

clean it for the security deposit. The landlord was super impressed and wrote me a check for my full deposit back right there on the spot! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. My mother never taught me anything about cleaning. But ...By DustyloveMy mother never taught me anything about cleaning. But this book cover every topic and even includes natural and non toxic formulas for making your own cleaning solutions. I still have to motivate myself, though....2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. This is a great book for referenceBy Lindsey AndersonThis is a great book for reference, and just to get you to take cleaning a little more serious :-) I loved her advice and it's such an easy read, you can even just read it as a book straight through.

Learn how to clean smarter, not harder, and you'll have more time to do the things you love. With plain and simple advice on everything from dusting and swabbing to polishing and vacuuming, best-selling author Donna Smallin shows you how to make the most of your valuable cleaning time. Hundreds of quick tips and practical solutions for every imaginable cleaning situation promise you the sparkling, healthy environment you want for your family.

From Publishers WeeklySmallin's reference guide to cleaning the home is exhaustive, easy to read and useful. It's also very similar to the many other books already available to readers on streamlining, decluttering and buffing up one's living quarters. The requisite list of recommended cleaning tools and products is present, as are the usual tips on removing stains, from candle wax to nail polish. Organizing strategist Smallin (*Organizing Plain Simple*) instructs on cleaning every room in the house; later chapters concern cleaning personal items like cosmetic brushes, hair-care tools, leather shoes and jewelry; and cleaning "mechanical systems," such as heating, air-conditioning and plumbing systems (including septic systems). Most readers will skip the "Brief History of Cleaning" section, although they'd be wise to read the sidebars, which are particularly helpful (e.g., "The Quickie Clean" box instructs readers on performing a fast cleanup for company; another advises on the perils of using carpet spot removers). The advice on clearing clutter is obvious, but may help those with clutter issues (this is one of Smallin's pet peeves; she repeatedly tells readers to "declutter before you clean"). Her home remedies are interesting, but all told, there isn't anything innovative in this resource. (Jan.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. A complete guide to cleaning every room of the house introduces hundreds of quick, efficient, and effective tips and techniques on how to maintain a clean home environment, Paper Clips Hartford Courant