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Organized Simplicity: The Clutter-Free Approach To Intentional Living



Synopsis

Organized Simplicity's aim is to convince its readers that simple living is the absolute best way to live. Be it with house cleaning, family schedule management, personal finances, and managing the "stuff" you allow within your four walls, the only way to live well is to do so intentionally and simply. The first half of the book delves into the "why" behind realistic simple living, giving the reader a nail to then hang the how of living simply discussed in the second half. And by redefining the too often-used phrase "simple living," a busy home manager living in the real world can then make practical changes that work for the whole family. There are chapters for cleaning and organizing the home room-by-room, and future project ideas will inspire readers to turn their house in a haven they love.

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Customer Reviews

I never write reviews, good or bad. However, I am so compelled to share with everyone in the world how this book has changed my life, and the lives of my family as well. Prior to reading and following the plan in Tsh's book, we were clutter bugs. Our home was in a constant state of disarray, and my heart was in a constant state of panic over the unsightly home that I lived in. I felt trapped in a home too small and too cluttered to breathe in. I was convinced that I could never love such a small home and would only be happy someday when I could move my husband and son into a larger home. This book changed that. I now have a kitchen that has space for everything to fit into, in fact we have several empty cupboards. My son, husband, and I each have a space just for ourselves in this home. In the evenings I am now accustomed to doing some work before I settle in to relax. Now I

can say that I truly do relax, because I enjoy my surroundings again. My soul is at peace. Strongly recommend! Especially if any of you are the kind of person that fears having people stop by or fears hosting a social gathering. You will have a home that is guest friendly that you can be proud of. Guaranteed!

I LOVE LOVE LOVE this book. I devoured it in 2 days and am now re-reading much of it slowly, trying to completely digest all the great tips. The practical checklists that are included are very user friendly and easily personalized. And the step by step guide to decluttering is detailed without being overwhelming. 5 years ago everything my family owned fit in a Toyota Camry (all else was a victim of hurricane Katrina) and now I'm realizing just how much STUFF we've accumulated since then. It only took 5 years to completely fill a 1400 sq ft house plus an attic! I'm using this book as a jumping off point for fresh start, not keeping anything that isn't either beautiful or useful, just as the author advises. I'm so thankful for the inspiration, especially as the Christmas (aka most clutter-filled) season begins!

first off i must say i loved this book. it has inspired me in so many ways to simplify my family's busy life! it packed with practical tips to make your house run smoothly. i sincerely appreciate the time the author took to write this book. it is very well thought out and flows wonderfully. the only reason i did not give this book 5 stars was on several occasions she refers you to appendix a for additional information (chart diagrams, cleaning solution recipes and more) since i ordered this book for my kindle that appendix is not available. a few of the charts she mentions are available on her website for free download, but no where can the cleaning solution recipes be found. i do not know who to place the blame on for this mess up. whether it was the publisher, or who knows - it is disappointing.

I found myself recently staring at my to-do list wondering...Why am I doing all of this anyway?What if life really could be simpler?In the midst of those questions, I discover this book. I set it on the kitchen table--right in the middle of stacks of paper, lists, and to-do's that have been left undone. I realize the irony every time I see the title: Organized Simplicity: The Clutter-Free Approach to Intentional Living by Tsh Oxenreider. I pick up the book and begin reading. Tsh tells of how modern life has gotten complicated and makes a case for living differently. It seems she's right there at my kitchen table talking to me at the start of chapter three..."I hate to break it to you, but you can't do it all. I can't either. We're all given a finite amount of time, resources, and talents, which makes it

rather impossible to achieve that noble, yet impossible ambition of doing everything well that you want to do....No one in the history of the world has been able to accomplish it all."Those are comforting words, especially coming from Tsh--the creator of the highly popular site SimpleMom, brilliant businesswoman, as well as wife and mama making a difference in the world.Tsh goes on to say it's important to create a Family Purpose Statement that guides what you do. So I take the book with me to my weekly breakfast date with my husband the following Saturday and together we answer the questions she offers to help you create your statement. For example, "What are the top four priorities we want our family to value?"It makes for a lively discussion over bagels and coffee. And when I come home to the same stacks and to-do lists I had before, I'm more motivated to do something about them. Oh, I've read articles on organizing or ways to make life simpler before--but detached from the "why" they just weren't compelling enough to make me take action.True simplicity, Tsh says, is "living holistically with your life's purpose." So after the "why" Tsh moves on to the "how" and even ends with a ten-day plan for organizing your home.First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do.--Epictetus.By the time I close the final page, I feel calmer and I actually have a practical plan for making some changes in my home. Oh, I may still hyperventilate in the cleaning supply aisle. And my schedule still might be a bit more crowded than I want. But when I think back to the gifts of this year there will be a new one I'm thanking Tsh Oxenreider for--a simpler life.It's not the kind of gift you open once but rather a choice you make each day.And after reading this book, I think I'll make it.

I can't say enough about this title. The book is quite literally changing my life, and that of my family. I started reading and could not put it down ... It was as if Tsh had written it for us specifically. She put into words what had been nagging at me since my children were born: we are consuming too much and needed to simplify in order to be happier.Her tips are easy to follow, with great, down-to-earth tips about how to simplify things day-to-day, from finding your keys to managing your budget, but without being preachy about it. I have been working on decluttering my house, and each time I complete one room, I immediately feel a sense of peace. What a relief! It's cut down on my housework, and eased my budget, which leaves me with more time for my kids and husband and more money in my pocket.I especially loved creating a family purpose statement, which really gave my husband and I some perspective with our decision-making.I highly recommend it for any family that feels short on money, time and purpose. This book will help you get all three, and more.

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