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Alejandra Ramos's Activity:



Reviewed Felina Women's Marielle Unlined Bra ...

Love it but too delicate & rips easily

October 15, 2014

I loved the look and fit of this bra, and bought two of them, but unfortunately BOTH bras ripped after about 2-3 wears. The mesh part is very delicate and prone to tearing/holes--similar to the kind you'd get in hose or stockings. I still wear them, but it makes me sad that they ripped so quickly.

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Reviewed August: Osage County [HD] ...

1 of 2 people found this review helpful

Miserable Movie

May 04, 2014

This movie was absolutely miserable to watch. The performances were brilliant, yes, (Meryl always is) but nothing happened. Just a lot of arguing and screaming among the members of the world's most dysfunctional family. It was awful to watch, with few redeeming moments. I'm fine with tragedy, but there needs to be a balance.

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Reviewed Durable, Reversible 3' X 5' Premium Grip(TM) Rug Pad for Hard Surfaces and Carpet ...

1 of 1 people found this review helpful

Thick and amazing

May 04, 2014

This is a GREAT rug pad. It's thick and the price is amazing compared to what you'd buy at design/home stores. I paired this with a rug I bought at West Elm and it feels absolutely delicious. Definitely recommended.

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Reviewed Bare Escentuals Purely Nourishing Moisturizer - Normal To Dry Skin 1.7 oz ...

Best moisturizer

May 04, 2014

This is my favorite moisturizer. I always order it online as Sephora no longer carries it. It's light, fresh and not oily. My skin feels wonderful when I use it.

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Reviewed Tricia Guild: Colors, Patterns, and Space ... by Tricia Guild

Beautiful but not instructive

May 04, 2014

I had different expectations for this book. I thought it was going to be a bit more instructive; with tips and ideas for projects or design, but it was really mostly just pictures, all of which got repetitive after a while. Nice as a coffee table book, but not what I was expecting or looking for. I prefer Jonathan Adler's book for ideas on how to infuse your home with bright colors and patterns.

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Reviewed Fictitious Dishes: An Album of Literature's Most Memorable Meals ... by Dinah Fried

9 of 10 people found this review helpful

Clever concept, but execution could be better

May 04, 2014

I wish Amazon offered the option of half stars as I would have given this a 3 1/2 star rating. I absolutely loved the concept of the book, the selection of stories, the fun tips/facts, and the excerpts, but admit I was a bit disappointed by the actual execution of the photos.

For starters, I was definitely expecting this to be a full-size book for displaying on a coffee table or the like. It's actually small--about the size of a paperback novel. I could forgive that, but honestly, the photos also feel a bit dull--they lack the vibrancy and style I typically expect from modern day food photography.

I'm a food blogger and writer, so I spend much of my days reading blogs and cookbooks; I felt like most of these photos didn't really measure up to the quality of work that is available out there. The styling and colors were a bit retro and simple, which worked for some pictures, but not others (especially the ones that were meant to show abundance or wealth). There was no excitement in the photos--fine for the bowl of gruel in Oliver Twist, but certainly not what I'd expect from some of the other books.

Most bothersome was the way that the photos didn't always match the descriptions. The bright yellow American cheese in Holden Caulfield's Swiss cheese sandwich was an obvious discrepancy. I have no idea what the dish in the American Psycho picture was meant to be.

It reminds me a little bit of that disappointment you get when a movie based on a book doesn't quite live up to the original words.

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Reviewed Wilton 6-Inch Cake Circle, 10-Pack ...

Perfect

July 25, 2012

Just as described and perfectly sturdy. But I think a bit overpriced for the purpose. I've used these to support tiers on various cakes.

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Reviewed adidas Men's Layup Pant, Black/White, Large ...

Nice Pants

July 25, 2012

I bought these for my husband and he's been happy with them. Great comfortable gym pants that are exactly as described.

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Reviewed Perms, Pleats, and Puberty: Adventures in 1980s Suburbia ...

Such a fun collection!

July 25, 2012

Really fun and clever collection of three short essays. It's a great quick read with funny stories that will ring true if you grew up in the 80s.

