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Sally Clark : House Beautiful Storage before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised House Beautiful Storage:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Terrific storage advice -- useful and artful photography! (details)By Patrick W. CrabtreeSo many of these books appear to have been contrived by folks who practice one form or another of art and the end consequence is that practicality and usefulness typically suffers. That's not at all the case in this instance. This book comes to us as an extension of "House Beautiful" magazine and features storage ideas for every room in one's home, no matter how large or small it is. Here are some of the most outstanding thoughts I encountered:-- hidden closets behind bookcases (elaborate but clever)-- dual-purpose furniture which serves to promote storage-- there is huge emphasis on book storage and home libraries (a difficulty which we all seem to face)-- free-standing book cases (glass-fronts)-- an open-ceiling, two-story library (beautiful!-- pantries for tableware--

attractive home office storage (so that it doesn't look like an office)-- entertainment centers, dealing with DVDs, CDs, etc.-- clever use of wall tapestries-- wine storage-- food storage (dry goods, etc.)-- an airborne "batterie de cuisine" (pots and pans suspended by ironwork over a kitchen island)-- utilitarian clothing storage (very accessible)The book goes further to detail BOTH concepts of storage: hidden and displayed. Also various styles and "periods" are taken into consideration.The profuse color photography in this book is first-class. A big plus stems from the fact that these numerous pictures were taken by many, many different photographers in varied sorts of homes -- in other words, the best of the best.I perceived one shortcoming of the book. (It's almost always what's NOT in a book that brings it up short of perfect.) In all the photos of these homes I saw no pets. People who care for as many cats and dogs as I do know that this actuality can change the equation on certain types of storage and this topic was not addressed. But we can't have everything.In summary, this is a terrific idea book on both home design and in regard to possible and beneficial changes to an existing home which will make storage (and life) much easier.Highly recommended.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Good Overview of Stylish Storage SolutionsBy ClassicdudeAlhtough some of the photos may not have been previously published, this book is a pictorial overview of various stylish storage solutions from projects that have been seen in "House Beautiful" magazine. Any repeats are worthwhile in this helpful book, however, that ranges from the simple but classic library in the last home of legendary decorator Nancy Lancaster to the stark utilitarian dressing room/closet in the New York loft of designer Bruce Bierman. Work by interior designers Bunny Williams, Christian Badin, David Anthony Easton, Tom Fleming, Mariette Himes Gomez and Mario Buatta are shown along with architects Hugh Newell Jacobsen, Peter Pennoyer, and John Tackett, among many others. Not a "How To" book, but rather an inspiration for storage throughout the house.6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Yes, it is pretty. So what?By Amy HenleyMy purpose in buying this book was to inspire me, not to tell me exactly where to hang a shelf. If you want step by step instructions, obviously, this is not the book for you. However, if you enjoy interior decoration as an art form or an outlet for creativity, or, yes, to look at pretty pictures, you will enjoy this book.

"An often scanted aspect of daily living receives serious attention...shows how beautifully one might store all sorts of clutter...many of the lavishly illustrated, clearly described and often inventive ideas for storage can be translated into reality for the cost-conscious... Practical suggestions for every room...include stacking old trunks and building bookshelves onto the front of a closet door. Delicious to pore through, this dream decorating book of ideal home spaces offers plenty of valuable style cues..."--Publishers Weekly. "...shows how to pack, squeeze and eke out all of the space possible...loaded with color photos and reads easily..."--Chicago Tribune.

.com "Storage," declares this gorgeously photographed book, "is about hiding things, or showing them off.... For storage is essentially a matter of what you have, where you use it, and where you want it kept. Any box can hide things, but one that conceals while beguiling the eye has more flair." In other words, don't just bemoan your lack of closet space, set to work on finding innovative approaches to hiding things in plain sight. In a room-by-room approach, this volume ventures far beyond the ordinary solutions frequently offered, instead showcasing stunning rooms decorated by noted designers, with the accent on elegant storage ideas. As the photos demonstrate, storage itself can bring interesting pattern and color into a room. The ideas here certainly have flair, from a Parisian library with floor-to-ceiling bookshelves to camouflaged custom cabinetry that maximizes very limited space to hand-painted bureaus to a witty shelf made of wooden thread spools. The presentation is high-end but it doesn't necessarily take a professional designer or a lot of money to recognize the myriad of great ideas here. Even diehard packrats and confirmed clutterholics should enjoy leafing through the enticing images and may even be inspired to impose some stylish order on their own assorted belongings. --Amy HandyFrom Library JournalWith more appliances in the kitchen, the increase in home entertainment centers and offices, and the popularity of collecting, no wonder there is a shortage of space in homes today. These books provide solutions for where to fit more things without having to add a room. Better Homes and Gardens, with photographs and captions, points out 301 ideas for creative storage alternatives in every room of the house. House Beautiful looks at the high-end of storage with polished, professionally styled interiors and their storage solutions. Better Homes and Gardens is recommended for public libraries because the explanations are more accessible to the amateur; however, professional and design school collections will want the House Beautiful book as well.Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. Most interior design books and magazines offer two solutions for the storage dilemma. Arrange your dishes or pots or sweaters artistically on open shelves for the world to see or hide everything behind the doors of an antique armoire or custom-built cabinetry. At first glance, the photographs in House Beautiful Storage seem to be more of the same. But, if you look again, there are ideas many of us can use: * Line cookbooks on a kitchen counter for added color, and a bit of sophistication. * * Use a floor-length table skirt to hide sundry things (CDs, books, shoes) * * Hang inexpensive fabric across a corner or an alcove for an instant closet. -- Cincinnati Enquirer, August 8, 1998Storage is a subject close to just about everybody's heart. There never seems to be enough of it. With that truth in mind, the editors of House Beautiful have crafted a picture book that shows how to pack, squeeze and eke out all of the space possible from a home's existing architecture

and furniture. This mid-scale hardcover is loaded with color photos, and reads easily with chapters organized by room. -- Chicago Tribune, August 9, 1998