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HOLIDAY INNS
If you’re traveling over the next two months, book a room so incredible, Mom and Dad will want to stay with you, not the other way around. Outside the Twin Cities, there’s Lora (shown), a hotel built into the caves and vaulted warehouses of a former brewery on the St. Croix River. Here, three equally exciting new places to temporarily call home.

NEW YORK CITY
The Ace Hotel’s sleek younger sibling, Sister City, has bright, stylish rooms with built-in details inspired by Finnish saunas and bento boxes. sistercitynyc.com

CHICAGO
Stays at Michigan Avenue’s St. Jane, an art-deco gem named after Jane Addams, support NICU babies via the Jackson Chance Foundation. stjanehotel.com

CHARLESTON, S.C.
The best address on King Street used to belong to the city library. Hotel Bennett, on Marion Square, has luxe rooms with pedestal tubs. hotelbennett.com

THE NORDIC BAKING BOOK
Fill your house with the soul-warming aromas of butter and cardamom, courtesy of Magnus Nilsson’s amateur-friendly The Nordic Baking Book (Phaidon), which is illustrated with his gorgeous personal photos—our deputy food editor, Greg Loftis, can’t wait to cook from it. Let your inner artist bloom with tips from the brilliant New York City floral-arranging duo Putnam & Putnam: In Flower Color Guide (Phaidon), Darroch and Michelle Putnam teach how to create stunning bouquets by color, from white calla lilies to ‘Black Star’ calla lilies. And treat yourself to Evening in Paradise (Parragon, Strauss and Giroud), a charming new batch of short stories about wild, wise ladies by the late Lucia Berlin, author of the 2015 best-seller A Manual for Cleaning Women.

DriedDecor.com
“It has a huge variety of dried grasses for making or embellishing wreaths. I like to arrange them on their own in a vase, or tie them onto a gift or around a napkin. The selection of pinecones is pretty impressive, too.” —Living contributor Silke Stoddard

WHAT ARE YOU SPENDING YOUR HOLIDAY MONEY ON?

I’M APPRECIATING THE HEIGHTS

SECRET SOURCE

I Spy Specifics
Try describing a person you know using only concrete details: "Ban all abstract adjectives, like beautiful or boring," she says. Jot down the look of her eyebrows and her smile.

Use Your Nose
And ears, and ears. “Sensory details—what you see, smell, touch, or hear—get you into a story,” says Bender. Take in the trees on the pack trail, the aroma of the fire.

The Waiting Game
Novels can take so many forms, but they are all, on some level, about urgency,” says Bender. Make up a character, or picture someone you know. What is she waiting for? What does she want? Write it down.