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## Books to Get You into the Holiday Season

### Page-turners sure to get you into the holiday spirit

Whether you are trying to fight it or are eager to embrace it, the holiday season is fast approaching. To get you in the mood for goodwill, cheer and general merriment, you can grab one of many classic holiday books covering everything from Christmas to Kwanzaa. These stories will keep you entertained, inspire you to see the good in others and help get you in the mood for your seasonal celebration.

#### **“A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens**

If you really want to get into the spirit of Christmas, it doesn't get more classic than Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." The story of miserly Ebenezer Scrooge changing his ways thanks to visits from the spirits of Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Yet to Come has endured as a holiday staple for more than a century and a half. By introducing the story to your children, you can ensure that it continues to extoll the virtues of being a kinder person for generations more.



#### **“How the Grinch Stole Christmas!” by Dr. Seuss**

A seasonal standard, Theodore “Dr. Seuss” Geisel's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" is a book enjoyed every year by both children and adults. The illustrated book tells the tale of the Grinch, a selfish, lonely character who is determined to ruin Christmas for the residents of Whoville. The Grinch hatches a plan to steal everything that represents the holiday — decorations, presents and even families' feasts — so that there will be no celebrations on Christmas morning. Like "A Christmas Carol," the story of a grouch turned good reminds us all of the true spirit behind the holiday.

#### **“Hanukkah Haiku” by Harriet Ziefert**

Each of the eight nights of Hanukkah is celebrated with a special haiku in Harriet Ziefert's "Hanukkah Haiku." The beautiful illustrations by Karla Gudeon complement the inspired words of Ziefert, rendered wonderfully in the traditional Japanese poetic form. Each poem highlights the traditions, symbols and joy of Hanukkah simply and elegantly, making it the perfect book for children just learning about the holiday.

#### **“Seven Spools of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story” by Angela Shelf Medearis and Daniel Minter**

Outlining the seven principles of Kwanzaa through captivating pictures and thoughtful words, "Seven Spools of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story," by Angela Shelf Medearis and illustrator Daniel Minter, tells the story of seven brothers attempting to fulfill their father's last wish: to spin seven spools of thread into gold. Celebrating the importance of family and working together, this story's message is inspiring for readers of any age.

#### **“The Shortest Day: Celebrating the Winter Solstice” by Wendy Pfeffer**

The shift from autumn to winter gets most people into the mindset of the holiday season, and Wendy Pfeffer's "The Shortest Day: Celebrating the Winter Solstice" looks at the science behind the change in seasons. It also promotes greater understanding of different cultural celebrations, and it offers up family-friendly activities to share after you've completed reading.

The holidays can be a stressful time no matter what or how you celebrate. To remind yourself of the purpose of the season and to get your kids in on the spirit, consider kicking off your festivities with these books.

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## Auto Lifestyle: Volvo Debuts New V60 Cross Country

### New V60 Cross Country reveals Volvo's adventurous side

The Cross Country version of Volvo's beloved V60 midsize crossover is sure to impress drivers with its bevy of advanced technologies, well-appointed interior, rugged capability and unstoppable performance.

"With the new V60 Cross Country, we take our Swedish family estate from one natural habitat to another," said Hakan Samuelsson, president and chief executive of Volvo Cars. "We invented the Cross Country segment over 20 years ago and with this car, we reinforce our long-standing pedigree in safe, capable and versatile family cars."

You'll earn a higher ground clearance — approximately 75 mm — in the new V60 Cross Country than the standard V60. Its impeccable off-road capability is possible with the Cross Country's unique suspension, chassis and standard all-wheel drive. Standard features such as Corner Traction



Control, Hill Descent Control, Off-Road Driving Mode and Electronic Stability Control help to achieve a strong, confident driving experience no matter the terrain. The advanced driver assist technology, City Safety Autobrake, also comes standard. This innovative system helps alert you to large animals, cyclists and pedestrians to help safeguard everyone on the road. Opt for the available Cross Traffic Alert for added driving confidence.

Currently, the V60 Cross Country delivers a choice between two powerful engines, a D4 AWD diesel and a T5 AWD petrol engine. In the future, the well-equipped, capable ride will offer plug-in hybrid and hybrid configurations to add eco-friendliness to the model's long list of attributes.

Although the V60 Cross Country prioritizes performance and capability on the road less traveled, it's still a Volvo, so expect a sophisticated interior, eye-catching design and a comfortable driving experience.

"The V60 Cross Country is every bit as refined as the other 60 and 90 Series cars based on our SPA platform," said Henrik Green, senior vice president of research and development at Volvo Cars. "The added versatility makes it at home in town and country, thanks to a higher seating position, increased ground clearance and dynamic all-wheel-drive capabilities."

Such rugged capability, advanced safety technologies and design intention to take you off the grid makes the V60 Cross Country an awesome adventure vehicle. But no adventure would be complete without in-car entertainment, and thankfully, the V60 Cross Country delivers the finest in all things infotainment. It features smartphone integration via Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ and 4G connectivity through the user-friendly Volvo Cars' Sensus Connect system. Your entertainment choices, navigation details and car status updates are clearly displayed and manipulated on the

responsive, tablet-style touch screen.

