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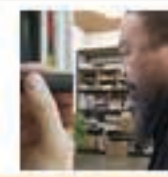
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## Best Shopping Apps to Save Your Time, Money and Sanity

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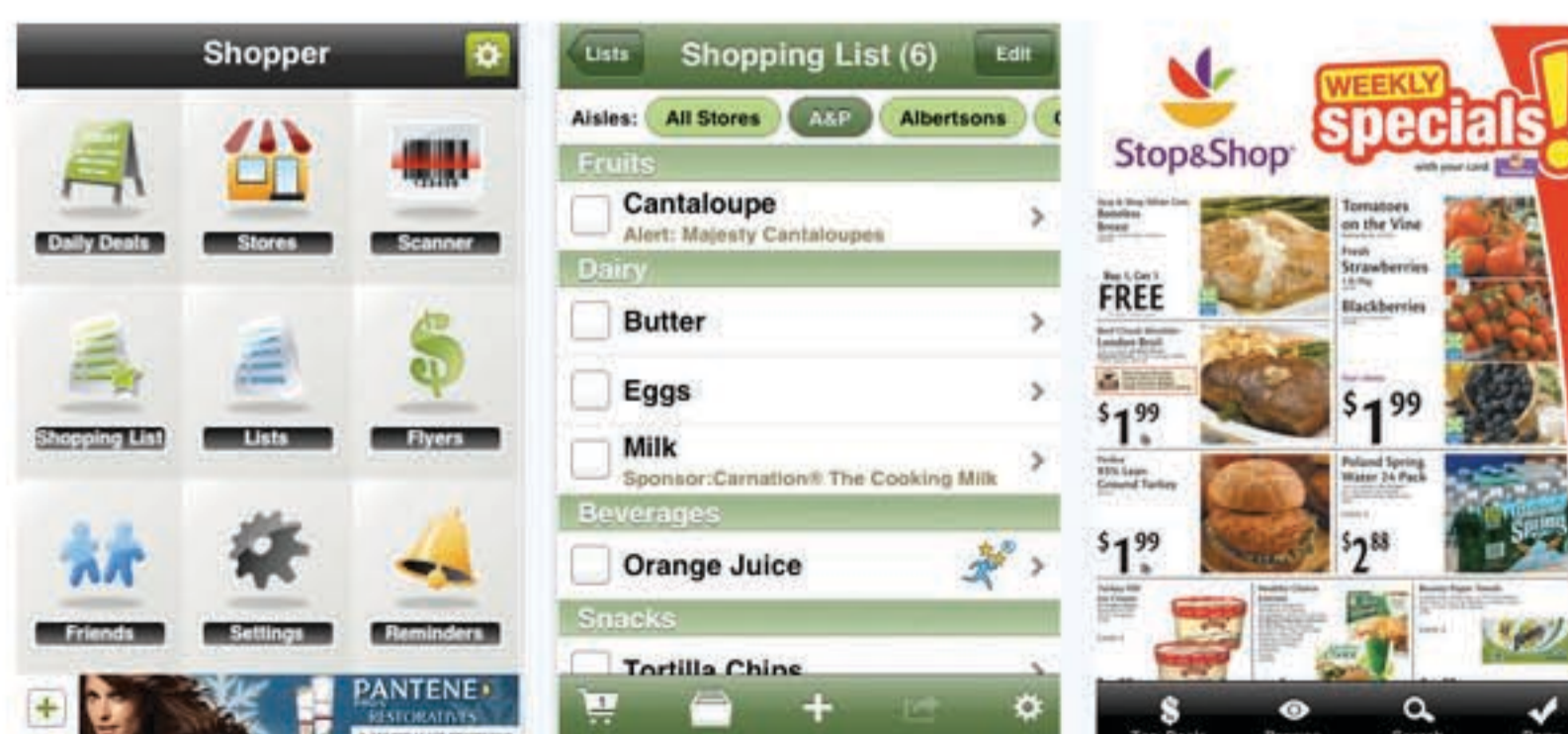


It's early December, the holidays are just around the corner, and you haven't even begun thinking about what gifts you're going to buy for your friends and family. Each day seems to bring a new diamond commercial and another blow-out holiday sale, but, for some reason, you can't muster up the energy to get off your couch and face the gauntlet of yuletide shopping. Before you know it, you're on a plane to Grandma's house empty handed.

It's an all-too common holiday scenario -- but, luckily, an all-too avoidable one. Getting an early start, of course, is never a bad idea. But that doesn't mean you have to fend off bloodthirsty shoppers at the mall, and put your cardiac health in jeopardy. In fact, the solution to all of your holiday shopping concerns could be right there on your smartphone. Whether you're trying to avoid the crowds, figure out what to get for your eternally ungrateful teenager, or find the absolute best deal on the planet, there's an app out there that can make your holiday experience a lot less arduous -- and maybe, just maybe, a bit enjoyable. Here are a few worth checking out:

### Retail

#### 'Shopper'



Another Swiss Army knife of a shopping app, 'Shopper' provides iPhone users with many of the same capabilities that Google Shopper offers to Android devotees. Meanwhile, its 'Shopper Connect' Web platform allows users to update their lists from any computer. 'Shopper' also provides alerts on the latest recalls issued by the FDA and USDA -- in case you were thinking of buying some salmonella-laced eggnog for your loved ones this year.

**Verdict:** (See 'Google Shopper.')

Platform: [iPhone](#) (\$0.99)



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