

## MEDIA

# Stocking Stuffers

A few choice media picks for chilling in your holiday downtime.



## Dennis Dreith

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Right now, I'm reading **1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created** by Charles C. Mann. It is about the impact of the intermingling of cultures and ecological environments past that voyage, and it is quite good.

I'm very eager to see **Lincoln** over the holidays, as I suspect it will be one of the best movies

about American history in quite some time. I'm sure it will have a wonderfully dynamic score from John Williams.



## Claire Hartley

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During the holidays, we listen to **The Beach Boys' Christmas Album** a lot. It's so California Christmas (for a Brit girl, Christmas here is still quite novel)!

I'm currently reading **Shantaram** by Gregory David Roberts. It's a fictional piece based on Roberts' real-life experience of being an escaped convict hiding out in

Bombay. It's compelling, because I find myself constantly wondering how close his words are to his actual experiences and how a person could survive such an incredible ride.

I plan on shopping on the online store owned by the actress and my dear friend, Kellie Martin—**Rompstore.com**. She sells high-quality gifts and toys for kids. She has beautiful pieces, many from Europe.



## Scott S. Kramer

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I'm reading **Tough Shit: Life Advice from a Fat, Lazy Slob Who Did Good** by Kevin Smith. Though at times he may come off as vulgar to the casual reader, the filmmaker inspires with very personal stories of overcoming obstacles and rejection.

I'm looking forward to seeing **Wreck-It Ralph**. It looks like the **Toy Story** of video games—and I love both of those.