**TOP SHELF**

**1. The American Writers Museum**
OK, so it hasn’t even been built yet. But the United States is shockingly overdue for an official venue to honor its scribes, and we’re thrilled it’s in the works. Visit the project’s website to make a donation or view the concept plan for a proposed Chicago site, which includes stirring galleries, a bookstore, lounge, café and theater. Then, join us in geeking out about this for years to come. ([americanwritersmuseum.org](http://americanwritersmuseum.org))

**2. My Bookstore: Writers Celebrate Their Favorite Places to Browse, Read and Shop** edited by Ronald Rice and Booksellers Across America
A powerful, insightful and intimate collection, *My Bookstore* takes you inside bookshops across the country as seen through the eyes of 84 well-known writers. A pleasure to browse—and when you’re done, you’ll have about 50 great bookstores on your bucket list. ($23.95)

**3. Obvious State Literary Art**
Artist Evan Robertson uses black-and-white imagery to bring poignant passages from classic authors to life. Beautiful and striking (and destined for our walls). ([etsy.com/shop/ObviousState](http://etsy.com/shop/ObviousState), $24)

**4. Matchbook Stories**
It’s the most literal take on portable reading we’ve ever seen—a handmade literary journal in the form of four tiny stories tucked into matchbooks. Simple and elegant. Who needs an e-reader when you’ve got a subscription to this? ([bookexmachina.com/matchbookstories-01.html](http://bookexmachina.com/matchbookstories-01.html), $34)

**5. USA Literary Map**
Having a map of the country in your writing room offers a great geographic reference for your projects. But having a map of the country in your writing room that brings the states to life through the authors that define them makes it all downright zen-like. Between this and Obvious State’s art, we’re running out of wall space. ([theliterarygiftcompany.com](http://theliterarygiftcompany.com), $19)