



HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

2018

PARENTS & FAMILIES

 Denver Parent

OUR BEST PICKS FOR GIFTS IN COLORADO

OUR FIRST ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE:

Denver Parent magazine was formed with busy parents in mind, who want to shop local, but often don't have specific or unique gift-giving ideas. We hope you'll find this gift guide to be a valuable resource for you and your family as you shop Colorado for the holidays.

We've included picks from our writers, our followers and amazing finds that have found their way to our inbox.

Not all the selections here are from Colorado, but we've tried to make thoughtful exceptions.

*Susan Williams- Managing Editor
Mary-Frances Main, Founder and Publisher*





**CREATIVE
GIFTS
FOR
ALL!**

WANDERWIDE:

Denver-based Wanderwide lets you track your adventures and transform memories with stylish, interactive register prints created for the outdoor community.

www.wanderwide.co



**\$59
AND UP**

**MADE
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COACH * COLT:

Our “pop-up” workshops take place at different unique locations, such as local wineries, breweries, coworking spaces, open air market places - to name a few. Classes include hand lettering, floral arrangement, wine and chocolate pairing, pasta making and cookie decorating. We are constantly working with new artisans to add new classes as well.

<https://tinyurl.com/yb6d2gwb>



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INSPIRE SOMEONE YOU LOVE!



\$12-14
PER PAIR

POSITIVE AFFIRMATION SOCKS:

These unique socks are not only comfortable, but personalized positive affirmations woven into the toes and soles remind people of their best qualities.

www.notestoself.com

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WE ARE GREEN!



Denver Parent has gone above and beyond to assure that its practices protect the environment. We are an online-only publication dedicated to preserving natural resources through eco-friendly practices. This gift guide is available to print on demand on our website: www.denverparent.net.



DENVER MODERN:

Nothing says family like the dining room table. Denver Modern designs and builds customized furniture that embraces an independent, modern spirit devoted to natural beauty. Products feature quality, mixed material combinations of hardwoods, leather, marble, and steel for tables, seating, case goods, and more. Some small house items are available as well.

denvermodern.com



Visit us at DenverDN.com and set your preferences for your date, overnight or weekend getaway and your date planner will take care of every detail. They'll connect you with unmatched experiences and VIP treatment so you can spend your energy on each other.

DenverDN.com or email: Info@DenverDN.com

MANOFATTO:

Carefully curated gift assortments filled with small batch handmade products, both beautiful and functional, in a more modern style. Each Baltic birch giftbox is built by hand and includes hand calligraphy on every card. Customization options are available.

manofattoshop.com



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Childcare reimagined

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kids will love



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*fireplace crackles
sparks of love
rich hot cocoa
in festive mugs*

*~Terri Guillemets,
"Winter heat," 2008*

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**SPIRITS
OF THE
SEASON!**

WINE AND WHEY:

Located in RiNo, Wine and Whey stocks the supplies and equipment to indulge in do-it-yourself activities at home or they provide instruction, on-site. It offers a wide range of classes and events and also provides wine and cheese instruction at any time, any day.

wineandwhey.com



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BEAR CREEK DISTILLERY:

Bear Creek Distillery produces handcrafted grain-to-bottle spirits one batch at a time in the heart of the Mile High city. Rooted deeply in the local community, the distillery uses local ingredients and materials sourced from Colorado companies.

bearcreekdistillery.com

TIGHE BROTHERS DISTILLERY:

The Tighe Brothers are third-generation Denverites. Paul & Danny enjoyed a special relationship with their grandpa, Jack McLaughlin, who was a connoisseur of bourbon. Native grain to Colorado is picked specifically to detail characteristic flavors within their spirits. They offer tours of the distillery every Saturday as well as after hours VIP tours for groups.



