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New: [The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning: How to Free Yourself and Your Family From a Lifetime of Clutter](https://www.amazon.com/s/ref%3Dnb_sb_ss_i_4_14?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=the+gentle+art+of+swedish+death+cleaning+margareta+magnusson&sprefix=swedish+death+%2Cgarden%2C210&crid=3O1PF8VSE89TU) **by Margareta Magnusson**

**Must-Haves**

* [Decluttering Your Home: Tips, Techniques, and Trade Secrets](http://www.amazon.com/Decluttering-Your-Home-Techniques-Secrets/dp/1770855858/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1441850922&sr=8-1) **by Geralin Thomas**
* [The Clutter Diet](http://www.amazon.com/Clutter-Diet-Skinny-Organizing-Control/dp/0615266487/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033131&sr=1-1) by Lorie Marrero
* [Organizing from the Inside Out](http://www.amazon.com/Organizing-Inside-Out-Second-Foolproof/dp/0805075895/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314032275&sr=1-1) by Julie Morgenstern
* [From Hoarding to Hope: Understanding People Who Hoard and How To Help Them](http://www.amazon.com/Hoarding-Hope-Understanding-People-Hoard/dp/1506148352/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1430747215&sr=8-1&keywords=From+Hoarding+to+Hope) **by Geralin Thomas**

**Decluttering + Organizing – The Basics (good starting point)**

* [The Beverly Hills Organizer’s Home Organizing Bible](http://www.amazon.com/Beverly-Hills-Organizers-Organizing-Bible/dp/1592331548/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033097&sr=1-1) by Linda Koopersmith
* [Organized to Last](http://www.amazon.com/Organized-Last-Simple-Steps-Staying/dp/1931492077/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033049&sr=1-1) by Porter Knight
* [Unclutter Your Life in One Week](http://www.amazon.com/Unclutter-Your-Life-One-Week/dp/1439150478/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033153&sr=1-1) by Erin Rooney Doland
* [What’s a Disorganized Person To Do?](http://www.amazon.com/Whats-Disorganized-Person-Stacey-Platt/dp/1579653723/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033186&sr=1-1) by Stacey Platt

**Residential Organizing**

* [The Busy Mom’s Guide to a Happy, Organized Home](http://www.amazon.com/Busy-Moms-Guide-Happy-Organized/dp/1414316194/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1314032130&sr=8-1) by Kathy Peel
* [Confessions of an Organized Homemaker](http://www.amazon.com/Confessions-Organized-Homemaker-Secrets-Uncluttering/dp/0760722293/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314032167&sr=1-1) by Deniece Schofield
* [Desperate Households](http://www.amazon.com/Desperate-Households-Restore-Order-Harmony/dp/1414316186/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314032214&sr=1-1) by Kathy Peel
* [Organizing Plain and Simple](http://www.amazon.com/Organizing-Plain-Simple-Reference-Challenges/dp/1580174485/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314032303&sr=1-1) by Donna Smallin
* [Organizing Paper at Home](http://organizingpaperathome.com/) by Barbara Hemphill

**Workplace Organizing**

* [Making Work *Work*](http://www.amazon.com/Making-Work-Strategies-Surviving-Thriving/dp/B000IFS0RM/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314032329&sr=1-1) by Julie Morgenstern
* [Taming the Paper Tiger at Work](http://www.amazon.com/Taming-Paper-Tiger-at-Work/dp/0938721984/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1314071312&sr=8-1) by Barbara Hemphill
* [Time Management from the Inside Out](http://www.amazon.com/Time-Management-Inside-Out-Second/dp/0805075909/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314032381&sr=1-1) by Julie Morgenstern

**Wardrobe + Capsule Planning**

* Dress Your Best by Clinton Kelly and Stacy London
* [Forever Cool](http://www.amazon.com/Forever-Cool-Achieve-Youthful-Personal/dp/0307405311/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314032449&sr=1-1) by Sherrie Mathieson
* [In The Dressing Room with Brenda](http://www.amazon.com/Dressing-Room-Brenda-Practical-Looking/dp/188517151X/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314032489&sr=1-1) by Brenda Kinsel
* [What Not to Wear by Trinny Woodall](http://www.amazon.com/What-Not-Wear-Trinny-Woodall/dp/B0042P5752/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314032566&sr=1-1) and Susannah Constantine
* [It’s All Too Much](http://www.amazon.com/Its-All-Much-Peter-Walsh/dp/B002XH7FJM/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=movies-tv&ie=UTF8&qid=1314032611&sr=1-1) with Peter Walsh (DVD)

