

The Best Last-Minute Gifts You Can Grab From the Grocery Store



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Though we have no shortage of online shopping services at our fingertips, it often happens that we're in a last-minute bind for getting a gift — with no time to scroll on Amazon. What can we do when this happens? We might want to sprint to the nearest boutique store or shopping mall — which is a perfectly fine idea, unless you simply don't have time to do so because you've still got to run other errands, like swinging by the supermarket (a seemingly constant task).

Grocery stores and supermarkets aren't exactly known for their dazzling collection of giftable products — but consumers should note that there are indeed quite a few items they can purchase for those on their holiday shopping lists (<https://www.gobankingrates.com/the-smart-holiday-spending-guide/>). From rich bottles of Beaujolais to kitchen essentials, great gifts — and stellar prices — await.

Lottery Tickets

“Who doesn't love (scratch-offs)?” lifestyle expert Joann Butler (<https://consultancymedia.com/who-we-are/>) said. “They make a fun gift, with some tissue paper and a little baggy.”

Chocolates

“Whether you purchase a handcrafted bar made with carefully picked beans or a box of Ferrero Rocher, chocolate is an easy victory,” said Hutch Ashoo, founder and CEO at Pillar Wealth Management, LLC (<https://pillarwm.com/>). “Additionally, the variety is limitless, including chocolate-covered fruits, salty additions, creamy truffles and hearty bars.

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