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In our fast-paced society, one of the best ways to increase productivity and stay sane is to get organized. In her fourth edition of the highly successful *Complete Idiot's Guide* volume, Lockwood helps readers do just that. Readers will find new information on ?clutter disorders,? getting ahead through organization, how to distinguish a serious problem from simply needing a new system, how to get help, how to manage ?electronic? clutter at work, keeping finances orderly, and much more.

- Includes new creative solutions and professional resources
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Maria says

I love this kind of stuff. It's my left brain dominance I guess. I enjoyed this book. Practical ideas. I'm motivated, but need to find the time to be able to start & finish one project at a time. I don't like to leave projects undone.

Anne Marshall says

Very interesting and very helpful

Jennifer Daniel says

I did glean a few ideas from this but as usual with these types of books, they were for living spaces that had much more square footage than I do. The pantry organizing tips will really be helpful since mine is always a disaster. I liked the bathroom tips as well.

Jake Getch says

Pretty good. The author seems to ramble on on some topics in the end chapters but the book itself really helps if you want to get organized.

Christina says

A pretty good overview on how to organize all kinds of different areas within your life. Worth a read, but nothing spectacular.

Vincent says

I love being organized and thought this book would help me become more so.

No way.

It's intended for compulsive hoarders, procrastinators, shop-a-holics, messy kitchen types, etc.

If you aren't a disaster this book offers no new ways to take it up a notch.

Typical chapter: if you haven't used something in a year, throw it out.

Really?

Ami says

I'm not a messy person, but this book can help you improve in and organize other areas of your life: your morning routine, seasonal habits, your finances, and even the organization and planning for your personal goals. No one is perfect and even though I feel pretty comfortable about how my place looks at any random point in the day, I tremendously improved my morning routine and found a method for making dinner after being exhausted from a long day, found a much more stress-free way to keep track of bills and other financial matters, and even incorporated a much more realistic way of planning for my new year's resolutions. The author also incorporates very random "good to know" facts throughout. I recommend this book for anyone -- I just can't believe I didn't read it sooner.

Rachel says

aka how to be an adult. I've perused other organization books with more specific guidelines, but this was a good guide at approaching organization on a more general level: kitchen, storage, health, food prep, finances, parties etc. Skimmable, but helpful.

Kristy says

I found a few things in this book irritating..

Lesa Parnham says

I loved this book, my family hated it. While I was still reading it I started organizing and like a mean drill sargeant. I have teenagers, a ten year old and a very messy husband. Along with this I have pets in my home. In the first few days I cleared 16 large garbage of stuff we had but didn't need. I think one of the main things this book stresses is not to be sentimental about things that really don't have a place in your life. The book was more about organizing, hence the title, but I ran with the clutter first. In my opinion, some of the later chapters let things go. The author started talking about plastic bins, and things that in my opinion would not only clutter the house more and make it tacky. All in all, it is going to make my kids hate me and unclutter my home!

Amy says

If you are looking to get a little more organized this is the book for you. I found some great ideas and resources to make my life run a little easier. I can't wait to start implementing some of the strategies found in this book.

My new montra: "Don't put it down, put it away"

Now I just need my family to get on board with that montra too.

Laura Gilfillan says

Actually it's mostly about organizing your home. Put things in matching baskets, build nice shelves and cases, and so forth. Some useful ideas: use a small planter to store scrub brushes, etc. near the kitchen sink, jars to hold small, odd items, tray in bathroom to hold sink items, large binder with ziplock bags to hold electronics hardware, magazine holders to keep wrapping paper and gift bags tidy, an interesting form for a to-do list. See website: thecreativityexchange.com.

Elke says

i can't believe i bought this book and read it. i used it to procrastinate so that i wouldn't have to clean and organize...we'll see how things work out for the move to the new condo.

Oriyah Nitkin says

I purchased this book on a whim because it was on clearance. It turned out to be one of those books that completely changed the way I live my life. In clear, organized, simple terms, it taught me the concepts and skills I needed to organize my possessions - and to get rid of things I don't need.

Now, over a decade later, my things are still super-organized. Besides that, I haven't lived in my parents' home in almost 5 years, and they STILL call me to ask where things belong.

To anyone who hasn't an organizing clue, I highly recommend this book.

Laura says

This will probably stay on the "currently reading" status for a long time....if that tells you anything.
