

The Perfect Gift

By Gillie and Marc Schattner



**A wonderful new illustrated book from the authors
of *The Happiest Day of My Life***

Harry is determined to find the perfect gift for his friends the birds, but when he asks at the gift shop, the shop lady can't help.

'We have lots of things for you to choose from, but the perfect gift comes from the heart,' she says.

Can Harry find the perfect gift for his friends?

Archibald Prize finalists and husband-and-wife team Marc and Gillie Schattner are back with another gorgeous gift book about Harry to remind us all how to be happy and live positive, fulfilling lives.

Here are Marc and Gillie's tips for the perfect thoughtful gift that doesn't cost the earth to give your favourite person this Christmas:

- Surprise them and make them their favourite meal or, if you want to go the extra mile, gather a group of friends and attempt a delightful recipe from your favourite cookbook together. It doesn't matter how the meal tastes – you will have hilarious memories forever.
- Organise a surprise picnic in your local park or watch the sunset at the beach or in the mountains with a glass of wine.
- Give them one breakfast in bed.
- Make a greeting card or frame old photos of happy times spent together. Try to pick photos that you know they don't have (for example, from your mobile phone).
- Draw a portrait of that special person – no matter how good or bad your artistic skills are it will be special for the receiver.
- Buy them a pot plant and dedicate it to them – make sure you keep the plant alive and well!
- Take them on a special walk where they have never been.

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Praise for *The Perfect Gift*:

'I did love the book! I really did! I read the story to my little five-year-old in bed. We read it again. We then had to read it again! That night, we read *The Perfect Gift* five times! It was funny, thoughtful, beautifully illustrated and slightly queer. All the things that children love.' **Alannah Hill, designer**

'This is a book that parents should read with or to their children – both parent and child will get pleasure from the story, and both will learn something about themselves in the process.' **Professor Ian Frazer, Australian of the Year 2006**

'How is it in life that such simple messages are lost? My children need to understand the messages in your book, and they will. But more importantly wouldn't it be amazing if our business leaders, politicians, even world leaders took a few minutes to consume, digest, understand and appreciate the simplicity of the story and how happiness can be so close and so easy to achieve. If I had a red hat, I'd take it off to you. Congratulations.' **Larry Emdur, TV personality/host**

About the authors:



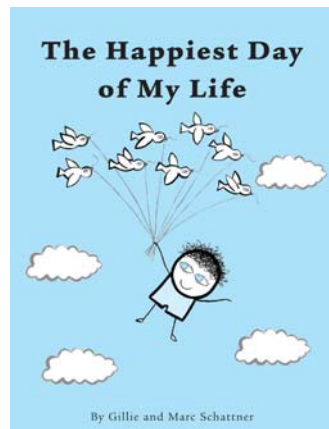
Gillie and Marc Schattner's work is the perfect marriage of style and content. Gillie and Marc are fascinated by the things that give us pleasure, the things that make us happy, the things that make life worth living, and they make art which embodies that quest. They are also successful portrait artists, and were recent finalists in the Archibald Prize.

Specialising in children, pets and celebrities, their portraits are in international demand. Their subjects include Rhonda Birchmore,

Scarlett Johansson, John Konrad, Archbishop Pell, Dr Harry Cooper, Jimmy Little, and the late Peter Brock.

Their most recent children's/gift book is *The Happiest Day of My Life*. Gillie and Marc Schattner live in Sydney with their two children, Jessie and Ben, plus a dog and a cat.

Gillie and Marc are available for interview now, and are able to comment on Christmas gift giving, mixing work and marriage, art and artistry and much, much more!



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