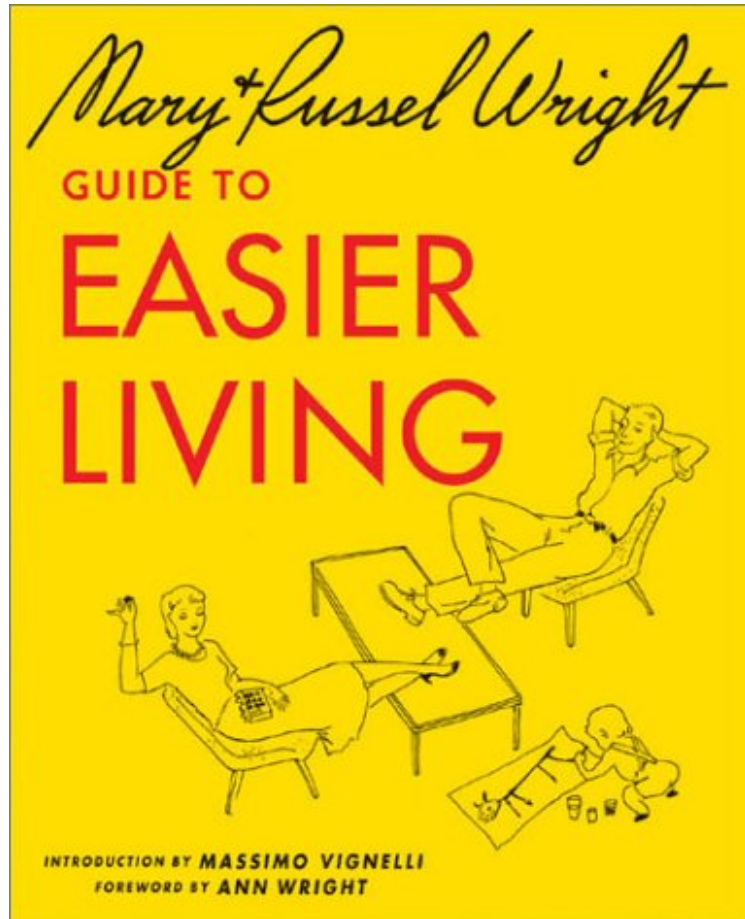


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too! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Still relevant, and entertaining to boot! By Trouty I didn't expect this book to cover so much ground in simplifying my life, nor did I expect the bulk of the philosophies to be as relevant today as they were at its original print date. Very happy with Mary Russell Wright's book!

Time is a valued commodity in our modern world, and everyone struggles to make the most of each minute. Russel and Mary Wright recognized decades ago that finding time to organize their lives and homes would become a priority for modern men and women. In their groundbreaking book, *Guide to Easier Living*, the Wrights offered simple ways to achieve a comfortable, well-designed, and organized living environment in any home for any family. Originally published in 1950, Gibbs Smith is proud to rerelease *Guide to Easier Living*, and to reintroduce the Wrights' time-tested and proven methods for maintaining an inviting and efficient home. From ways to make household chores as fast and painless as possible, to how to organize a room for maximum living space, the Wrights pioneered a new informal way of living for a newly suburban American public. The Wrights' ideas revolutionized American living and the way everyday people dealt with the unending job of keeping a home in order. These methods and ideas are just as relevant-if not more so-today as they were a half-century ago. Russel and Mary Wright were prominent and successful designers who pioneered the fusion of modern design and informal living. Most importantly, they were known for their tabletop designs. The Wrights' most famous tabletop design, *American Modern*, was the best-selling dinnerware in American history and has just been rereleased by Oneida Ltd.

A more retro-appropriate volume is Mary and Russel Wright's "*Guide to Easier Living*" (Gibbs Smith), originally out in 1950. It's depressing to realize that all of America never lived up to the modernist utopia this book projected. But it's equally fun reading about the era's "increasingly mechanized civilization" next to illustrations of typewriters. (Bret Begun *Newsweek* 2003-05-19) Before there was Martha there were the Wrights whose vision for a modernist Utopia blew away the Victorian dust motes and seems as fresh today as it did 60 years ago. (*Dwell Magazine* 2009-05-01) From the Inside Flap Whether you live in a city or in the country, whether you have modern or traditional furnishings, you probably work much too hard at the job of keeping your home in order. In *Guide to Easier Living* (1950), Russel and Mary Wright solve this problem by encouraging people to discard rigid, old-fashioned patterns and create a new informal standard. The Wrights' truly revolutionary contribution to American living is still applicable today as it was when the book was first published. With the intention of making good American design available to everyone, the authors offer timeless advice, such as how to plan the arrangement of rooms to serve their purposes most efficiently, how to choose the most practical furniture and lighting for your specific needs, and much more information geared toward "increasing the enjoyment and satisfaction of life in your home." Should not the reader expect, then, that by following this well-charted course and applying the principles to one's own home, one can create a comfortable, well-designed, and organized living space? Try these ideas and see for yourself. From the Back Cover N/A