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**Retail**

**1. Pooch purchases**

**Toronto**  
 Toronto is one of North America's fastest growing cities but it isn't just the human population that's burgeoning — the number of canine companions accompanying Toronto's newcomers is soaring too. In response, Toronto now boasts shops aplenty catering to pampered pooches, stocking everything from tasty organic dog treats to Toronto-made dog furniture (to keep fido comfy when he's not frolicking around one of the city's 60 dedicated dog parks). Opened in 2011, by the former TV producer Jason Squires, The Dog Bowl sits north of Trinity Bellwoods Park (great for a walk). It focuses on city-made goods and trinkets, toys and food. If your pet needs a little spruce-up, head to the east end outpost of Timmie, founded by a pair of Toronto-based graphic designers. It's known for snappy dog outfits and, for the chillier months,

own-brand dog-shawls. Newer opening The Bone House, also in the east, packs a selection of Canadian-made leather leashes and accessories. Those in need of a break from Rover can head west to BFF (a lively "playcare" space), which opened in 2017. Rising demand will see two new locations open in 2018. — TLE

**Dog-shops directory:**

**The Dog Bowl**  
[thedogbowl.ca](http://thedogbowl.ca)

**Timmie**  
[timmie.ca](http://timmie.ca)

**The Bone House**  
[thebonehouse.ca](http://thebonehouse.ca)

**BFF**  
[bffplaycare.com](http://bffplaycare.com)



**3. In Bed Store**

**Sydney, Australia**  
 In 2013, Pip Vassett, former magazine fashion director and freelance stylist, launched her online bedding store. Peddling French linen, stone-washed sheets and sleepwear, five years down the track she's opened her first shop on a rejuvenated stretch of Sydney's Oxford Street, next door to Melbourne cosmetics mainstay Aesop. Designed by We are Triibe, Vassett was keen to create a tactile customer experience. "I wanted the shop to be like walking into a warm welcoming home. A space to linger," she says. In addition to the full online bedding selection, there is a range of homeware that's only available in-store. — CR  
[inbedstore.com](http://inbedstore.com)



**4. De Padova**

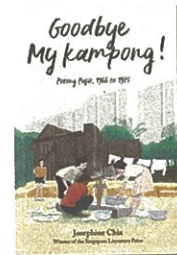
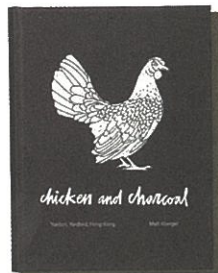
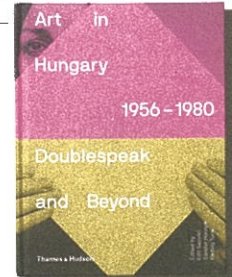
**New York**  
 Fernando and Maddalena De Padova started their furniture business in the 1950s selling Scandinavian goodies on Milan's Via Montenapoleone. Today, the Milanese firm has planted its first flag in US soil with a fetching shop in New York's Soho. The space is the inspiration of architect Piero Lissoni and the Boffi Group (which acquired De Padova in 2015) and is designed to look like a vast apartment outfitted entirely with the tasteful kitchen units, sink-in sofas, plus beds and dim lights from the enviable De Padova inventory. — CWM  
[depadova.com](http://depadova.com)

**5. 2 & 4 Design**

**London**  
 Hidden away in an atmospheric Victorian warehouse in northeast London is this design shop, which specialises in vintage Scandinavian and British furniture. Classics are displayed alongside pieces by co-founders Maurice Nugent and Mia Fihnborg, a furniture designer and ceramic and glassware artist respectively, whose studio zM predates the 2 & 4 outlet. The shop also has a cosy café: an ideal pause before the inevitable splurge. — MSS  
[zmdesign.co.uk](http://zmdesign.co.uk)



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**Books**

**6. The Communication Book: 44 Ideas for Better Conversations Every Day**

*By Mikael Krogerus and Roman Tschäppeler*  
 So, yes, it sounds like a slightly self-loathing self-help screed but *The Communication Book* is anything but earnest or preachy. Instead, authors wrestle the ideas of Aristotle, combine Harvard research and press Proust for a few simple and entertainingly told aphorisms that turn wise words into, they hope, clearer communication for all. — JAF  
[penguin.co.uk](http://penguin.co.uk)

**7. Art in Hungary 1956-1980: Doublespeak and Beyond**

*Editors: Edit Sasvári, Hedvig Turai and Sándor Hornyik*  
 Niche? Perhaps a little. But the avant-garde creations of the period's talented crop of Hungarian artists has been mined for the clues, glimpses and predilections it portrays about the tumultuous pre- and -post-revolutionary politics of time. A vast, visual anthology that allows readers to peek into an otherwise pretty-much undocumented moment. — JAF  
[thamesandhudsonusa.com](http://thamesandhudsonusa.com)

**8. Honey & Co: at Home**

*By Sarit Packer and Itamar Srulovich*  
 The pair behind Fitzrovia's fêted Middle Eastern joint, Honey & Co, bring some of Jerusalem's most sought-after and surprising flavours within reach of the kitchen dallier with this peppy publication. Divided

into chapters (For Us Two, For Friends, For the Weekend, For a Crowd, and The Kitchen) the book spills over with delightful dishes including a crisp salad with saffron-poached pears and walnut tahini, sesame bread filled with harissa and lemon chicken, fish pastilla (a pie-like affair) and a thumping rabbit stifado (a stew, to the uninitiated). — JAF  
[pavilionbooks.com](http://pavilionbooks.com)

**9. Chicken and Charcoal: Yakitori, Yardbird, Hong Kong**

*By Matt Abergel*  
 This chirpy number is timely for a few reasons. Not only has chef Matt Abergel recently expanded his Hong Kong restaurant Yardbird to include a roomier space but his alchemical artistry in the preparation of chicken also unapologetically skewers the growing public squeamishness about eating meat. Expect recipes, fine photography aplenty and a featherlight touch to getting the best from your bird. — JAF  
[phaidon.com](http://phaidon.com)

**10. The Eye**

*By Fotografiska*  
 TeNeues' books about photography are as picturesque as the German town of Kempen in which it's based and this round-up of Swedish gallery

Fotografiska's vivid and vibrant greatest hits. Inside are the works of newer talents such as Cooper & Gorfer, Ren Hang and Christian Tagliavini alongside older hands, plus as dizzying and delighting a mix of abstract, landscape, portrait and fashion photography as you're likely to find in a single title. — JAF  
[books-tenues.com](http://books-tenues.com)

**11. Goodbye My Kampung**

*by Josephine Chia*  
 A sequel to reprise Chia's vivid recollections of village life in Singapore prior to independence in 1965. *Goodbye My Kampung* stands on its own, however. This book charts a thrilling time in the nation-state's history and follows an adolescent Chia as she beholds the traumas and delights of her home nation's rapid transformation (from low-thatched roofs to shiny skyscrapers in a single generation). Her stories are carefully made keepsakes and an elegant record of a nation long-since changed. — ZZ  
[ethosbooks.com.sg](http://ethosbooks.com.sg)

