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Buy happiness



\$45

Toasty: Happiness is a perfect slice of buttered white toast — and a \$120 toaster from Dualit (at amazon.com) can pave the way to heaven. With slots wide enough to accommodate waffles and an attached sandwich cage for making toastsies, this manually operated, hand-assembled contraption even appeals to friends of the Earth — by allowing users to heat just one plate at a time, saving electricity.



\$120



\$100

Boar your hair: These days, a trip to the salon can easily top \$400 for cut and color, so it's a wonder people still take \$7 brushes to their hair. Take a tip from celebs and royals — the classic \$100 Mason Pearson hairbrush (at sephora.com) is made of nylon and boar bristles to detangle, stimulate and smooth your tresses.



\$3.25

Scream for ice cream: Davis and Williamson assert that the best gelato on Earth comes from Corrado Costanzo — a 50-year-old gelateria in Sicily that serves offbeat flavors like mulberry, rose, and jasmine. Their best seller? “Granita al mandarino, a sorbet made with the juiciest local mandarin oranges,” they write. “People will travel for miles — continents, even — simply to sample what Costanzo calls “the taste of Sicily in your mouth.” If you can't make it overseas just yet, they also like Il Laboratorio del Gelato in SoHo (pictured; laboratoriodelgelato.com).

Hold a candle to it: Pop in on any supermodel, celebrity or stylish rich person, and there's a good chance they're burning a \$50 Diptyque candle (at eLuxury.com) or two at home. Karl Lagerfeld burns the Carnelle and Heliotrope ones simultaneously — for a unique candle-mosh effect.



\$80



\$250



\$3,499

Sit on this: Park your tush on \$3,499 of Barcelona (at dwr.com) — the iconic chair by German designer Mies van der Rohe. Pre-war originals go for more than \$15,000 at auction. Filthy rich? Get the matching ottoman.



\$895

Posh transport: with gas prices being what they are and public transportation being what it is, there's no more chic way to get around town than on a British Pashley Princess Sovereign two-wheeler (about \$895 at eurocosm.com), with 70 years of hand-crafted tradition behind it. Comes complete with a front basket and a Brooks leather saddle with springs that mold to fit your bottom.