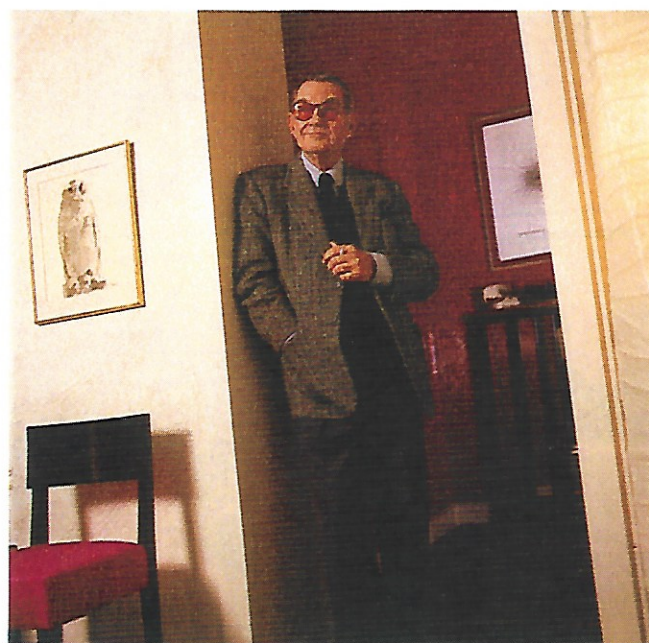


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A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

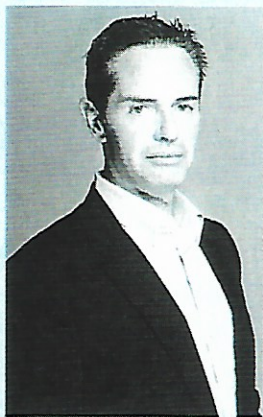
INVITED FOR THE WEEKEND?
DON'T SHOW UP ON YOUR HOST'S
DOORSTEP EMPTY-HANDED. HERE,
OUR FAVORITE DESIGNERS SHARE
THEIR SECRETS FOR CHOOSING
THE MOST GRACIOUS HOUSE GIFTS.



ALBERT HADLEY

I think the most fascinating thing you can give someone as a house gift is a Christopher Radko ornament. They're hand blown and hand painted, and there are many ornaments for every season—simply beautiful objects to give as gifts.

Christmas Dove, Pier 17, East River at South Street Seaport, 212.233.6939, and Zitomer, 969 Madison Ave., 212.737.4480



JOHN BARMEN

As a house gift, I always send a flowering red plant from the Botanical Garden gift shop—whatever is in season and looks most beautiful.

New York Botanical Garden, Southern Boulevard at 200th St., Bronx, 718.817.8700



SHEILA BRIDGES

I love to bring gifts for the bathroom when I visit friends for the weekend. Beautifully wrapped scented candles, soaps, and bath salts are those indulgences we sometimes forget to buy for ourselves, but always greatly appreciate when we receive them as gifts. You can never go wrong with things that soothe and relax the senses.

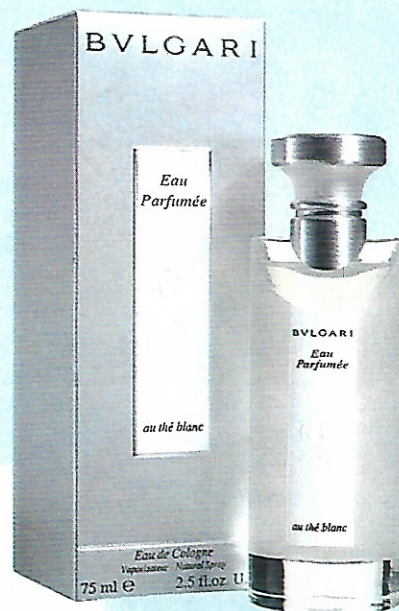
Takashimaya, 693 Fifth Ave. at 54th St., 212.350.0100



SCOTT SALVATOR

Junior's Cheesecake is classic New York and makes a delicious and attractive gift in its red-and-white-striped box.

Junior's Cheesecake, Grand Central Station, 212.586.4677



ANNE DOWNEY

I like to give anything from Bulgari. From purses to ties to perfume, I love the new look of their boutique items, especially the packaging.

Bulgari, 730 Fifth Ave., 212.315.9700