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Wonder when a baguette became a bag and not just a hunk of bread? (Fendi, 1998.) Or when it became acceptable to wear a tracksuit to the supermarket? (It didn't.) Fishnets at work? How to conceal the misfortune of the cankle? Fashion forecaster Michi answers all. In this stylish primer, she tells it like it is: No one looks good in mustard, unless you're a hot dog. Matching whimsy with brutal honesty, *Like I Give a Frock* packs fashion illustration and musings into the prettiest package around. Kat Macleod's stunning collages bring Michi's wisdom to life.

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### **Tamara says**

This book sucked. I bought it for the pretty illustrations but other than that, very boring.

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### **fivethousandbooks says**

I've been following Michi Girl's website for years and loved discovering new shops posted in her site albeit most of them being in Melbourne. This book however, is just massive eye candy. Meaningless indeed. To borrow but not to buy.

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### **Brandy Spielman says**

This was a cute book, though there wasn't much to it. I bought it second hand for a couple dollars, and I can't imagine spending much more because it seriously took me a half hour to read. There wasn't much practical advice in the book and little in the way of fashion to be honest, but the author is off beat and amusing.

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### **Monica says**

I had no idea what I was going into when I picked up this book, yet despite how strange and disconnected it was, I enjoyed it immensely.

If you feel as though you wish to poke through an artist's hilarious diary containing musings about anything and everything, then this is the book for you. I enjoyed both the text and the art that accompanied it.

I read this like a traditional 'book' as such, from front to back in one sitting however feel this is more suited as a coffee table book that you pick up and flick through during the adverts.

I'd recommend this as something a little different that is fun and will probably make you laugh out loud.

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### **Pam G says**

This is short and witty - it's like reading a blog, although I don't think it was. With lots of illustrations around the text, it doesn't take long to read. You won't pick up any must have fashion tips, but it was entertaining even so. I think it was here that I read that 'stressed' is 'desserts' spelt backwards - a great tidbit.

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### **tee says**

A pretty book to shove in with the rest of my pretty-but-completely-pointless books on the shelf. Absolutely no substance, not funny enough to warrant an entire book, but I totally dig the illustrations and the texture of the cover.

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### **fennie says**

this was a gift from a friend who considers herself to have a good amount of sass, so i suppose it makes sense that this is a cute, cheeky read. it was light-hearted and fun with no real story line. instead, this book is made up of seemingly random bits of observation and advice (although it is split up into sections based on season). because of its format, this is a book you can pick up and put down often without consequence. it is by no means a must-read, but it was entertaining and the artwork/collages/illustrations are beautiful and irreverent with loads of charm.

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### **Ciara says**

i guess this was...cute? i mean, it was easy on the eyes. lots of fashion student-type drawings with embellishments like beading & fashion swatches, & that's the kind of thing that really appeals to the part of me that is really interested in fashion. the writing content was quite skimpy, typically a short paragraph or less per page, & not particularly heavy on scintillating insight. supposedly it's all about tongue-in-cheek fashion advice, but there was really nothing here you couldn't pick up from a casual reading of a few issues of "vogue" (maintaining your critical thinking skills throughout--i am still not convinced that a white suede deconstructed coat with a sweater collar is really practical winter attire, even though it's nice to look at). another thing you can get from this book or from "vogue": a healthy serving of body hatred. \*shrug\*

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### **Wandoo Ityavyar says**

Have you ever had cocktails or lattes on a patio by a street corner with a group of girlfriends? And did you ever play this exciting game where you critique all the passer- guys, awarding them a score from 1 to 10(if you know what I mean). Michi Girl is that really hip, quick witted friend of yours, who always comes up with all the 'good ones,' only this time its in fashion speak. Step aside TMZ, E!, Fashion police or whatever else is out there. Michi will wow you with her spot on observations about the idiosyncrasies of fashion. Like I give a Frock is outrageously funny. It will leave your permanently in stitches and wanting more. Michi Girl dishes on everything, from seasonal colour transformations, to tracksuits and the dos and don'ts of denim. . . Michi wonders whether is just her or is there a trend of renaming colours just for the sake of it every season. Gray becomes moccasin; White- snow; Beige becomes conch; And green goes to fern naturally. She adds that she won't be surprised if a 6 year old school girl is the suburbs is currently whining to her teacher that she has run out the Hermes finger-paint. No kidding, what's with the fancy names for colours these days anyway. Off white? Do you mean beige? But I digress.

