

## No One Knows Why

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I wrote last week about pet peeves. Today, my subject is 'No One Knows Why.' It's primarily for the ladies in our group. Here are some 'Tongue-in-Cheek' rules for buying clothing or other gifts for men, usually on their birthdays. Some of these are my suggestions, others from observing my male friends opening their birthday gifts.

ONE. Do not buy men socks. Their drawers are full of multi-colored Argyll socks, which they will never wear. No one knows why.

TWO. Do not buy men neckties. At last count, my tie rack had 22 neckties ranging in width from one to five inches, most of which had never been worn, because they don't match any of my suits. I should give them away. But who wants them? Nobody. No one knows why.

THREE. Never buy men pajamas. If God had wanted men to wear pajamas, he would never have invented Jockey shorts. Besides, he has dozens of Jockey shorts in his closet. No one knows why.

FOUR. When in doubt, buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already owns one. Men can never have too many cordless drills. No one knows why.

FIVE. If you cannot afford a cordless drill, buy him anything with the word 'ratchet' or 'socket' on it. Men love saying the words ratchet and socket. No one knows why.

SIX. If you are really broke, instead of clothes, buy him anything for his car. A 99-cent ice-scraper. A gadget to dangle from his rear-view mirror, especially if it is a partially-clad hula dancer. Men love gifts for their cars. No one knows why.

SEVEN. One of my friends has a gift sign hanging in his bathroom. It says, "I love grils." Next line: "It's spelled girls, dummy." Next line: "How about us grils?" His friends love that sign. No one knows why.

EIGHT. If you want to give him a gift he will love, consider a Cross pen and pencil set. A friend of mine proudly showed me his set which had never been taken from the box. I asked, "Why don't you use them?" He said, "I'm saving them for my old age." His birthday was the next day. He was 90-years old. The pens will never be used. No one knows why.

Finally, some of us embrace the fact that we are aging with reasonable good health. Some of us dislike the evidence that the calendar is catching up with us. How come the difference? No one knows why.