taught to find the good in every day with the help of this story. For \$34.99, any day can go from gloomy to great—all it takes is a little magic from within!



Pete the Cat and His  
Magic Sunglasses  
Personalized Book

### **National Geographic Kids Collection**

Teach your child a little more about the wonders of the world with personalized books from [National Geographic Kids](#). Topics include animals, dinosaurs, ocean animals and space. These fun and educational books will help your child learn about the world around them. Each book is \$34.99 on hardcover and \$19.99 on paperback, but who can put a price on learning? The [Animals](#) books explores the rain forest, the ocean, and the icecaps with a personalized guide. Each page features beautiful photos of the coolest creatures along with providing quick facts about its size, diet, and habitat. There are also questions asked in the book to keep your little zoologist engaged. The books on [dinosaurs](#) discusses all the types of dinosaurs while asking your child questions, providing answers, containing a pronunciation guide, and on the final pages, your child can mark the dinosaur qualities they like best, then draw themselves as a dinosaur! [Ocean Animals](#) guides your child through the deep blue sea, naming sea creatures as well as plants, and engages your child with personal questions. On the final pages, your little one can mark their favorite animal traits, then draw an ocean creature that exhibits all of them! Lastly, the book on [space](#) tells your little reader all about

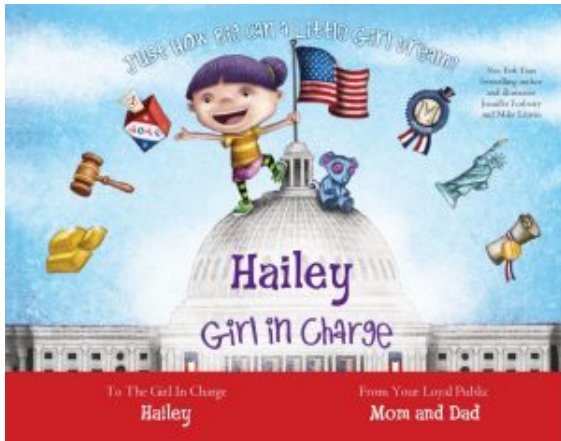
the galaxy and beyond. On the final pages, your child can name their own comet and draw the night sky! All these books can be personalized with your child's names, photo and special dedication message!



National Geographic Kids,  
Book of Animals

### **Isabella: Girl in Charge**

The last book on the holiday guide is [Isabella: Girl in Charge](#). Inspire your child to dream bigger and reach for the stars with this motivational story. Your child steps into the story as a spunky, purple-haired girl on a journey to the White House. Along the way, she learns about some of the amazing women who came before her. These doers, dreamers, lawmakers, and trailblazers helped create the world we live in today, one where your little believer can be anything they strive to be. This book is on sale for \$34.99 hardcover, and \$19.99 paperback. Include their name and photo along with a special message from you. At the end of the book, your child's face will appear next to some of the nation's greatest leaders! Show them that one day, they can be a great leader. So inspirational!



Isabella: Girl In Charge,  
Personalized Book

*Don't miss out on these must-have personalized books this holiday season!*

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## The Holiday Gift Guide for New Couples





By [Marni](#)

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The holidays are always an awkward time to start a relationship. There are few people who proclaim to be great gift givers and can wander through stores to pick out the perfect presents for everyone on their list. It's difficult enough to give thoughtful gifts to close family and friends and not be swayed by the latest and greatest gadgets that everyone wants but aren't necessarily thoughtful.

So how do you go about buying something for the "special" person whom you may not know so well? People are often so intimidated by gift giving that it may be a better idea to decide *not* to exchange gifts. Expressing how you feel about presents early in the relationship can help gauge what's an appropriate gift, if any gift at all!

**Related Link:** [10 Rules for Couples Gifts](#)

If your partner is practical and hints at something that isn't too extravagant, it's probably best to listen. However, there are "big" gifts, such as jewelry, watches, and pricey electronics, that should be left for future years of dating or



marriage. If you're unsure about what your significant other would like, here are five ideas that are thoughtful but not too overthought:

**A relevant book** is for the brave dater. Listening to your partner about books they liked in the past or things that they may be interested in learning more about can help you decide what kind of book is appropriate.

