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If your taste in gifts tends to the *meaningful*, then you need to go northwest. Start at the Museum of American Folk Art Book and Gift Shop, across from Lincoln Center, for rustic, crafted items like Daniel Mack's twig- and birch-handled fireplace tools. Then, chockablock from 77th to 82nd, are places with warm and fuzzy gift antidotes to any lurking "Humbug New York" sentiments. Mythology Unlimited (fortune book, \$60, and feather duster, part of a Kama Sutra Set, \$65) on Columbus Avenue, for example, has Forties postcards displayed next to robot Zoids. Hit West Side Comics on West 86th Street to get a gift certificate for the Marvel man in your life, then head for Amsterdam and tackle Aris Mixon & Co. (perfume set, \$54, and compass, \$40) at 79th Street, and finally, Avventura (perfume bottles, \$45 each, and stapler, \$74) at 82nd Street. Each is stocked with an eclectic grab bag of tony West Side souvenirs.

Then try some of Amsterdam's antique shops. One favorite is Stone House Antiques (book, \$48, and print block, \$55) at 81st Street; it has Victorian transferware plates and early American pine cupboards that recall Old Mother Hubbard. (Also pictured: shoehorn, \$40, at Giles & Co.; ostrich egg, \$39, at Maxilla & Mandible.)

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