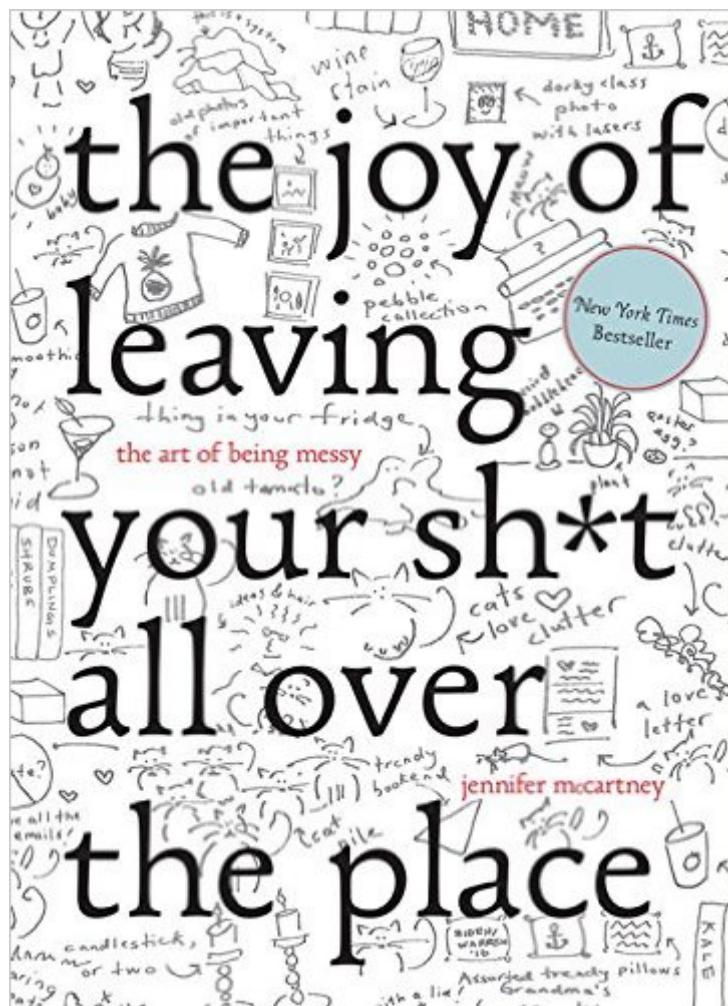


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# The Joy Of Leaving Your Sh\*t All Over The Place: The Art Of Being Messy



## Synopsis

The New York Times bestseller that's "LAUGH OUT LOUD FUNNY" • (Elle D'Cor) and "SPOT-ON with a healthy amount of cursing" (POPSUGAR) The anti-clutter movement is having a moment. You may have heard about a book • an entire book • written on the topic of tidiness and how magical • and "life-changing" it is to neat up and THROW AWAY YOUR BELONGINGS. Yes, you read that correctly. It's time to fight that ridiculousness and start buying even more stuff and leaving it any place you want. Guess what, neatniks? Science shows that messy people are more creative.\*Being a slob is an art, and there's a fine line between being a consumer and being a hoarder. Don't cross that line. This book shows you how to clutter mindfully and with great joy. The results are mind-blowing. Your plants will stop dying. Your whiskey bottle will never run dry. Your drugstore points will finally add up to a free jar of salsa and some nice shampoo. You'll go shopping and discover you've lost weight...It's time to take back your life from the anti-clutter movement. \*As well as smarter and more attractive. 50 illustrations

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## Customer Reviews

This book was a hoot. I have to smile at some of the negative reviews of it, as those reviewers must not have read the intro where the author said, "It's a parody." And her potty mouth didn't give me those pearl clutching moments they seem to have given a few sensitive readers. After all, look at the title of the book. That should give you your first clue. The underlying message is that no, you do not have to give away Grandma's framed crewel work instead of hanging it so you can have the proper percentage of "negative space" on your walls. It's okay to hold on to that super soft and comfy t-shirt you've had for five years. A coffee table can hold your favorite book or books (and it's okay to own

ACTUAL books in real bookshelves, and stacked when you run out of room), your coffee, the TV guide and anything else you want to have there. Souvenir mugs from places you visited are not the spawn of the devil, and you can paint your walls any color you damned well please. Your children can grow up to be well-adjusted people even if they don't have their very own cubby by the door. Display your kids' or grandkids' artwork on the fridge proudly. You do not have to clean out your six by six inch purse every night. The author is trying to make the point that the movement toward white-on-white-on-white walls, naked of anything but some lonely piece of abstract something or other you have been told is art, and a clothes closet with six hangers and two pairs of shoes in it has come about not because there are tens of thousands of people clamoring to know how and whether it's okay to ditch their stuff (the landfills answer those questions), but because there is an industry that needs your money to fund its books, how-to shows, "scientific" studies and "experts" who, for a hefty fee, will come tell you how to design the very most intimate and personal spaces of all - your home. I loved it.

I loved this book. It was recommended to me by a friend who really enjoyed it. McCartney has a way of writing that feels like you are listening to your most hilarious friend rant and tell you stories and you wish she would just keep cracking you up all night. The way she writes just feels effortless and natural. I don't have a problem with the language -- I mean, look at the title. Anyone who is pearl-clutching over "bad words" needs to reassess. I also felt completely validated because try as I might, I cannot keep anything organized. This book tells the reader why that is not only okay, but preferable. It's not some self-help nonsense. It IS a very funny book that manages to sneak some keen insights in while providing an escape from a world that makes less and less sense. This is the perfect book for summer. Every single person I've recommended it to has loved it, too. I say read it and join the FREE Movement!

Read this little gem on the train to and from work and was stifling snickers the entire way. Helped me shake any and all guilt I have/had about attempting to live in a museum of a house. I too embark on archaeological digs looking for something I wore three weeks ago. I too pile stuff up in laundry baskets (until I need to do laundry and then I dump that s\*\*\* on the floor). I too think it's hyper-weird to talk to your possessions and tell them you appreciate their service. Read this book, then place it gently on top of a teetering pile of your other s\*\*\*.

Great, fun, simple read. I bought its anti-thesis - by Marie Kondo, *The Art of Tidying Up* (something

like that title...). I am somewhere in the middle of those two mindsets! I am now lending it to my messy friends and they love it!

With all this talk about downsizing and doing the Kondo method, this book made me feel not guilty about all the crap I have acquired over the years. This book was an easy and humorous read, and is a great prezzie for anyone you know. It is also a great conversation starter. I have met so many people by reading this book in public!

I can't recall the last time I laughed out loud when reading a book. The minute I'm finished, I am sending it off to my sister who is also a clutterbug. Inside all the swearing and silliness, is real commentary about the culture of perfection lauded by all the media out there. Even though this is purely humorous, I found it extremely comforting. Great gift idea.

The title had me cracking up, and that alone was enough to buy the book. I figured it would be a fun conversation piece to leave on my coffee table. But once I started flipping through it I found something laugh-out-loud funny on just about every page. McCartney's suggestions may not create the most calming home environment, but they're certainly a ton of fun. It's the perfect gift for the slob or neat-freak in your life.

hysterical! This book is hilarious even though I fall into the category of people who enjoy a very neat and tidy home! It's a fun and funny reminder not to take life so seriously. The cat references are hysterical!

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