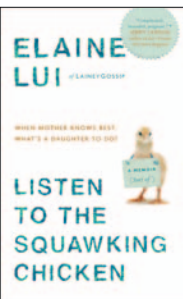




Xi Shi Lounge



Rogers' Chocolates



Absolute Spa

Happy Mother's Day!

May 11

At one point in her life, Mom may have loved gifts handmade from construction paper, glitter and glue sticks, but now? Not so much. Trust us: she'd prefer a stunning necklace or earrings from Frey Wille (page 83) or silver First Nations jewellery from the Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art (page 89). **If she likes to be treated like a queen**, bring her to Absolute Spa (page 84) for some royal pampering. Or indulge her with a CHI & Tea package, which includes an 80-minute West Coast Wave massage from CHI, The Spa (page 84) and leisurely afternoon tea at Xi Shi Lounge (page 70). **If she's more the whimsical type**, pick up a Blossoming Love watch—with a cute floral strap, packaged in a flower pot—from Swatch The Store (page 84) or a copy of *Listen to the Squawking Chicken* (Random House Canada). Available at local bookstores (page 76), this hilarious memoir by former Vancouver resident Elaine Lui

(better known as Lainey Gossip, www.laineygossip.com) outlines all the unorthodox advice Lui has received over the years from her mother, a.k.a. the Squawking Chicken. **No mom should have to cook on her special day**, so take her to brunch at Sylvia's Restaurant & Lounge (page 24) or Joe Fortes Seafood & Chop House (page 34), and **cap it all off with a sweet treat** from Rogers' Chocolates (page 77) or Purdy's Chocolates (page 77). After all, Mom deserves something special.—*Sheri Radford*

