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The Art Of Clean Up: Life Made Neat And Tidy



Synopsis

The modern world can get messy. Fortunately, Swiss artist Ursus Wehrli is a man of obsessive order, as he demonstrates with eye-catching surprise in *The Art of Clean Up*. Already a bestseller in Germany, this compulsive title has sold more than 100,000 copies in less than a year, and the fastidiously arranged images have garnered blog love from NPR, Brain Pickings, swissmiss, and more. Tapping into the desire for organization and the insanity of *ÄfÄ* ber-order, Wehrli humorously categorizes everyday objects and situations by color, size, and shape. He arranges alphabet soup into alphabetical order, sorts the night sky by star size, and aligns sunbathers' accoutrementsÄçâ –â •all captured in bright photographs sure to astonish even the pickiest of neat freaks.

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rows? Maybe not, but there's something undeniably pleasing about The Art of Clean Up, a photo book by Swiss comedian and visual artist Ursus Wehrli." -- People magazine"Brilliant.... There's a cumulative humor to these bright, sharp photographs, and a deep puckish cleverness in Wehrli's choices. It's the rare art book that provokes laughs, while still earning admiration for color and composition; it's funny and beautiful. " - The A.V. Club"At once utterly delightful and playfully philosophical." - Brain Pickings

This is one of the most delightful books that brightens my bookshelves. Ursus Wehrli has put onto silent pages all the things he has taken apart and then put into neat and orderly arrangements, leaving out not the smallest piece. I say they are silent pages because there is no text to read about what the artist has done. The photographs are bright, crisp and wondrous to ponder and humorous enough that laughter can't be helped. This is a book to go through again and again and find something that was missed the last time. Out of all the photos in the book, the evergreen branch is my favorite. Highly recommended art book that anyone can enjoy.

This book is such a fun read and a wonderful coffee table book. It also makes a great gift. The illustrations are fabulous, and the extra details will surprise and delight you. Chances are you will never look at the world the same way after reading this book even if you run more towards the chaotic side of life than the OCD side. It will also spark fun conversations about your own OCD tendencies. My only warning.....just be careful you don't start organizing your partners french fries the next time you eat out!

This book is so me. My husband bought it for me as a gift and I keep it out on the coffee table because it is a great book (it's balanced by a book of similar size on the other side of the coffee table of course). I like things to be organized and this is a fun exaggerated version of life at its most organized. Great book for that anal retentive person in your life. :)

My only wish is that he did more of them. The photos are so clever and so inventive that I was smiling almost unrelentingly as I paged through it. It is, however, quite short. But if you consider yourself slightly anal or obsessive-compulsive (guilty!), this is a wonderful book and a great gift. I plan to give out quite a few copies to friends.

A BEAUTIFUL book by Ursus Wehrli. Perfect for the OCD person (like me)...Wehrli takes us a

lovely journey of some everyday scenes and how he organizes them. I would describe the scenes for you, but I really don't want to spoil it. :P...Really a great buy or gift for anyone, I only wish it had more pages!

Someone brought this book to a quilting retreat I went to. We thought it was hysterical. 4 of us bought it and we showed it to other quilters who have now bought it. Must be something about how our brains are wired. My friend showed it to several of her family members and they did not get it.

He is as OCD as the DSM allows. I am the opposite. We looked throughout this book... and I was one picture, he was the other. He even found 'faults' in some pics. But if anything, it was the PERFECT gift so we would understand each other. He loved it. I did too. Plus, fabulous photography.

What publisher thought these dimensions were a good idea? This look as awkward on my bookshelf as an adult wearing Crocs. Not that I would ever put an adult wearing Crocs on my bookshelf. The point is: Crocs look stupid.

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