**Art** never goes out of style and never depreciates. Therefore, it works for anyone. It's finding the *kind* of art – a sculpture, oil painting, graffiti canvas, mosaic, etc. – that may be the most troubling. Listen to what kind of art your partner compliments or thinks is “cool.”

**Something comfy and comforting** is always nice. If you're going to go this route, a really soft and plush robe, sweater, or slippers are great ideas for someone who finds comfort in the finer things in life.

**A DIY gift** from the heart, such as a photo book or personalized frame, is a crafty and cute way of showing your appreciation for that person.

**Related Link:** [Our 2014 Holiday Gift Guide](#)

**Experiential gifts** are a great idea because let's face it: It's fun for both of you! Planning a camping trip, a day at the museum, or a concert date shows that spending time with your significant other is the most important gift of all!

Although it may seem like gift giving for that new special someone is intimidating, knowing their likes and dislikes can help you decide what is appropriate without going overboard. Plus, starting a relationship with more thoughtful gestures can lead to an easier gift giving experience in the future!

Happy holidays...and happy dating!

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## Our 2014 Holiday Gift Guide



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By Emily Meyer

Is the holiday season sneaking up on you? Are you still unsure

about what to get those special people in your life? Look no further! Here at CupidsPulse.com, we know how stressful this time of year can be, and we're here to help. For our 2014 holiday gift guide, our team found some amazing products to make everyone on your list happy. Take a look below for some of our favorite items:

**Signature Sole Socks:** If you're searching for that must-have gift for a mom-to-be who needs to relax or a co-worker who *always* seems stressed out, we've got just the thing! [Signature Sole Socks](#) are cozy, warm, and fashionable. Not only can they be worn when lounging around the house, but they can also be worn with tall boots, short boots, and rain boots.

Signature Sole Socks are designed to fit everyone with sizes running from small to large for both males and females. These versatile socks come in a range of colors, including pink, orange, and even leopard and zebra print. Depending on the style, the socks will cost you between \$25 and \$35. You'll be giving more than just one gift when you purchase a pair of Signature Sole Socks: A portion of each sale goes towards a sock donation to children in the hospital. This low-priced gift is sure to make everyone's holiday season a lot more cozy!



American Born Moonshine:  
Dixie, Original, and Apple

Pie flavors.

**American Born Moonshine:** We know shopping for that special guy in your life can be nearly impossible. But fear no more, we have a gift that he's sure to love! After all, what man doesn't enjoy some good old-fashioned moonshine? Lucky for you, [American Born Moonshine](#) has released an Apple Pie flavor that is perfect for the holiday season. Even if American Born Moonshine isn't available in your state quite yet, you can still order it by printing a form found on their website and taking it to your local liquor dealer.

Our favorite drink for the holiday season is the Ginger Snap, which is two ounces of American Born Moonshine in Apple Pie mixed with four ounces of ginger ale. It's the perfect treat to warm you up after a chilly day spent playing in the snow with your loved ones! That special guy in your life will love adding this unique liquor to his bar selection.



900 Calorie Burn DVD and the Petal Back Racer Tank from Gaiam.

**Gaiam:** Just in time for chilly days, [Gaiam](#) has released their latest DVDs and apparel line. With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it's often hard to fit in a workout. Thanks to the 900 Calorie Burn DVD with Ashley Borden, exercising each day just got so much easier. With four 25-

minute routines, there's no excuse not to break a sweat! If you're looking for new workout gear, Gaiam's clothes are not only comfortable but lightweight and warm too. Their apparel is breathable and quick-drying with the softest fabric possible, making these items perfect for your winter workout. The Curve Leggings hug your curves and follow every movement of your body – an ideal choice for your daily yoga session. The Petal Back Racer Tank is flattering and has also been designed to stay in place with every bend and stretch. Even better, both of these items are reasonably priced for under \$100.



