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Real Simple Solutions doesn't tell us how to achieve world peace, ease the oil crunch, or solve the balance-of-payment crisis. It does, however, provide priceless tips for removing an ink stain, slicing a grapefruit, or painting a room. Inspired by a perennially popular *Real Simple* magazine feature, the book organizes its jiffy-fix tricks by activity that cover cooking, cleaning, decorating, entertaining, dressing, grooming, working, and more.

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Relyn says

I think this has been my favorite of the Real Simple books. I am probably going to have to buy this one. I even marked pages for Jeffrey and Sloane to read. It really is full of tips and tricks to make your life more simple and beautiful.

Sharlene says

I keep changing my rating between 3 and 4. This book feels very much like reading a magazine. It has a lot of illustrations and is divided into small consistent sections, so it is easy to read in bits and pieces (while you have time). Although it is clearly an organized book, it still feels a bit like a bunch of random suggestions. Like anybody's shared wisdom (including written or verbal advice), you may find some of the suggestions silly, obvious, or simply not-your-style. However, shared wisdom can also lead to little tidbits of learning, spark your own new ideas, or even promote a new way of thinking/doing in your life. I did find there were some cute ideas in this book---probably nothing life-changing (in the largest sense of the word), but certainly worth making an effort to incorporate into my life. The problem is that I read this book in bits and pieces and moments, and I did not have a pen and paper, and I could not dog-ear the pages or rip them out (like you can in a magazine). Now, I feel I need to go back through the entire book and see what those good ideas were (and then rewrite them in my own more usable format). It is a pretty book, and it feels a bit like your mother (or a friend) is visiting your house and telling you what you should do about lots of different things around the house (static, missing earring backings, saggy boots, book labels, cords, stains) and how you could better do certain tasks (load the dishwasher, paint rooms, efficiently work at your desk). I appreciate advice much more than I used to, and there is no obligation to follow it, so for this I give it a 4 (I think).

Ashley says

Pretty pictures but I'm not really sure what to do with this book -- it's not like the subject matter makes it a good coffee table book, but it's not as good of a reference book as [Book: Martha Stewart's Homekeeping Handbook The Essential Guide to Caring for Everything in Your Home] .

Jennifer Doyle says

I am so loving this . . got it at the container store. I love the magazine too. This is an awesome gift!

Colona Public Library says

This book is filled with helpful tips, I've read quite a few Nesting and How to Adult books and this book had

a few things I've never seen before. It's also got my favorite type of layout that is spacious and clean feeling.
~Ashley

Karen says

Full of incredible ideas and time-savers. Worth looking through several times a year, too. Would recommend for a browse.

Michelle says

There were some good tips in here.

Rebecca says

Darn you, bookstores, and your "home" sections...why are these books so addictive?

Rebecca says

Getting this book from the library for the compilation of tips is a better deal than a magazine subscription. :) I didn't read it word-for-word, but as always, I liked the pictures and the new uses for old things.

One tip I tried is with a greasy saucepan: fill it with water and a spoonful of baking soda, bring to a boil, remove from heat, add a spoonful of dish soap, wait to cool, and pour it all out. Worked pretty well, and was faster, cleaner, and somehow more satisfying than soaking overnight.

Also: use an uncooked spaghetti noodle as a substitute for a long match when lighting a grill or fire.

Also: use a clean coffee filter as a monitor/screen cleaner.

Will have to check this out periodically to remind myself of the good ideas!

Ashley Holstrom says

My BFF found this in a Little Free Library and scooped it up for me, which I guess is a sign that maybe I've been conveying my weird nesting habits for longer than I thought I had.

It's broken up into a bunch of categories, like grooming, cleaning, decorating, and entertaining. Each section has tips on other uses for things like vinegar or lemon, or must-haves in your kitchen/office/closet. It looks great on my kitchen hutch and is so lovely to have on hand for minor nesting emergencies.

From Genre Kryptonite: Books about Nesting at Book Riot.

Lucy says

This book rocks.

Brittany says

Cute pictures. Some practical advice. This is a "flip-through-at-the-store" kind of book. Or a "look-pretty-on-your-coffee-table" kind of book.

Charity says

This is a compilation of ideas on how to use the things you should already have to make life easier. I particularly liked all the ideas that it gave on using old items for multiple new uses. I very much like multitasking my stuff when I get the chance. It was definitely geared more for women than men. It would be interesting to see a version written for the garage and the workshop.

Westerville says

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Creolecat says

This book really does have "real life" solutions that are fun and make perfect sense. My problem is that once I finish with an item, I get rid of it (depending on what it is), because I don't like clutter and I compartmentalize everything else (I'm OCD to the point where I even irritate myself), and so I don't always think of new ways to use old items. This book gave me some excellent pointers, and there's a grocery list (and this excites me) that I'm anxious to incorporate into my own because I LOVE making lists. I recommend this to everyone. The magazine is great, too.
