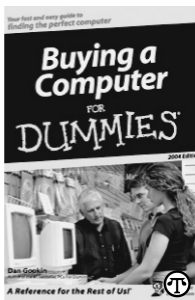


Gift Ideas

Buying A Computer

(NAPSA)—Like cars and stereos, computers are a very personal sort of purchase. With so many features available (sound cards, graphics cards, DVD drives) and so many options that can be tailored to a specific user (memory, monitor size, etc.), choosing can be difficult—especially when the computer is for someone else. Fortunately, there's now a book that can help make those decisions easier.

In *Buying a Computer for Dummies* (Wiley, \$14.99), best-



selling author Dan Gookin describes the five steps of smart computer shopping so that you can buy the perfect computer—for yourself, for a child going off to school or as a gift.

The 2004 edition of this annual guide includes information on the Pentium IV, Tablet PCs, flat screens, DVD-ROM, CD-RW drives, larger memory, faster processors and other advances in technology. It also offers special checklists and tear sheets for the reader to refer to when visiting retail computer sellers.

Buying a Computer for Dummies provides critical information that readers need to make the best PC-buying decisions. It is available at bookstores, or online at www.dummies.com.