LoveBook Online.

**LoveBook Online:** This unique, personalized gift is sure to please that special someone (or someones!) in your life. [LoveBook Online](#) is a website that lets you create a custom gift book that lists all of the reasons you love someone. They even print it, bind it, and ship it for you! Not only is this sweet book sincere and heartfelt, but it's also super easy to make. There are a ton of fun pages with cute quotes like "I love cooking with you" or "I love going on adventures together." They also have humorous stick-figure pictures to go with each phrase. You can include an unlimited number of pages in your hardcover or softcover book. This unique gift idea starts at just \$34.95 and lasts a lifetime. Any hopeless romantic is sure to fall in love with this precious idea!



LoveYourBling: Topaz  
Teardrop Briolette earrings  
and Filigree Dangle  
earrings in rose gold.

**LoveYourBling:** Still struggling to find a present for your boss? [LoveYourBling](#), a California-based handcrafted jewelry company, has amazing items for both women and men. The company is a member of the Artisan Group, which is an organization that is on a mission to introduce Hollywood to the best handcrafted products.

Some of our favorite pieces of jewelry for the holiday season are the Topaz Teardrop Briolette earrings and the Filigree Dangle earrings in rose gold, which are both under \$30. These earrings are dainty and feminine – a nice addition to any Christmas outfit. The site also features gorgeous cufflinks, a great gift for any man. These presents will impress your boss *without* breaking the bank.

For 20% off of anything at LoveYourBling, use the coupon code: **CP2014**. Happy shopping!



Mēnaji Clear Shave 3-in-1  
Formula.

**Mēnaji:** [Mēnaji](#), a skincare line for men, recently released new products to help your beau get ready for the day ahead. Their Clear Shave 3-in-1 Formula will let him shave anywhere, anytime, even without a sink. This product uses a revolutionary unique “dry shave” experience that allows him to get rid of his scruff in one simple step. The CAMO Stick Concealer helps to reduce dark circles and hide scars, bumps, and blemishes. With the holiday season here and so much traveling going on, they have a product to beat those jet-lagged eyes too. The 911 Eye Gel is perfect for any man struggling to look good during this busy time of year. These affordable products are sure to make that guy in your life feel like he can conquer the world!



Play From Scratch, LLC:  
YOXO To Go and YOXObot  
Orig.

**Play from Scratch, LLC:** [Play from Scratch, LLC](#) is a great place to look for unique gifts for little ones. The toy company keeps even the most creative kids busy through imaginative toys and games made from sustainable materials. The YOXO To Go inspires children to build amazing 3D creations, while the YOXObot Orig comes with everything they need to build an 18-inch tall robot. These items, which have won numerous Creative Child Awards in 2014, will entertain any child age four and above.



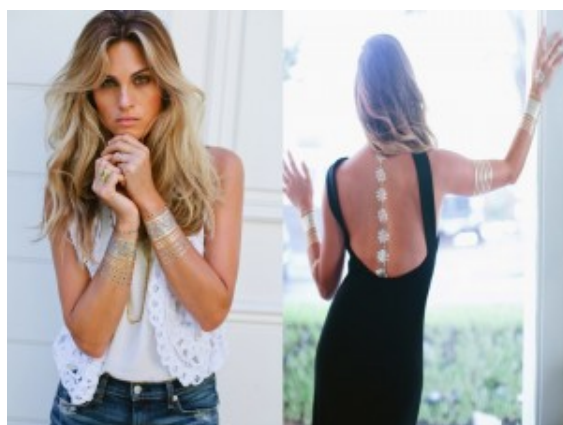
Pish Posh Baby: BabyZen  
YoYo Stroller and the  
Blooming Baby Bath.

**Pish Posh Baby:** If you're looking for something for new parents, [Pish Posh Baby](#) is your one-stop-shop for revolutionary baby and kid products. They offer items like the



BabyZen YoYo stroller, which is incredibly compact, lightweight, and versatile. This fashionable stroller, which comes in a variety of color combinations, is perfect for everyday use and holiday traveling. Both new parents and their little ones won't be able to resist this holiday gift!