FOR MOM

ALISAP:

At Alisap Designs, you can make an appointment to have your child's fingerprint pressed directly into fine silver (metal clay) and the exact print becomes a wearable piece of unique jewelry. Pricing depends on the type of jewelry selected. Classes are also available.

alisapdesigns.com

\$45-110
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KNOTTY TIES:

Knotty Ties features customizable ties in sizes for kids and adults with hundreds of patterns available in more than 560 colors. Knotty Tie was built from scratch to create employment opportunities for resettling refugees based upon their existing skills.

www.knottytie.com



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FOR DAD



FOR
YOUNG
KIDS

PUNCTUATE THIS!

\$9.99



This educational and fun album of animated videos are a throwback to the School House Rock era. Each video features educational concepts such as punctuation, parts of speech and other fun and colorful combinations of verbal creativity and musical range. There are 11 animated videos to go along with it; all are free online.

Buy the album at: <http://tiny.cc/9tec1y>
More info at: www.doctornoize.com

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PLASMA CAR:

The PlasmaCar's unique design requires no batteries, pedals, gears, or electrical parts to propel it. Instead, just by turning the steering wheel, it harnesses the natural forces of inertia, centrifugal force, and friction. It uses the most inexhaustible energy on earth – kid power! It's available at many retail stores including Walmart and Timbuk Toys.

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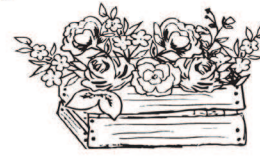
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MANOFATTO

giftboxes and blooms



LITTLE COLORADO:

Little Colorado builds heirloom quality, innovative, and safe furniture for toddlers and kids to enjoy. The furniture comes both finished and unfinished for those looking to create their own theme.

littlecolorado.com



\$93
AND UP



BUDSIES:

Celebrate your child's artistic creations and bring their dreams to life with a custom plushie they'll love forever. Individually made, check the website for sales. Budsies' team partners to donate free plushies to children fighting through illnesses.

www.budsies.com

\$115
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INEXPENSIVE GIFTS FROM THE HEART

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“Make a year-long praise box. This would be 365 different small pieces of paper on which you can write a cool quote or a personal compliment, one for every day of the year.”

On a budget? Don't worry, this holiday season needn't be costly. There are many creative ways to make gift-giving a heartfelt experience for your loved ones. Sometimes personally created gifts are the most memorable ones your friends and family will receive.

- 🕒 Make a coupon book. Fill it with tear-off sheets that include things like a personal massage, a free housecleaning, a dog walk, or a home-cooked meal.
- 🕒 Create gift baskets. These don't have to cost much. Find a wide variety of one- or two-dollar baskets at Goodwill or local thrift shops, line them with pretty tissue paper, cloth napkins or fabric you find around the house, and fill them with themed items. For example, you may want to create a beach vacation basket, so you could fill it with relevant items -- think flip flops, sunscreen, sunglasses, a simple sarong, a novel, or you can create one tailored for adolescents, teens or older kids.
- 🕒 Put together a work survival kit for a friend or for dad or mom. It can be made from a decorated box or basket, filled with office supplies, a water bottle, small framed family photos, encouragement notes, inspirational posters or wall plaques, as well as candy bars, or other special treats to get them through their day.
- 🕒 Put together a year of dates. Gather 12 folders and in each one, include a blue print for a unique and inexpensive date activity for that month.
- 🕒 Make a year-long praise box. This would be 365 different small pieces of paper on which you can write a cool quote or a personal compliment, one for every day of the year. You can put those in a decorative box, jar, vase, tube, or whatever comes to mind.

The main thing to remember is that creative and well-thought-out gifts are the best ones, and they don't have to cost a lot of money. Happy Holidays!

by: Susan Williams, Managing Editor, Denver Parent



**FOR
TEENS**

I WANT MORE COMICS



**SHOP
LOCAL!**

This Thornton-based comic store is specifically tailored to the gaming community and offers a wide range of comic books, graphic novels, board games, card games, and collectibles as well as events.

www.iwantmorecomics.com

DENVER ESCAPE ROOM



The Denver Escape Room provides a physical adventure game where participants are placed in a themed room and have to use teamwork along with elements of the room to solve a series of puzzles, find clues, and escape the room within a set time limit.

escapetheroom.com

CREATING COLORADO MEMORIES



\$50-175
VARIES BY
LENGTH

YMCA DOGSLEDDING:

The YMCA of the Rockies' Snow Mountain Ranch offers short, long, and Full Moon dog sled rides by a team of huskies. The short ride costs \$50 for day visitors in addition to the cost of a day pass. Children age 6-12 and under receive a complimentary day pass. Due to the long exposure to cold temperatures, children under 5 cannot sign up for this ride.

snowmountainranch.org

GET OUTSIDE!

