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Best Valentine's Gifts 2020: romantic presents they'll actually like

No corner shop chocolates, it's time for the ultimate heartfelt gifts



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Valentine's Day, though sweet, can sometimes be a little naff. Chocolate boxes and roses are all well and good, but they are clichés. If you're with someone who's not into traditional romance those gifts are probably not going to go down particularly well, either.

So in the name of love (and in the name of you not getting in trouble this February 14th), we've collected some actually good Valentine's gifts. Romantic, luxurious and classy, these will put you in the good books for at least another year.

UPDATE: *We've popped an alternative offering from [Tree-Nation](#) into the mix if you're after a Valentine's Day offering that also benefits the planet. From as little as €0,10 you can buy that special someone a blooming beautiful tree that will offset around 150g of Co2 at a time - benefiting communities as well as the earth as a whole.*

Not to mention [Riedel's](#) beautiful mini horn wine decanter which has also been added to the list. If your better half enjoys both wine and music, this is a must (just ensure you raid the piggy bank first).

Speaking of alcohol, boozy confectioner [Smith & Sinclair](#) has unleashed a modern take on a classic in time for Valentine's Day. The Double Dipper lolly is a peach bellini flavoured dipper that's the ideal naughty treat on V-Day. They're also serving up limited-edition gummies that can be personalised with Valentine's Day sleeves to add a naughty or nice message for that special someone - or just for yourself if you're that way inclined.

Below you'll find a book, quality booze, some bigger buys and Valentine's-appropriate clothing that won't make your eyes roll out of your head.

And if you don't have a special someone? Well you may as well treat yourself to something nice...

- *Live life around your pet instead? Check out some of the [best gifts for dog owners](#)*

Valentine's Day: non-naff presents they'll actually like



1. Tech 21 Hot Sauce Phone Case

£29.95

[View now at Tech21](#)

Admittedly, a phone case isn't the most romantic present but at least you know your other half will definitely use it (unlike the cliché teddy bear and cheap chocolates). Plus, this one's a little fun thanks to the ability to customise your case with a range of Valentine's Day illustrations. This 'You're so hot' hot sauce drawing is one of our favourites.

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2. Valentine's Day Gin Tasting Set

£24.95

[View now at Master of Malt](#)

If your other half is always on the lookout for new and exciting gins, this could be the perfect present. The Drinks by the Dram set contains five 30ml wax-sealed drams of gin including offerings from Elephant Gin, Herno Gin and That Boutique-y Gin Company's Rhubarb Triangle Gin. To make it feel extra special, the set comes decorated with a marble-effect sleeve that even has room for you to write a small heartfelt message.

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3. Edinburgh Gin Valentine's Bouquets

£65.00

[View now at Edinburgh Gin](#)

Described as a 'multi-sensory' experience, these gin-inspired bouquets from Edinburgh Gin come in three limited-edition varieties - The Classic, The Valentines and The Rhubarb and Ginger - inspired by their respective gins. It's the ultimate treat for the gin-loved

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4. Tree-Nation Valentine's Tree For Tribals

From €1

[View now at Tree-Nation](#)

Ever thought about reducing your carbon footprint by buying that special someone something sustainable? Tree Nation's idea of a flowering tree is the ideal way to give back to the planet. With a number of initiatives and varieties of tree available, each tree has its carbon offset listed so you know exactly how much you're giving back to the planet. Starting at €1, there's really no reason to side step this as a potential winning present

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5. Little Moons Mochi Ice Cream

£10.00

[View now at Little Moons](#)

If you're struggling to melt someones heart, look no further than Mochi Japanese ice cream (for something that will, quite literally, melt). Available in 12 flavours, including Salted Caramel, Match Green Tea, Madagascan Vanilla, Strawberries & Cream, the flavour combinations are definitely intriguing. The limited-edition Valentine's offerings are available at pop-up stores for £10 making them the perfect alternative dessert this Valentine's Day.



6. Riedel Mini Horn Decanter

£495

[View now at Riedel](#)

Looking for a present for the wine lover in your life? Does that wine lover also happen to be a fan of music? As it so happens, this horn-shaped horn decanter combines the best of both worlds and might just be the present you've been hunting for. Sure, it's not the cheapest of price tags, but if you're looking dig deep this Valentine's Day, this beautiful piece of glassware is well worth considering

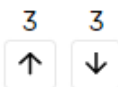


7. Biscuiteers Valentine's Day Biscuits

From £9.99

[View now at Selfridge's](#)

If you're after the ultimate tongue-in-cheek present that looks as good as it tastes, this range of Valentine's Day biscuits from the delectable Biscuiteers are a must. Whether you prefer the 'You're Hot' biscuit or the 'Perfect Match' option, there's a variety of edible delights to suit all tastes



8. Yardley London Urbane Pocket Spray

£3.99

[View now at Yardley London](#)

Designed to slide into your pocket, this men's fragrance from Yardley London is perfect if you're just looking for something small (but not pointless) to give your other half. The scent is a combination of bergamot, lavender and tarragon, combined with the richer notes of sandalwood and patchouli. Ideal for men who travel a lot (as it's hand luggage friendly) or who simply don't like to carry a bag.



