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Is modern life becoming too complicated and messy? Top-selling author Susan Waggoner is here to simplify it all. She shows how anyone can enjoy a more relaxed lifestyle filled with traditional country values and save time, money, work, and frustration in the process with household hints our foremothers knew well. This ingenious and fun-to-read illustrated handbook presents tried-and-true household hints and practical solutions to everyday problems. And the superb organization covering such topics as Clutter Control, Better Living Through Baking, and In the Garden makes it easy to find the information you need. Whether it's a no-scrub trick to make bathroom faucets gleam or advice on growing a garden guaranteed to attract birds and butterflies, *Country Living Simple Country Wisdom* is the key to creating a home that's cheerful, welcoming, and warm.

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Trish says

It was a interesting book to read, there are some great tips but to follow every idea on how to clean house one would have to be totally into giving up on possessions that maybe hard to let go of. Yet there are some wonderful chapters that should be read by many.

Denice says

Fun little book. Not what I expected. Mostly it's full of little hints and tidbits. Probably good for someone newly married? Super quick read although it took me so long to get through it be cause I kept forgetting to read it.

Victoria Klein says

The title pretty much says it all – the book is full of random, simple but uber-useful tips for every part of your home. Starting off slow at first, I was worried my adoration of Country Living was waning. After the first 3 chapters, encompassed in a section called “The Home that Welcomes”, the book gets more specific, offering advice for cleaning, laundry, cooking, baking, general kitchen organization and more. These are the kinds of tips you'd get from your grandmother or great-grandmother ... things that seem so basic, they escape us daily.

More than a few times, I started to reach for my highlighter, until I remembered I had rented the book from the library to “test drive” it. Well, the book is great and there are more than enough tips in it to make it worthy of plunking down \$19.95 for it. Country Living Simple Country Wisdom will be a handy reference guide for me (and probably you) as the months, years, and decades continue to roll past. No matter the era, simple is best.

Tif says

I feel like this book could have been written by my grandma. It's full of great tips that are sort of getting lost in today's society--like the best way to line dry clothes outside and the best time to plant bulbs. Great resource.

Jill says

Sometimes the old fashioned way is still the best way to do something. This will definitely be a reference book for me. I don't think every tip is for me, but enough are that I enjoyed the book. The pictures are great too.

mRose says

I loved it, as a homemaker almost a decade in, there's so much help I still need and this has many good ideas. Of course only do what you can, but there are some insights of you don't know where to start.

Christina says

Love this book! Miss my Gramma!

Relyn says

I really enjoyed this book. It was readable, useful and pretty. What more could you want in a home-keeping book? This is one I'd like to own.

Gloria says

This is a pleasant, nice to have around the house type of book. Filled with both philosophical thoughts and practical tips, it urges readers to think about the lifestyle they want and then make it happen. Just may use the tip about freezing cookie dough in a paper-towel cylinder lined with plastic wrap, so I can slice off the number of cookies I want so I have fresh homemade cookies whenever desired. Now that's fast food.

Caro says

Pretty good. This has some good ideas, hints, and tips on things that should be common sense or something we should've (or used to) know as part of growing up. There are some good ones and some that are obvious (to me anyway). It's written well (only a few typos) and separated by sections. This was easy to read and short and sweet. It made it a lot more interesting and kept it from getting boring or making me feel like I was reading a text book. Good, clear pictures and captions and easily understood directions/instructions on some things. I'd call this a so-so book. I wasn't overly impressed but I was definitely *not* disappointed. Enjoy

Mel says

501 Old-Fashioned Ideas to Simplify Your Life. What makes a home welcoming and efficient for a family? There are ideas on how to stage a room, prepare a guest room, cleaning suggestions, baking suggestions, gardening, etc. This book reminded me of how much I want an old-school iron skillet.

Cara says

Checked out mainly for the pretty pictures but made the mistake of reading the words. If you did all the stuff this book recommends, you'd have a perfect house and no time to do anything else. Just reading the laundry section was enough to make me tired.

Heidi says

I am a fan of Susan Waggoner but was disappointed in this one because it did not have the wonderful vintage illustrations her other works have had. The photographs are beautiful but it was just not what I was hoping for.

Emily says

Not quite what I expected. Although some of the advice was genuinely helpful, it was mostly more of a Martha Stewart-ey perfection type of thing. I took a few good tips from it, but for the most part it just wasn't very applicable to my life.

Staci says

I enjoyed reading this book about how to get your house organized, declutter, and suggestions on how to fix certain problems that may crop up in your home. I wish that I could have the author come to my house and decorate for me!! I pick these books up for ideas on decor and for short cuts into the kitchen. I did write down some suggestions on how to clean your oven without Easy Off or using the self-cleaning button, but for the life of me I can't find them!! This is a book that I may check out again just to make a list of things that I wanted to try out- ways to show my personality in the objects that I display is one that comes to my mind immediately. If you're in the mood to browse through a "country style" book this one may be one for you.
