The 2017 Holiday Gift Guide is here! Plus a Christmas ghost story, and an easy homemade gift.

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# Hi, Gentle Reader, Happy Holidays!

Hi! Merry Everything!
How's it going in your world? Have you been bundling up and shoveling snow, or basking in the warmth of a fire, curled up with a book? Maybe you've been busy with holiday prep, cleaning and cooking and straightening, getting ready for family and friends to descend. That's what I've been doing. We're having a shindig at Chez Ellison this weekend—an Italian feast. Lasagna (gluten-free!), antipasti, caprese, vino the food of my people is the best on earth. To top it off, I'm serving homemade limoncello, and I've left you the recipe at the end of this letter. We'll have a yule log, too, burned to help with our wishes for 2018.
Side note: I put my holiday cards in the mail yesterday. Can we all agree there's no sweeter relief than putting a stamp on that last card?
Now that Nicholas #5 is just about done, I've turned my attention to my next book, a new standalone coming September 18, 2018: it's called TEAR ME APART, and surprise, it's available for pre-order now! I'm still revising it, so it's weird to see it available for pre-order already—no pressure or anything. Writer faster, J.T., write faster
Lots of fun stuff to talk about this month, so let's get cracking!
My 2017 Holiday Gift Guide is here!
2017 Holiday Gift Guide for Bookworms, Nerds, and Productive People
Take heart, last-minute shoppers. It's not too late to grab a few thoughtful gifts for the nerds in your life! I've gathered my favorite books, tools, and gadgets from 2017—each with a clickable link—for your viewing pleasure. And some of them are free, which is always a win during the holiday season.
Bring me the easy gifts, J.T.
What I'm Reading

I'm plowing toward my goal of 80 books read this year with this month's reads...

I loved EXQUISITE: what a gorgeously evocative, genuinely creepy story (and it's set in the Lake District). EVERYTHING WE KEEP moved me, surprised me, and I fell in love. What more can you ask for? I've somehow never read MY COUSIN RACHEL, and I am loving its subtle manipulations. And I'd be remiss if I didn't share REMODELISTA: The Organized Home with you before January. So many tips and tricks to help you organize and eliminate clutter. I love a simple, pared-down room.

Click each cover to learn more!

## THE OMEN DAYS eBook is on sale for \$0.99!

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If you're ready for a Christmas ghost story that wasn't written by Charles Dickens, you're in luck. THE OMEN DAYS eBook is only \$0.99 this month, and it's sure to get you in the spirit of the season—in the most thrilling way possible. Here's a bit more about it:

Zack Aukey hates Christmas—despises it, actually. December carries painful memories of his first love Autumn Cleary, who left him during the holiday season. But when Autumn mysteriously shows up in Nashville on Christmas night bearing gifts and apologies, Zack knows this is a holiday he won't soon forget.

And then he sees the police report.

#### A Christmas ghost story? Yes, please!

# **December's Recipe: Nonna's Limoncello**

Nonna's Limoncello

If you're looking for a fabulous homemade gift, here's my limoncello recipe. This liquid sunshine will keep forever, and I swear just one sip will transport you to a piazza trattoria nestled in a tiny Italian village.

### I want that limoncello.

That's it from me. Many blessings to you and yours this month. I hope your 2018 is filled with love, peace, and so much joy. Thank you for walking alongside me on the journey. It's a privilege to have you here.

Merry Everything!

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Let's be friends. I don't bite!



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