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The follow-up to the bestselling Complete Book of Home Organization, the Complete Book of Clean is a foolproof, eco-friendly guide to cleaning your home. From establishing routines, making schedules, and DIYing green cleaning solutions to help keep every area of your home neat, safe and spotless—find it all here.

Learn the best seasons to tackle home projects, storage solutions to simplify the process and teach even the messiest kids to clean up after themselves. This book will help you tackle every mess, stain and dust-magnet, and keep things from getting out of hand in the future—all while being friendly to the environment and keeping toxic chemicals out of your home.

Whether you're a neat freak or new to the world of homekeeping, let Toni Hammersley be your guide to establishing routines, learning techniques and mastering the best home cleaning hacks out there. Learn what needs a deep-clean and how often, how to substitute kitchen supplies for chemicals and what to do about the toughest homekeeping dilemmas. Soon you'll find that no matter the number of pets, kids, or home traffic, maintaining a clean home can be a breeze.

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Brittany Busboom-Miller says

This is an excellent book that details how to clean everything in your home! Includes so many details about how to clean different types of walls, floors, counters, doors...EVERYTHING. Also includes recipes to make your own natural cleaning supplies and lists that show how often to clean the different areas of your home on a daily, weekly, monthly and seasonal basis. Also includes beautiful illustrations and photographs of clean homes. I checked out this book via the Hoopla app but I will be buying this book and will use it when I become a home owner in the future.

Scout Collins says

3.5 stars

[I mistakenly thought this was Toni Hammersley's *organization* book so I was a little disappointed when I realized this was just for cleaning!]

The Complete Book of Clean is a how-to manual for keeping your house super clean. Hammersley gives tips on cleaning furniture, appliances and rooms, and diy-cleaning-product recipes, with shots of her pretty house. If you're looking for a more in-depth book on more natural cleaning recipes I would recommend *The Organically Clean Home* by Betty Rapinchuk.

I liked:

- * Photography - beautiful house and pictures shown in this book! Looks so professional and good. Especially the home office part was goals!
- * Cover and pages - unique design
- * Some tips were helpful

I didn't like:

- * Written as if everyone is a clean freak and has time to do a 5-step process to clean certain parts of the dryer (for example).
- * Typos (which I often find) -
"Don't fret over the time it will take to dust thblinds just put on cleaning clothes, turn up the music, and get to work." (Hammersley, 010*)
"The laundry room represents ones state of mind." (Hammersley, ?).
- * No page numbers - I can't even cite quotes properly (!!)
- * Format of tips - Kind of choppy; it seems like the whole book is like a magazine, which wasn't what I was expecting
- * The word workhouse is used a lot and the repetition is annoying (use a thesaurus!)

Also - the "how to prevent family members from spreading sickness(viruses/colds)" section gave tips as if sick people have a plague that will kill someone if they get contaminated. The tips were good but again, extreme and time consuming (especially if you have kids).

The amount of detail and meticulousness is really only achievable for:

- a) someone who does cleaning as their job;
- b) stay at home moms/parents who have a lot of time on their hands;

c) clean freaks

Some processes were shorter but some are very thorough, and a lot of people don't have time for that. Generally it's more important to have organization first and then regular cleaning routines. Once you don't have to worry about big disorganized areas, cleaning is more manageable, but for most people organizing should be higher priority; this book is good for those on the second stage who have their organization under control.

In conclusion it was a quick read, good for methodical people and those with a good amount of time to spend on cleaning. This book wasn't revolutionary, ~1/2 are things you should already know how to do (clean a toilet, wipe a kitchen counter, etc.) Hopefully the Organization book will be better (I have a feeling it will).

Chardae says

Very thorough!

Great for me as a new mom of 2. I fell off my routine when I was on bed rest with my first a few years ago. Great refresher and great for people just starting out on their own.

Jody says

A beautiful book that gives tips as to how to clean your home. I will try some of the author's suggestions. The pictures are very attractive and the author stresses natural cleaning items. One annoying thing: no page numbers-just numbered tips.