Another great item is the Blooming Baby Bath, which is handmade from incredibly soft materials and hugs any child to create a safe bath time experience. This hassle-free product makes your kitchen sink an easy bathtub alternative. With the four bright colors to choose from, it will keep even the fussiest baby happy during bath time!



Lulu DK Tattoos: Indigo and Desert Blue collections.

**Lulu DK:** We all have a friend who is a wild child at heart, loves being the center of attention, and can be a bit hard to shop for. Luckily, we have a gift that's sure to impress her: [Lulu DK tattoos](#). They have two new gorgeous henna collections: Indigo and Desert Blue, both of which are Indian-inspired. They're even more beautiful, detailed, and intricate than any of their other designs and make for a unique accessory at any holiday soiree.

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT:** One lucky reader will get the chance to win many of the items listed above! The holiday gift guide bundle includes: a pair of Signature Sole Socks; a 900 Calorie Burn DVD from Gaiam; a promo code for LoveBook Online; a pair of Filigree Earrings in rose gold; Mënaji Clear Shave, CAMO Stick Concealer, and 911 Eye Gel; and a YOXO To Go and YOXObot Orig~~

from Play From Scratch. Note that these items will be sent separately. To enter, head over to our [Facebook](#) page. Good luck, and happy holidays!

Giveaway is now closed. Thank you to all who participated!

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## Find the Perfect Present This Holiday Season With the Help of the DSW Gift Guide!



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By Emily Meyer

Shoe lovers rejoice! Nothing makes a woman happier than a new pair of shoes. This year, picking out that perfect pair of heels or boots for your mother, best friend, or wife may not be as hard as you think, thanks to the DSW Gift Guide!

DSW has something for everyone on your list this year. They offer a huge selection of all types of shoes, including flats, heels, boots, and booties. DSW also has great deals on other accessories, such as handbags, scarfs, and jewelry. This holiday season, they are offering the most perfect gift guide with items under \$25, \$50, and \$75. You will be able to make DSW your one-stop-shop for all the shoe and accessory lovers in your life.

So what do you get for your partner who seems to have everything she could possibly want? No one can ever resist a new pair of [shoes](#)! Whether it is the new cute [Pink and Pepper Pearl Bootie](#) for her or the [Sperry Top-Sider Boat Shoes](#) for him, everyone is guaranteed to love something from the DSW Gift Guide.

Not only are the shoes to die for, but the Gift Guide also includes amazing accessories! With items such as the [Kelly & Katie Leopard Twist Cowl Scarf](#), the [Columbia Canvas & Leather Belt](#), and the stylish [Moda Luxe Woven Clutch](#), you will definitely get that special someone's attention this holiday season.

Whether you are looking for shoes, boots, heels, or accessories this holiday season, DSW is the place for you! Check out their Gift Guide to find great deals on all things fashionable this season.

*To find out more about the DSW Gift Guide, follow @DSWshoelovers on Twitter and like DSW on Facebook. Visit their [website](#) too!*

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# Giveaway: Holiday Gift Guide 2012: Our Favorite Gifts for Her



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By Jennifer Ross

The holiday season has just started and already you are overwhelmed with what to buy your loved ones. Do you run around town, waiting in endless lines, hoping to find something perfect for your mother, daughter or wife? Who has

that kind of time? Fortunately, thanks to the team at CupidsPulse, you don't have to. To cut down your holiday shopping time—and save your sanity—we have sought out some great holiday gifts she is sure to love. Even better, we are giving away some of these products to a handful of lucky visitors—see italicized notation under each product below. For information on how to enter, scroll down below to the bold copy marked **GIVEAWAY ALERT**.

