

Thrift stores drowning in Christmas impulse gifts from yesteryear

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Last year, the *Washington Post* covered [the fates of The Thing](#), that Christmas impulse gift that stores place in enticing locations in the store to convince you that you simply gotta have it. The [twirling apple peeler](#), the [liquor carousel](#), the [portable chocolate fountain](#) (for your [fancy party](#), no doubt).

After a few years, some of them show up by the garbage-bagful at the Opportunity Shop thrift store. “We get three or four fondue sets a month... Sometimes we get stuff and I don’t even know what the stuff is.”

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