Elizabeth Beadles says

I have always appreciated Bowl Full of Lemons as a source of helpful information for keeping house. This book is certainly useful and has a lot of ideas for ways to take care of all parts of your home, in all of the rooms. I appreciate the specific lists of things to do first thing in the morning and in the evening before bed. Encouraging routines are helpful and when following the ones that Toni provides, my house has been much cleaner and I feel less overwhelmed. Thanks!

Kathryn says

This is a lovely book all about cleaning daily, weekly, monthly and seasonally. It is well laid out, the photography is beautiful and would make a wonderful gift for someone just getting their first home or someone who needs inspiration. I highly recommend it.

Hana Curry says

Great recipes for natural cleaning solutions!

Debbie says

Great book. Lots of terrific cleaning ideas and recipes for easy homemade cleaning products. It makes cleaning sound like fun! I might have to try it.

Kathy Peterman says

Cleaning Reference

If you ever wondered how to clean something in your home, you'll find all the details here. Great step by step tips for cleaning everything imaginable. Recipes for making your own natural cleaners. This is a good resource for people who want lists to help them keep their homes clean, although I'm not one of those people and the frequency they suggest seems excessive. Toni also has a book on home organization that I will read next (so I'm reading out of order, yet my biggest tip is having less items makes cleaning a breeze. That's why I don't need lists for cleaning). I will use this book when I need to clean silver, pillows, remove stains and make my own cleaning products.

Karly says

Unrealistic cleaning goals! This book was a roller coaster ride of quick and easy cleaning tips, and Daily Cleaning lists for each room in your house.

I learned a couple cleaning tricks but overall came away feeling that this book is targeted for people who like to spend at least an hour a day cleaning...and that is not me.

Am I the only one who doesn't clean my toilet brush and toilet brush holder on a weekly basis?!

Angie says

I'm obsessed with this book. Seriously... if you want to clean things right this book will tell you how. What I like about giving things a deep cleaning every now and then is that usually it will help that item last longer. I didn't even know my dishwasher had a filter that had to be cleaned every now and then! WHAT!

Bridget says

A nice primer to general home-cleaning tips. If I were to buy this as a reference book, I think I'd prefer for it to be ring bound so it sits open on a desk. This is another concept that could be really helpful as an interactive website or app: you put in your home's characteristics, and it tells you what to do every day, and gives you the weekly/monthly/twice yearly checklists. Anything to help with the project management would

be great.

Andrea says

A couple of years ago I came across FB group run by Toni Hammersley. It was full of thousands of people addicted to her planner supplies, décor, cleaning and organizing, etc. She helped contribute to making home economics trendy again. In this beautiful book full of cleaning tips and gorgeous pictures readers learn how to really clean.

Lynda says

The Complete Book of Clean is a lovely little book. Toni Hammersley is very organized about keeping a house clean and provides semi-annual, seasonal, monthly, weekly, and daily checklists. A discussion of natural cleaning products along with recipes is included. Visually, this book is a pleasure to read. Abundant photos of clean, modern spaces, charming illustrations, and even rounded, friendly font welcomes the viewer. Pages are thick with bullnose corners and pleasing to hold and turn.

Sharon says

Gorgeous photography, cute illustrations and simple, easy to follow chapters with tips and instructions for keeping your home CLEAN!

As a neat freak, I especially enjoyed the organization of the chapters, topics and the numbering system.

This reminds me of an extended version of Real Simple Magazine, including a focus on homemade, organic cleansers and disinfectants for every room in the house.

The only downside of the coffee table book is the model homes give me kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, office and laundry room envy. Plus all the white, cool gray and soft turquoise colors makes me want to re-do my walls and flooring.

Back of the book includes checklists for cleaning and recipes for whipping up your own natural cleaning products made from easily available pantry staples and essential oils.

This is a book I'd love to own!