9. Baileys Red Velvet Cupcake Liqueur

£23.99

[View now at Amazon](#)

Taking inspiration from the classic cupcake, this limited-edition flavour has a fantastic dusky pink colour. That distinctive Baileys taste is still there, but is combined with additional flavours of chocolate cake and cream cheese frosting. A glass of this is the perfect accompaniment to a cozy night in. Rather have the cake? You can now buy [Baileys Red Velvet Cupcakes](#) thanks to The Hummingbird Bakery.



10. Secret Cinema Presents: Dirty Dancing

From £49.00

[View now at Secret Cinema](#)

Ready to get your Cha Cha on? This summer you can thanks to Secret Cinema's latest adventure into the world of Dirty Dancing. Sure, you might have to wait until it opens on 22nd July 2020 to actually see it, but this classic is well worth waiting for. Taking place at a secret outdoor location, you'll be able to explore Kellerman's Resort in all its glory - complete with dance lessons thrown in. If you're significant other is a fan of this classic tale of romance, then this just might be the ideal V-day present.



11. Le Creuset Heart-Shaped Casserole Dish

£84.50

[Buy now from Amazon](#)

Cooking fans already drool over Le Creuset's beautiful kitchenware. So why not make it extra-romantic with this heart-shaped casserole dish? And it's not just stews or casseroles you can put in this bad boy: it can also be used for baking. So as well as looking good in the kitchen, it can also produce some very sweet looking heart-shaped cakes.



12. Apple Watch 5

£409.00

[Buy now from Amazon](#)

Alright, so it's definitely not cheap. But if you fancy splashing out this Valentine's Day, you can't really get much better than the [Apple Watch 5](#). Available in three colours, the watch has GPS, an ECG app, heart sensors and a built in compass. It also has a beautiful display and a 30% larger screen than the Series 3 watches.



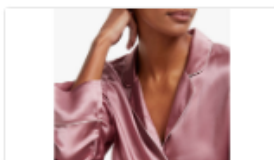
13. Nintendo Switch Lite

£194.00

[Buy now from Amazon](#)

This handheld games console will make anybody happy this Valentine's Day. There are a huge host of games to buy for the console, too – Zelda, Pokemon, Super Mario Odyssey and more. Won't hurt for you to sneak a few plays, either...

This is the cheaper version of the Switch, one that can't be docked to play on your TV. But we find we play handheld 90% of the time anyway.



14. John Lewis Silk Pyjama Set

£120.00

[Buy now from John Lewis](#)

Nothing feels as luxurious as silk – and these gorgeous pyjamas will leave your partner feeling amazing. Available in blue and pink, the set is made from pure silk and has a wide seam and elasticated waistband for ultimate comfort.





15. Ugg Kent Robe

£125.00

[Buy now from Ugg](#)

You may know Ugg for its iconic boots, but it makes more than that. Made from 100% cotton French terry, this robe has a chevron print and is perfect for wearing around the house. You can also get slippers that match, if you really want to make someone's day.

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16. Jo Malone Pomegranate Candle

£48.00

[Buy now from John Lewis](#)

This will *really* get you in somebody's good books – Jo Malone is a prestige brand for a reason. This richly scented candle also comes beautifully wrapped, so it'll look good when you hand it over, too.

Scents include Lime, Basil & Mandarin, Wild Fig & Casis and Peony & Blush. But we have a particular soft spot for its Pomaganrate Noir, which has notes of plum, raspberry and pink pepper as well as pomaganrate.

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17. LRB Collection: 4 In A Bed

£5.99

[Buy now from the LRB Store](#)

For those of you with bookish partners, this London Review of Books essay collection combines romance with literature in utter style. Pieces about sex come from Mary Beard, Adam Phillips, Frank Kermode and more.

It's no trite Hallmark card affair, though. Here's the description from the LRB: "the pieces in this book look at divorce, bisexuality, boy toys, masturbation, impotence, bodice-rippers and involuntary celibates (incels), as well as the erections of Christ and the erotic fantasies of the French Surrealists."



18. Mr Black Cold Brew Coffee Liqueur

£28.99

[Buy now at Amazon](#)

If your other half is a fan of espresso martinis, they are going to love this cold brew coffee liqueur. This is a bit less sweet than other coffee liqueurs, and with 100% Arabica beans so it's one for the real coffee-heads out there. Perfect for sipping together after that romantic dinner.



19. Neom Organics Luxury Bath Foam

£22.00

[Buy now at Amazon](#)

Want to play it slightly safer? You can't go wrong with bubble bath, and this luxury bath foam from organic brand Neom is just the ticket. Made with marshmallow, aloe leaf, coconut and sweet almond, a blend of essential oils makes this the ultimate calming gift.



20. Acqua Di Parma Colonia Soap Bar

£12.99

[Buy now from Amazon](#)

This delicious citrus scented soap from Acqua di Parma will make your partner smell amazing – so you'll reap the benefits too.

You might not want to make this your sole Valentine's gift, unless you are trying to prove an unsubtle point about hygiene. But this makes a classy add-on present, particularly as the soap is made in Italy.