**1. Justin Bieber Girlfriend- perfume and lotion:** For the one in love or wanting to be in love, [Justin Bieber's Girlfriend](#) fragrance tempts all your senses. Flirty, personal and inviting, this fragrance is designed to include three unique notes. "The Chance" begins with notes of sparkling pear, crisp mandarin, rich blackberry and mara strawberry. "The Dream" lures you in with notes of pink freesia, star jasmine, apricot nectar, and orange blossom. "The Kiss" excites your mind with notes of Vanilla Orchid and Luminous Musk. Its wrap-around bottle design and revolutionary magnetic bottle cap is fresh, new and designed especially for her heart.

*(1) Holiday Giveaway: perfume & lotion set*

**2. Good Works Metallique Gunmetal Crystal Bracelet:** Part of the "Metallique" collection for Good Works, this multi-wrap around bracelet will give any outfit a superior edginess with a feminine flair. The metallic gunmetal leather is glamorized with studded crystals, a circular belt buckle and inspirationally themed phrases to make a bold statement in style.

*(4) Holiday Giveaways: gunmetal crystal bracelets*

**3. Eyedoll Chatter Mineral-Based Cosmetics:** Perfect for young girls, [Eyedoll Chatter](#) Mineral-Based cosmetics is a new interactive line of mineral makeup kits that let your tweens and teens build their own colorful, scented shadows, blushes and lip glosses. Better yet, they can share their creations

via text, Facebook or Twitter thanks to EyeDoll Chatter's free iPhone app. Each of these adorable "it kits" comes with six different components. Eye and cheek kits have three all-natural colors and three scented shimmers (think birthday cake, cherry blossom, etc.) made with cosmetic-grade, skin-friendly fragrance. The lip kits have three colored glosses and three scented balms. The idea is to mix and match to your heart's and your senses' delight. The looks that can be created range from school-appropriate to party-sensational and they are all something to talk, text and tweet about.

*(5) Holiday Giveaways: Hello Kissy Lipgloss Sets*

**4. Native Union POP Phones:** Have something important to say or simply love to chat? The original retro handset from [Native Union](#) allows you to say it with style, anywhere! Manufactured with a high quality speaker and microphone for crisp sound and clarity, this classic 50's Blakelit design telephone comes in many vibrant colors and patterns, with a luxurious soft-touch texture for improved calling comfort. Access to phone functions are convenient when making calls. It is compatible with notebooks and all mobile devices, including tablets, smartphones and cellphones. Best of all, you can choose from either a wired or Bluetooth® technology POP phone.

*(1) Holiday Giveaway: POP Phone (black)*

**5. MyMela Bangle Set:** For the sophisticated woman at work or out on the town, MyMela Bangle Set will pull together your look wonderfully. Enjoy this set of three black and blue bracelets, hand made in brass, that can be worn individually or all together. Priced under \$15.00, this item is perfect either as a gift or stocking stuffer. Approximate size is 2.5" diameter. Nickel-free hypoallergenic.

**6. Eye Majic's Select 16 Kit:** For the woman on-the-go, Eye Majic's Select 16 Kit allows her to apply instant eyeshadow flawlessly for any occasion. At \$19.95, the kit comes with 16

applications of eyeshadow (10 matte and 6 pearl colors), one “foxy lady” application, one eye magic eyeliner, one “set in stone” practice application and a demonstration DVD.

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT:** To enter for a chance to win one of the items listed above, go to our [Facebook](#) page and click “like.” Then, leave a comment under our Holiday Gift Guide giveaway post letting us know that you want to enter the giveaway. We will contact the winners via Facebook when the giveaway is over, and they will have three days to respond back with their contact information. The deadline to enter is 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, December 24th. Good luck!~~

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Lucy Long – Justin Bieber’s Girlfriend Perfume & Lotion

Herman Carol – Gunmetal Crystal Bracelet

Karen Miller – Gunmetal Crystal Bracelet

Briana Christina – Gunmetal Crystal Bracelet & Hello Kissy Lipgloss Set

Amy Orvin – Gunmetal Crystal Bracelet & Hello Kissy Lipgloss Set

Diana Devlin – Hello Kissy Lipgloss Set

Leisa Allen – Hello Kissy Lipgloss Set

Sadie Anne Rue – Hello Kissy Lipgloss Set

Moni Lynn – POP Phone