

Stargazer

by the celestial *Debbi Kempton-Smith*



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Lady Weinberg 13 December 1941

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TAURUS

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LEO

23 July–22 August

Extremism in pursuit of lusty, pagan revelry is surely no vice. If gold is your colour, metal and trademark, a wee sprinkle of peridots – your birthstone – will do. Your holidays will be romantic, smooth and snazzy. Antibacterial wipes are handy for the hordes queuing to kiss your ring. Big gifts: a place in the sun, another building named after you, power, a mirror. Stocking: large and little Steiff lions, chocolate coins, Brasher doubloons.

VIRGO

23 August–22 September

Maniacal planets are buzzing and strafing your sign over the holidays, but how exciting to be needed, no? Virgos are easy to shop for these days – you need everything. Birthstones first: sapphires! Big gifts: unconditional love, a new dream job, serotonin, your hospital for the poor. Stocking (warning: Virgos are fussy – ask): lapis lazuli, poppadsoms and L'Air du Désert Marocain, Andy Tauer's weird, exotic scent of the Maghreb.

CAPRICORN

22 December–20 January

Accept all invitations and offers immediately. Do invite Capricorns to your club. This may be a big gift or not, depending on how badly connected and well behaved they are. Goats already on top may be jaded – a nice box of sandalwood soap will do them. Big gifts: access and introductions can change a life. Be generous. Open the doors. Stocking: theatre and lottery tickets. Capricorns have a Burberry fetish. Birthstone: garnet.

AQUARIUS

21 January–18 February

Is this trip necessary? That's what Aquarians moan when dreaded cornball holidays roll up. Piece of cake: Venus will be in your sign 7 December–3 January. You'll snag nearly anything – and anyone – you fancy. Big gifts: it beeps, it shines... a flash gizmo, the model you specify. A private island. A robot! Stocking: space ice-cream, *Adbusters*, binocs. Birthstone: amethyst, but titanium's your magic metal, in shares or bling.

PISCES

19 February–20 March

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GEMINI

21 May–20 June

Inshopnia: a disorder afflicting those who stay up all night shopping online. One gets it from Aquarians and Arians, who can't be bothered with crowds. You, dear, are speeding and short of time – log on. Big gifts: your movable feast – unlimited travel with friends as witty as you (unlikely). Stocking: a sparkly variety of gewgaws. Birthstone: pearls, but dining at Pearl with a tipsy pack of quipping, brilliant, sarky solicitors is priceless.

CANCER

21 June–22 July

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LIBRA

23 September–22 October

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