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Reviewed The Summer of Us ... by Holly Chamberlin

2 of 2 people found this review helpful

Very Disappointed

July 06, 2011

I was very disappointed by this novel. I was looking for a light beach read, but this was way beyond that. The writing was flat and contrived (I can't imagine anyone would ever talk that way in real life!), none of the characters were realistic or even likeable, the book flopped back and forth between different characters and locations without ever following through on anything, and each chapter ended in a silly almost sitcom-like "moral." I was also really put-off by the childish gag about one of the character's hometown (she kept referring to it as things like "barville" that nobody above the age of 12 would ever use). I felt upset and cheated the entire time I read the book; like someone had stolen my money and time. I actually stopped reading about 50 or so pages in because it was just too bad to continue. I leafed through the rest of the book to find out what happened and see if anything improved, but it didn't.

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Reviewed Laura Rider's Masterpiece ... by Jane Hamilton

Anything but a masterpiece

December 13, 2010

What an absolutely awful book! I'd been looking forward to reading this one for a while, and was really expecting a clever and funny tale about housewives in small-town America. I was disappointed to find out that the book is not the least bit funny, and instead just a boring and verbose story about some very unlikeable and self-destructive characters. There was little character development, a total lack of consistency in personalities throughout the book. Also, I couldn't help but remember my own writing teachers constant admonitions to "show, not tell." This entire book was full of telling, with very little showing. I grew weary of the narrator's droning on very early in the book and was only able to make it through by skipping large chunks of pages at a time. Don't waste your time with this book. It's a stupid story, with a lot of blathering that's meant to make it sound like it's a smart story about intellectuals, when really it's just a bunch of nonsense.

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Reviewed Woolrich Women's Pemberton Dress, Charcoal, X-Large ...

Perfect Cozy Dress for Fall

September 26, 2014

Gorgeous dress! Really soft, great color/pattern, and nice fit. Note that it does run a bit small so order up; I'm typically a size 10 or 12, but got the x-large and it fits perfectly. A large would have been way too snug on my bust & hips. That said, it's a great dress for an amazing price. I can see myself wearing this all fall/winter!

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Reviewed Tyler Perry's Single Moms Club [HD] ...

4 of 7 people found this review helpful

I wish I could get my time and money back

July 30, 2014

This movie was an absolute waste of time. I wanted to see a fun, relaxed movie, and thought this might be a good choice, but it was beyond awful. Poorly written, terribly acted, and slow and dragging. The script felt like it was written at the last-minute to meet a deadline. Much of it even felt improvised (and poorly, at that). Not even the bloopers at the end were funny! I spent the entire time completely boggled by how bad it was. My husband sat in at one point, and (correctly) commented that it didn't even seem like "a real movie; just a bunch of people saying sentences."

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Reviewed Gardening in Miniature: Create Your Own Tiny Living World ... by Janit Calvo

Amazing photos but lacks guidance for beginners

May 04, 2014

I LOVE the pictures in this book. So inspiring and I am excited to create my own garden. The only thing I didn't love is that the book can be a bit confusing and seems to assume that the reader already knows quite a bit of information. I'm an absolute beginner, so I don't even know what plants to get or where to get them--I was hoping for more guidance with this kind of thing. I'll have to supplement with information from the internet, but it's definitely a fun book to look at and get some basic ideas.

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Reviewed Hoffman 10410 Organic Cactus and Succulent Soil Mix, 10 Quarts ...

1 of 1 people found this review helpful

Perfect for my Succulents

May 04, 2014

Love this soil mix for my succulents. It was a very large bag, so pay attention to the size. I only needed to pot 5 tiny plants so now I have tons of dirt leftover.

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Reviewed Striped Accent Decorative 100% Cotton Canvas Throw Pillow Cover Cushion 20 X 20" Black and White ...

0 of 1 people found this review helpful

Great pillow covers!

May 04, 2014

Love these pillows. Note that they're originally from the H&M home section where I think the price was about half, though as they're not available anymore, I was OK with paying a bit more for them here.

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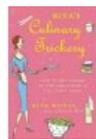
Reviewed Custom LeatherCraft BS60 3 Pocket Canvas Work Apron ...