MILE HIGH GLIDERS:

Mile High Gliders offers introductory scenic glider flights that soar above the city or nearby mountains. City Flights and Mountain Flights can be purchased for one or two people. The double-ride works best for two small adults or an adult and child.

www.milehighgliding.com

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DENVER DATE NITE

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Denver Date Nite offers unique opportunities catered to individual tastes - cultivating passion and memories with every date.

denverdn.com

DENVER PARENT IS BY PARENTS AND FOR PARENTS:



Denver Parent Magazine is the go-to resource for useful information for parents whether male, female, single, or single-sex. Articles cover a range of topics, everything from local events for kids and their parents as well as tips and hints for busy moms and dads. Our team of dedicated regular writers from the Denver area provide up-to-date and useful information.

www.denverparent.net

STIR COOKING SCHOOL:

This recreational cooking school is open to the public and provides a wide variety of cooking classes running from 2-5 hours for a fun-filled, hands-on experience. Most regular classes cost \$150 per couple (\$75 per person). Date-night classes are \$160 per couple. Adults only.

www.stirtollearn.com

**\$150
AND UP**

UNCORKED KITCHEN:

At Uncorked Kitchen & Wine Bar, guests can work side-by-side with professional chefs to transform some of the world's finest ingredients into a soulful, family-style meal that can be enjoyed sitting down together. Kids and teen classes are also available.

www.uncorkedkitchen.com

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COOKING UP A FUN & CREATIVE GIFT!

CREATIVE CLASSES MAKE CREATIVE GIFTS!

I MADE IT WORKSHOPS

Beginners can participate in creative woodworking projects. With the price (call for exact pricing), the studio provides all materials and tools required in its fully equipped wood shop. Adults only.

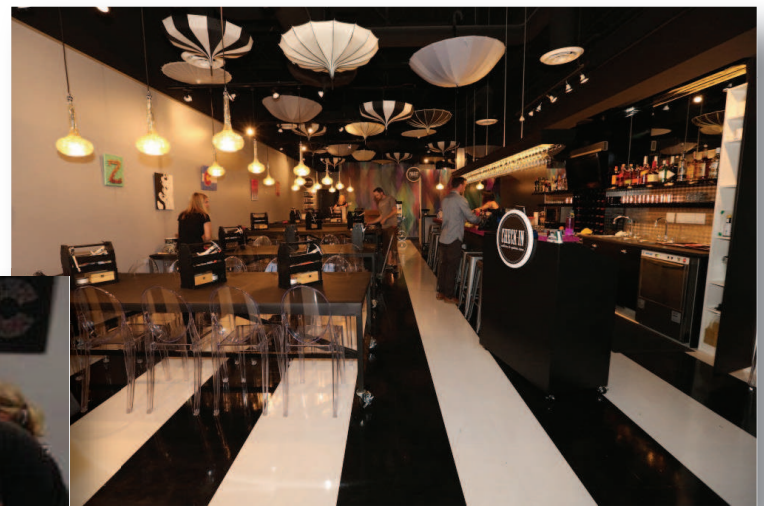
imadeitworkshops.com



UPSTAIRS CIRCUS:

Upstairs Circus is a bar-meets-shop-class concept where people can gather together to create unique leather working, jewelry, and art and design projects, all while enjoying craft cocktails, beer, and wine. Call for pricing. Adults only.

upstairsircus.com



CRAFTSMAN & APPRENTICE

Located in City Park West, this shop is a light, bright, vintage inspired space. The workshop is stocked with tools and supplies to make any DIYer's dreams come true. It also carries retail products like craft kits, books, toys, and handmade goods.

