

# The Best Gift Books

For animal lovers, art appreciators and travelers both armchair and otherwise

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**1/ Randal Ford**

*The Animal Kingdom*  
Majestic lions and tigers and bears and more, photographed portrait-style. They sat still!

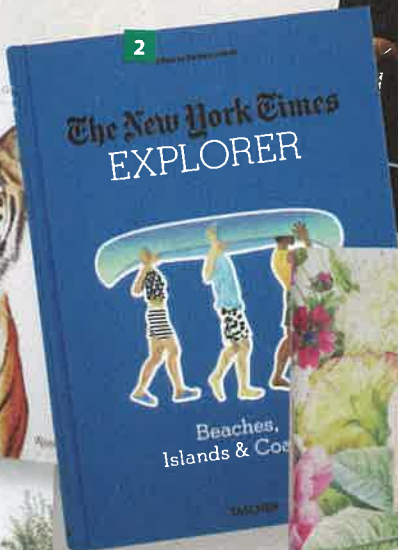
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**2/ Barbara Ireland**

*The New York Times Explorer: Beaches, Islands & Coasts*  
Ultra-tempting ideas for your next vacation.

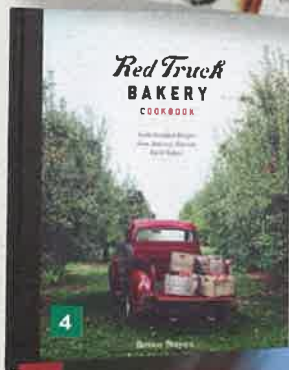
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**3/ Garth Brooks**

*The Anthology, Part III: Live*  
Five discs plus a hefty volume filled with stories, interviews and photos. A treat for fans.

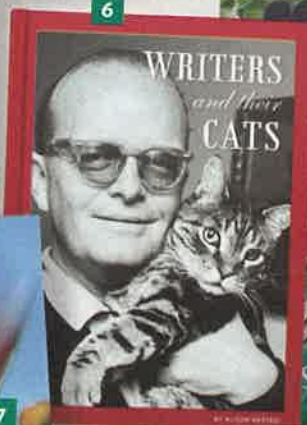
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**4/ Brian Noyes**

*Red Truck Bakery Cookbook*  
Barack Obama has called this Virginia establishment's pie "darn good." They know how to make a pretty cookbook too.

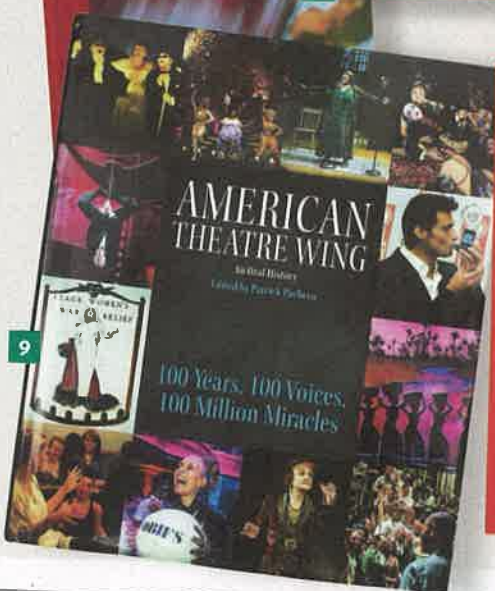
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**5/ Pierre-Joseph Redouté**

*The Book of Flowers*  
Gorgeous illustrations by the Belgian painter (1759-1840) known for his attention to botanical detail.

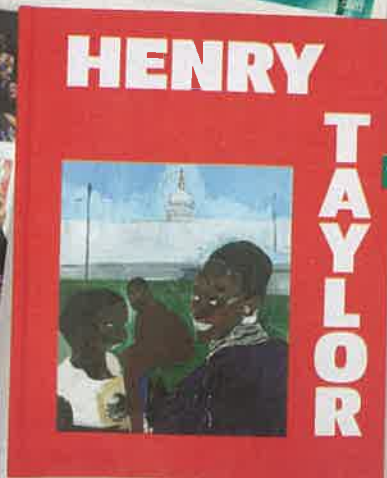
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**TAYLOR**

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**6/ Alison Nastasi**  
*Writers and Their Cats*

"When a man loves cats, I am his friend and comrade," wrote Mark Twain, one of 45 feline fanciers in this charming volume.

**7/ Rachel Cobb**  
*Mistral*

In beautifully evocative stills, a photographer captures the restless swirl of Provence's famous wind.

**8/ Francis Hodgson**

*The Swimming Pool in Photography*  
Old ones, new ones, drained ones, blue ones. An improbably mesmerizing look at swimming pools and their patrons through the ages.

**9/ Patrick Pacheco**

*American Theatre Wing*  
A lively oral history of the group that began as a war-relief effort in 1917 and now supports arts education and excellence.

**10/ Charles Gaines, Rachel Kaadzi Ghansah, Sarah Lewis, Zadie Smith**  
*Henry Taylor*  
A collection of the psychiatric technician turned artist's bright, expressive paintings, accompanied by incisive commentary.