As far as track suits go, Michi is uncertain why it is called a Track suit. The track she gets. But suit? It almost looks like there's some professionalism about running around like you've given up on life. If you are not McHammer, or you're not going running- spare the general public( Note to self. Although I must admit,

some tracksuits are fun and they make your butt pop). Michi has similar opinions about the denim. Denim is always called denim for a reason. Every year millions of innocent denims are subjected to careless experiments. These experiments are not only cruel to the denims, but anyone who inadvertently catches a glimpse of these hideous creations( think bedazzled denims or rhinestone jeans. Don't do it!) 'If you see a denim crime in your area, call crime stoppers and bring justice back to our streets.'

Moving on to leather, once a friend of Michi's requested a pair of authentic leather gloves from a particular store in Italy( seeing as Michi was in Italy at the time). Upon reaching the store, it had not only the best leather gloves ever, it had every piece of cow fashion. It was like she died and went to Suzi Quatro heaven. But in this version of heaven, God was an older women with a pulled back pony tail who says 'very fashion,' in response to all the items Michi inquires about. Finally she contemplates on buying a pair of leather shorts which she eventually buys because the lay in the store said 'very very fashion,' as opposed to 'very fashion.' Michi would later catch a glimpse of herself later that evening in a display window looking 'very prostitute.' Note, approach leather with caution, and never date a guy who wears leather jackets, unless of course he is the Fonz. Or the guy who always wears a hat because its 'his thing.' No matter how cool he thinks he is, those kind of hats are utterly and completely ridiculous. Hats are for funerals and races. No offence Gibbs from Men at Work( we love you Gibbs).

By the way, what's with the two for the price of one fashion trends? When you are in kindergarten, you want to wear everything at the same time, but when you are an adult you have to decide if you want to wear a skirt or pants. Skouser? Skort? Errr. I don't think so honey. They say 'sarcasm is the lowest form of wit and the most effective. Skousers are the lowest form of garment and the least attractive.'

Hair styles ladies hair styles, the don'ts of hair styles. Michi says that girls have various ways of annoying their ex boyfriends, some will spread lies on facebook/twitter about his real or imagined dirty little porn habit, or sleep with his friends. For her ex boyfriend(bless his heart, he has great taste in hair), she doesn't have to try too hard. By simply getting one of these god awful hair dos listed below, you would think she told his mom he had crabs.

### 1 Some down and pony tail.

You know the hairstyle that starts out as ponytail, then you move it to the side and place the pony tail in front.

### 2 Modern Up do

Hate to say this Michi's ex flame, but I've seen some tasteful modern up dos. I'm with you on the some down and pony tail though.

### 3 The demure head Band

Thanks to Paris Hilton for making this one a trend. Apparently this is the tramp stamp of hair dos, be that as it may, some days the only look I'm feeling is boho chic. And it wouldn't be boho chic without the head band.

Other humorous fashion no nos are the lycra cycling shots. Cyclists, the fact that lycra is stretchy doesn't mean you should get shorts that are 6 sizes smaller. Where possible get shorts 1 size up. Whoever said ladies shouldn't wear white to a wedding, lest they be mistaken for the bride was missing an important plot point: isn't the fact that the bride has the groom as an accessory on her arm a dead give away? And then there's no one looks good in mustard, except off course you are a hot dog. That and 'dress for the job you want, not the job you have.'

With these tips in your arsenal, go out and be fashion royalty not fashion road kill. And remember there's no regret in fashion or shopping. Never regret the things you wore or bought, only the things you didn't wear or didn't buy. Finally, next time you're thinking whether to go home with that absolutely exotic man who you sense is trouble or you are wondering whether you should prioritize Louboutins over the rent, go with your instincts and don't regret anything. Regret is a waste of time.

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### **Niki says**

I liked the art. The commentary was fun. A light read. Wonder how it will translate 50 years from now?

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### **Tonielle says**

Smashing good book full of hilarious antics...I couldn't stop laughing! I have a degree in Fashion Design as well so some of it was almost like an inside joke. One for setting out on the coffee table for others to grab a quick laugh.

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### **Ava Haine says**

Oh I like it. The artwork is superb and is super creative all the way. I bought it because the hardcover is made of textile itself and its about fashion, it really is one of a kind.

It's the type of book that you can bring anywhere for design inspirations and if you want to doodle and all.

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### **Tori Miller says**

I wasn't interested in the content of this book, but I picked it up at a used book sale because it looked sort of like a scrapbook. It was worth the \$1 and 20 minutes it took to read to get ideas around that.

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### **Elise says**

The content was funny and (I feel) correct on all fashion fronts, but it could have used more of it. The illustrations ranged from hideous to beautiful (just like fashion. My favorite part was the cloth cover and thick pages!

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### **Anne says**

It was good enough to keep me interested and occupied while I was in a cafe waiting for someone. Love the illustrations too! This would make a perfect gift for a fashionista friend.

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