

## Future-themed Holiday Gift Suggestions 2012

(Unless otherwise indicated, all items are \$30 and under, based on MSRP or online sampling)



### For the “techie”: Check these out, even if just to wish...

- [Lit Motors Electric Gyro-Stabilized Enclosed Cockpit C-1 Cycle](#) (\$250/res.; est. \$20K/fly)
- Personal UAV [AR.Drone 2.0 Parrot](#) (\$300)
- Augmented Reality eyeglasses by [Vuzix](#) (\$250-500)
- [Astro wireless gaming headset](#) (\$230-300)
- [Sony SmartWatch](#) (\$130)
- [Apple iPhone Apps](#) with an [iTunes gift card](#), [Android Smartphone Apps](#) with a [Google Play gift card](#), or [Blackberry Apps](#) with a [Blackberry Wallet virtual gift card](#).



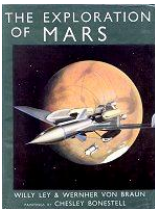
### For the explorer...

- A [personal submarine](#) ...Get one from manufacturers like [Trident Submarine](#) (\$1.5M & up), or tour with an operator like [Atlantis Subs](#).
- An [AACC “Gift of Education” card](#), redeemable for tuition payments. Recommended course: [FTR-105 Exploring the Future](#) this spring from Anne Arundel Community College – on [campus in Arnold, MD](#), or via [online learning](#) worldwide.



### For the astronaut or space colonist-to-be...

- [Virgin Galactic](#) flight aboard [SpaceShip Two](#) with the X PRIZE team (\$20K/res; \$200K/ft).
- A launch observation from [Kennedy Space Center](#) (~\$1,000/3 nights/family of 4) with advice from [Florida’s Tourism Commission](#), [NASA](#), and the KSC [Visitor Complex](#).
- [Space Camp](#) (\$400-1400).
- [Celestron Telescopes’](#) SkyProdigy Computerized Telescope (\$500-1000) or SkyScout Personal Planetarium (\$200).
- [Mission SPACE](#) at Walt Disney World Resort (\$90/person Epcot Park Daily Pass)
- A one-year membership to [The Mars Society](#) or the [National Space Society](#) .

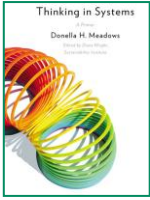


### For the reader ...

#### Recent Futures:

- [“Edge Futures”](#) (2008) 4-book set by Simon Foxell, et al (GB£30/US\$55), and Foxell’s work, [“The Professionals’ Choice: The Future of the Built Environment Professions”](#) (free), for the British Architects’ futures studies.
- [“Thinking about the Future: Guidelines for Strategic Foresight”](#) (2007) by Andy Hines & Peter Bishop ([book site](#)).

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- [“China Road: Journey into the Future of a Rising Power”](#) (2007) by Rob Gifford ([NPR companion site](#)).
- [“I Live in the Future & Here's How It Works”](#) (2011) by Nick Bilton ([book site](#)).
- [“How to Create a Mind: The Secret of Human Thought Revealed”](#) (2012) by Ray Kurzweil ([book site](#)).
- [“Thinking in Systems: A Primer”](#) (2008) by Donella H. Meadows (1941-2001), who was lead author of The Club of Rome’s [“Limits to Growth.”](#)
- [“Edge City: Life on the New Frontier”](#) (1992) by Joel Garreau ([book site](#)).
- [“What Is Your Dangerous Idea? Today’s Leading Thinkers on the Unthinkable”](#) (2007) by John Brockman ([book site](#)).
- [“The Art of the Long View: Planning for the Future in an Uncertain World”](#) (1996), [“Inevitable Surprises”](#) (2004) & [“Learnings from the Long View”](#) (2011) by Peter Schwartz.
- The 2002 movie [“Minority Report”](#) based on the Philip K. Dick’s visionary [book](#).
- [“The Transparent Society,”](#) (1998) by David Brin ([book site](#)).
- The award-winning speculative novel [“2312”](#) by Kim Stanley Robinson.

### **RetroFutures** (*past views of the future*):

- [“The Shape of Things to Come”](#) (2006) reissue of the 1933 classic by H.G. Wells.
- [“Yesterday's Tomorrows: Past Visions of the American Future”](#) (1996) by Joseph J. Corn.
- [“Report on Planet Three and Other Speculations”](#) (1972) by Arthur C. Clarke (out of print but easy to find [via Bookfinder.com](#)).
- [“Blade Runner,”](#) the movie from Philip K. Dick’s [“Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?”](#)