Stylish & Great Quality

December 13, 2013

So cute! I had been wanting an old fashioned style long apron like this for a while, and spotted one on Anthropologie for about \$70 (seriously!). Then I saw this and decided to give it a shot since it was so cheap. It's wonderful! Long, a great dark blue color, and the fabric is great quality. I'm a food blogger and recipe writer, so I spend a lot of time in the kitchen and am always looking for stylish aprons--this is a new favorite! I wish they sold it in red or other fun colors, too.

Great buy!

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Reviewed Rita's Culinary Trickery: How to Get Dinner on the Table Even If You Can't Cook ... by Rita Konig

1 of 1 people found this review helpful

Cute, but didn't love it

July 25, 2012

This is a fun book, but not as good as I expected. I loved her other book more, but this one seemed a bit slap-dash and amateur. I thought it was going to be about fun tricks for entertaining and putting together great meals, but it was just the sort of plain advice dispensed in magazines. I also didn't like that she recommended just purchasing foods and things for the store rather than actually cooking. I can't stand when books and magazines just continue to make excuses for people not learning how to cook.

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Reviewed Very Fond of Food: A Year in Recipes (From Season to Season) ... by Sophie Dahl

1 of 2 people found this review helpful

Gorgeous Book

July 25, 2012

Absolutely gorgeous book! I loved Sophie Dahl's first book and I was excited to find out she had a second book. I live her style of cooking--gorgeous healthy recipes that celebrate ingredients and the season. I definitely recommend this one!

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Reviewed Happily Ever After ... by Harriet Evans

4 of 5 people found this review helpful

Too long and no sympathetic characters

July 25, 2012

I was excited about this book, but it never caught on. I kept reading and reading, waiting for something to happen. There were all these snippets, but nothing seemed to really connect. Just as I was starting to get into the story, it would fast-forward several years into the future. I think the book could have done with some additional editing (ironic since it's about a book editor). It's also odd that the book went on for so long and then seemed to rush together at the end. Almost as if the writer got tired of it all and just tried to wrap things up. I didn't love any of the characters; not even Eleanor. Her father and brother were excessively awful and cruel, with never any real explanation for their behavior. The sister-in-law seemed a bit nuts but they never really explored it well enough. The mom could have been an interesting character, but again we barely learned much about her. Eleanor herself seemed weirdly cold. I was also really perplexed by the Libby character; I didn't understand how the two could go from being so close to near-enemies. It was as if she became a completely different character later in the book. The most annoying part came in the last few chapters with the odd and incredibly forced "breakthrough" dinner at her brother's house and then the very flat and chemistry-less reunion with Tom Scott. After 474 pages, I was incredibly annoyed with myself for having wasted my time reading it all to find no satisfying conclusion. I felt cheated, actually. I think this book would have been better at about half that length.

Oh and there was this one weird part I didn't understand. She apparently landed an important client by complimenting her brooch in the ladies room and there was a whole thing about nobody knowing what a "brooch" is and clarifying that it's a "pin." That didn't make any sense! Everyone knows what a brooch is! That's an incredibly common word. I think the author meant that it's not something known in the US and that we use the word "pin" instead, which is weird.

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Reviewed Classic Southern Desserts: All-Time Favorite Recipes for Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Puddings, Cobblers, Ice Cream & More ... by Editors of Southern Living Magazine

27 of 30 people found this review helpful

Gorgeous, but too many box/pre-made mixes in the recipes

July 02, 2010

This cookbook is gorgeous, but it relies WAY too much on box mixes and pre-packaged crusts. I was incredibly disappointed when I started reading the recipes and kept spotting ones that called for packaged-this or packaged-that. I don't understand the point of recipes that just ask you to combine box cake mixes with boxed pudding mixes and food coloring; those belong on the back of a manufacturer's box, NOT in a cookbooks.

This country relies far too much on so-called "convenience foods." Is it really that difficult to measure out a few cups of flour or a teaspoon or so of baking powder? This was not at all what I was expecting from a book about classic southern baking. Fortunately, there are some recipes that are completely from scratch in here, I just wish the whole book was this way.

The images here are lovely and they were enough to serve as inspiration for me to create my own recipes, but this is not a book that I would really recommend to any of my serious baker friends or readers.

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