www.craftsmanandapprentice.com



HOLIDAY WREATH WORKSHOP

COACH + COLT

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QUALITY PAWS:

This upscale dog boutique offers premium grooming, food, and accessories from local producers. It's also a long-time partner of Children's Hospital of Colorado's Prescription Pet program. To help its less fortunate fur children, funds and foods are donated on a regular basis to local rescue organizations. Through events such as Wine & Wags, Donor Dash, and Little Hearts, it helps showcase the role therapy dogs play in the comfort and recovery of young patients.

www.qualitypaws.com



CHEWY'S BONETIQUE:

Quality Paws, located on Broadway, provides natural and healthy dog and cat food without artificial colors, flavors, or preservatives. It has been heavily involved in the local community for 20 years. It supports local initiatives including the Rocky Mountain Alley Cat Alliance (currently known the Feline Fix). That is why you might notice some friendly, yet feral cats safely roaming around the store. Quality Paws has also helped rescue over 300 feral cats and can loan traps and offer education on proper Trap-Neuter-Return protocols.

chewysbonetique.com



**FOR OUR
FUR
BABIES!**

**SHOP
LOCAL!**



WALKING
DENVER

SHOP

Just because winter is knocking at the door doesn't mean walking outside isn't an option anymore. My **Walking Denver** book, which includes "Kid Tips" from my own daughter to help guide families to ideal jaunts around the Mile High City, has 32 walks that can be enjoyed in every season. While I'm busy getting together with family, running holiday errands, and getting merry, I might be out walking on these routes:

A short drive from downtown Denver is Golden (walk #29 in the book). Best known for the Coors brewery, this town is loaded with charm and outdoor beauty (but did you know it was the Centennial State's first capitol? One of the many fun facts found in my book). Need a break from mall music and want to walk where someone has shoveled the sidewalks for you so you can window shop? This is the place. If the sun is shining -- and it often is in Colorado, even in winter -- kids will probably enjoy a walk through the town's Clear Creek History Park next to the creek itself. You can learn; you can walk; you can take in the scenery.

Another good place to walk and shop local and nosh is Tennyson St. (walk #11 in the book) where you can let kids run free in the Cesar E. Chavez Park. BookBar has a variety of events going on, including book readings for kids, as well as yummy food and drinks, and books make perfect gifts too! Other shops along this walk include Real Baby, Berkeley Supply, and the quirky Denver Cat Company, in addition to many coffee shops, breakfast, lunch and dinner places. When family is visiting during the holidays, spending time together on a short walk can appeal to all ages and give everyone something to talk about -- whether it's where to stop and eat or drink or the local history and architecture highlighted in the book.

by: Mindy Sink, Author, "Walking Denver" www.mindysink.com
"Walking Denver" is in its 2nd Edition and is sold at BookBar and online.

Rest for the weary shopper: COLORADO RESTAURANTS

OSKAR BLUES



Oskar Blues is a true-blue family establishment known for serving up down-home southern food, music, and brews.

oskarbluesfooderies.com



AD HOMINEM



Ad Hominem is a restaurant where family matters. The culinary team sources its ingredients from local purveyors.

adhominemdenver.com

THE WIZARD'S CHEST



A wizard sculpture greets customers at this unique and magical toy and costume store with hands-on displays. Inspired by J.R.R. Tolkien, the store spans 16,000 square-feet. Squeeze stuffed animals, witness in-house magicians, try your hand at juggling or spinning a diablo, or find that perfect quirky gift. Enjoy a hands-on play environment that is fun for the whole family.

wizardschest.com

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GRANDRABBITS TOY SHOPPE

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Grandrabbits Toy Shoppe is an independently owned specialty high-quality toy store in three locations along Colorado's Front Range. The store carries a wide range of hand-chosen, educational, and fun toys for gifts, holidays, birthdays, or any other special occasion.