Adding to the Cross Country's versatility and driving ease is its participation in Care by Volvo, the automaker's premium subscription service. With a flat, monthly fee, drivers can opt for the V60 Cross Country.

With advanced driver assist, safety and infotainment features, the new Volvo V60 is more than capable to take you and your family off the beaten path.

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## Auto Lifestyle: Volvo XC40 Serves as Inspiration for Students

### Volvo Cars creates charitable opportunity for future automotive careerists

Students dreaming of a career in the automotive industry have earned creative support and real-life experience from Volvo Car USA. The automaker, along with Stan Smith, tennis champion, and the Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance, tasked students to express their artistic vision by transforming a wardrobe staple, tennis shoes, into auction-worthy masterpieces.

Of course, these were not everyday tennis shoes they've pulled from their closets but limited-edition adidas® Stan Smith tennis shoes. Using the coveted footwear and inspiration from the unique design, power and performance of the new Volvo XC40 SUV, students unleashed their creativity to help a worthy cause, Driving Young America. Students pursuing education geared toward an automotive-industry career whether in engineering, safety, design, performance, restoration, service/repair or historic preservation, can garner support from the charitable group.



Scheduled for Friday, Nov. 2, the automotive-inspired art-filled auction, which is an extension of the #ArtMoves Exhibit, will be showcased at the Flights & Fancy Aeroport Gala. The gala is presented at the Hilton Head Island Airport on picturesque Hilton Head Island in South Carolina. On Nov. 3 and 4, guests can view the artwork, meet Stan Smith and get a signed copy his book, "Stan Smith: Some People Think I'm a Shoe" and interact with attending designers and artists Jay Ward, creative director at Pixar Animation Studios; Robin Page, senior vice president of design at Volvo Cars; and Jay Shuster, production designer at Pixar Animation Studios. Guests will also be dazzled by the vintage and new Volvo cars on display.

#### Design connections

Selecting the Volvo XC40 and Smith's shoes as design inspiration for the students' works of art were logical choices because upon its reveal, Volvo designers used shoes to explain its relevance to the Volvo lineup.

According to the designers, the 40 Cluster of vehicles is reminiscent of a well-crafted, proportional and standout pair of white sneakers whereas the 60 Cluster is well-suited to every driving occasion, similar to the fashion workhorse of a suede brogue. Because the 90 Cluster of cars retain the highest level of luxury and stature, a leather Oxford dress shoe is its spirit shoe.

#### 2019 Volvo XC40

The 2019 Volvo XC40 is available in three stunning trims, Momentum, R-Design and Inscription. Each features a 2.0-liter turbocharged inline four-cylinder engine mated to an eight-speed Geartronic™ automatic transmission to propel the all-wheel-drive-equipped compact luxury SUV to generate 248 horsepower and 258 lb-ft of torque. Premium materials outfit the interior while the exterior boasts a sleek, sophisticated aesthetic. Featuring advanced technologies and capable performance, the new XC40 recently earned two honors from the Texas Auto Writers Association, Compact Luxury SUV of Texas and Best Connectivity.

With such amazing, well-crafted features and innovative technology, it's no wonder why the new XC40 is earning award-worthy attention and serving as inspiration for an artful auction.

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## Experience Gothenburg With Overseas Delivery

Gothenburg, Sweden offers something for just about everyone to enjoy.

You can meander down its cobblestone streets, taking in all the sights of this picturesque seaside town, perhaps stopping at a café for *fika* – a very Swedish coffee-and-snack break. Treat yourself to a giant cinnamon bun—Swedes love them! Stroll amongst the trees and flowers in the park called *Trädgårdsföreningen*. Take a Paddan boat tour through the canals. Unwind at the spa *Hagabader* in the lovely Haga district. Enjoy meals at as many places as you can during your Gothenburg visit. Everything from Michelin-starred restaurants to casual, trendy food trucks can be found just about everywhere you look.

If you want more action, you can rent a kayak or a bicycle. Go on a lobster safari in September and catch your own dinner. Check out *Liseberg* amusement park for rides and live music. Take in a hockey game at *Scandinavium*. Shop your heart out at *Nordiska Kompaniet* (NK to the locals), a popular shopping gallery. For nightlife, *Andra Langgatan* (street) is the place to be, with popular spots like the beer-and-whiskey pub The Rover and clubs like the trendy Café Publik.

Another fun thing to do is to go island hopping in Gothenburg's Archipelago. If you are looking for good food and spectacular natural scenery, this is the place to go. You can see a lot in 24 hours. Take the 281 ferry service for Vrångö Island out to beautiful Donsö. The ferry sails roundtrip every day of the week, all year round.

The first sight to greet you at the ferry landing on Donsö are the red fishermen's shacks. It's just a short walk to the island's small boutiques and studios, as well as several nature trails. When you're looking for a good meal with a great view, there are restaurants which offer a variety of fish/seafood and other local fare. There are fishermen's shacks where you can even stay overnight, enjoying a good night's sleep to the sound of the waves lapping against the rocks.

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In addition to the many options mentioned earlier, Volvo enthusiasts can also enjoy the factory tour (if available), interactive Volvo Brand Experience Center, and Volvo Museum.

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