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Ideas to make the season bright

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“Cancer Crossings: A Brother, His Doctors, and the Quest for a Cure to Childhood Leukemia”

A mix of personal memoir and history lesson, Cancer Crossings: A Brother, His Doctors, and the Quest for a Cure to Childhood Leukemia (ILR Press, $24.95) is Tim Wendel’s account of his brother

Eric’s experience with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in the mid-1960s and the efforts of a team of doctors at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center in Buffalo to improve its 10 percent survival rate. Today, thanks in part to their research, the survival rate is 90 percent.

Queasy Drops

To combat stomach-churning side effects, Queasy Drops ($5.95, 21 pieces) are a must. When the inventors of Preggy Pops discovered that their product for morning sickness also was being used by people suffering from other kinds of nausea, they adapted their formula of essential oils and classic stomach soothers like ginger, cola and papaya to make a hard candy for everyone. Queasy Drops help relieve dry mouth and come in sugar-ful and sugar-free varieties.

Moon Organics Relax Bag

Cancer and its treatment are stressful, whether it’s you or a loved one going through it. Let the Moon Organics Relax Bag ($29) relieve some of that stress. The combo, which includes lemongrass and lavender essential oil, skin-softening butter and a sachet filled with French lavender blossoms, lets you indulge in soothing aromatherapy anytime, anywhere.

EES-Essential Eyebrow Solution

One way to combat hair loss related to cancer treatment is EES—Essential Eyebrow Solution (1 oz., $90), which uses black cohosh root to support eyebrows that are thinning as a result of chemotherapy or other causes. Clinically tested, EES makes eyebrow hairs appear fuller and thicker. A 1-ounce bottle lasts three months.

iBeani Tablet Stand

Getting treated for cancer—or being someone's treatment buddy—can be tedious and exhausting. At the next hours-long chemo session, try propping up your tablet, e-reader or old-school book or magazine on the iBeani Tablet Stand ($27). It's lightweight, sturdy, easily adjustable, machine

washable and holds tablets of any size. No matter how you’re keeping busy during treatment, the iBeani can help ease hand, arm, neck and eye strain.

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