www.grtoys.com

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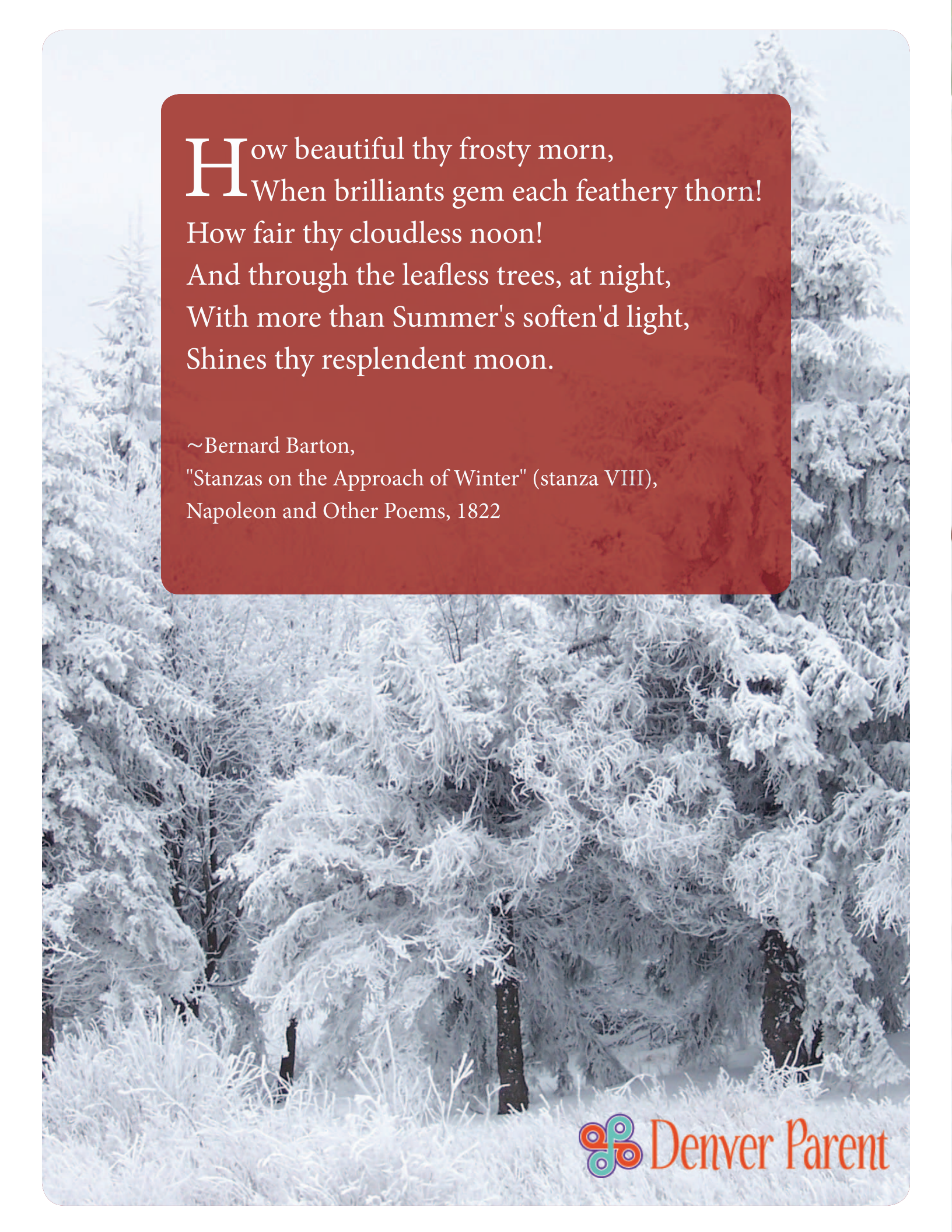


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www.getoutpass.com







How beautiful thy frosty morn,
When brilliants gem each feathery thorn!
How fair thy cloudless noon!
And through the leafless trees, at night,
With more than Summer's soften'd light,
Shines thy resplendent moon.

~Bernard Barton,
"Stanzas on the Approach of Winter" (stanza VIII),
Napoleon and Other Poems, 1822