**Time Management**

* [Do It Tomorrow and Other Secrets of Time Management](http://www.amazon.com/Tomorrow-Other-Secrets-Time-Management/dp/0340909129/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314070422&sr=1-1) by Mark Forster
* [Getting Things Done](http://www.amazon.com/Getting-Things-Done-Stress-Free-Productivity/dp/0142000280/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314070278&sr=1-1) by David Allen
* [It’s About Time: The Six Styles of Procrastination and How To Overcome Them](http://www.amazon.com/Its-About-Time-Procrastination-Overcome/dp/0140242716/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314070321&sr=1-1) by Linda Sapadin, PhD and Jack Maguire
* [Making Time Work for You](http://www.amazon.com/Making-Time-Work-Harold-Taylor/dp/0968367003/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1314070236&sr=8-1) by Harold L. Taylor

**Productivity**

* One Small Step Can Change Your Life by Robert Maurer, PhD
* [Organized for Success](http://www.amazon.com/Organized-Success-Executives-Organizing-Principles/dp/1400047595/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033270&sr=1-1) by Stephanie Winston
* [The Organized Student](http://www.amazon.com/Organized-Student-Teaching-Children-Success/dp/B0013L6DBA/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033415&sr=1-1) by Donna Goldberg with Jennifer Zwiebel
* [Stop Organizing, Start Producing](http://www.caseymooreinc.com/product/stop-organizing-start-producing/) by Casey Moore, CPO
* [True Tilt: An Uncommon Quest](http://www.amazon.com/True-Tilt-Uncommon-Pam-Boney/dp/1452081220/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033242&sr=1-1) by Pam Boney

**Feng Shui**

* [Clear Your Clutter with Feng Shui](http://www.amazon.com/Clear-Your-Clutter-Feng-Shui/dp/0767903595/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1314190412&sr=8-1) by Karen Kingston
* [Feng Shui Chic](http://www.amazon.com/Feng-Shui-Chic-Stylish-Harmonious/dp/B0002D6CZW/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033692&sr=1-1) by Sharon Stasney
* [Feng Shui in a Weekend](http://www.amazon.com/Feng-Shui-Weekend-Transform-Your/dp/0600603784/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033731&sr=1-1) by Simon Brown
* [Feng Shui Made Easy](http://www.amazon.com/Feng-Shui-Made-Easy-Revised/dp/1556439385/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033583&sr=1-1) by William Spear
* [Feng Shui Your Life](http://www.amazon.com/Feng-Shui-Your-Life--Cluttering/dp/1596528249/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033493&sr=1-1) by Tisha Morris
* [Move Your Stuff, Change Your Life](http://www.amazon.com/Move-Your-Stuff-Change-Life/dp/0684866048/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1314050754&sr=8-1) by Karen Rauch Carter
* [The Western Guide to Feng Shui](http://www.amazon.com/Western-Guide-Feng-Shui-Room/dp/1561705683/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033765&sr=1-1) by Terah Kathryn Collins

**Creative Minds**

* [The Decorated Journal](http://www.amazon.com/Decorated-Journal-Creating-Beautifully-Expressive/dp/1579909566/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033870&sr=1-1) by Gwen Diehn
* [The Organized and Inspired Scrapbooker](http://www.amazon.com/Organized-Inspired-Scrapbooker-Leisure-Arts/dp/1609000870/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033895&sr=1-1) by Wendy Smedley and Aby Garvey
* [Setting up Your Ceramic Studio](http://www.amazon.com/Setting-Up-Your-Ceramic-Studio/dp/1579906729/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033922&sr=1-1) by Virginia Scotchie
* [Where Women Create](http://www.amazon.com/Where-Women-Create-Inspiring-Extraordinary/dp/1402712294/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314033948&sr=1-1) by Jo Packham

**Closets + Fashion**

* [Color Me Confident](http://www.amazon.com/Color-Me-Confident-Change-Your/dp/0600614999/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313987584&sr=1-1) by Veronique Henderson and Pat Henshaw
* [Full Frontal Fashion](http://www.amazon.com/Full-Frontal-Fashion-Insider%C2%BFs-Situation/dp/B000HIV0C2/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1313987342&sr=8-1) by Melissa Sones and Rebecca Budig
* [A Guide to Quality, Taste, and Style](http://www.amazon.com/Tim-Gunn-Guide-Quality-Taste/dp/0810992841/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313987836&sr=1-1) by Tim Gunn
* [Nothing to Wear](http://www.amazon.com/Nothing-Wear-Jesse-Garza/dp/B001A5RHR8/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313987615&sr=1-1) by Jesse Garza and Joe Lupo
* [Secondhand Chic](http://www.amazon.com/Secondhand-Chic-Finding-Fabulous-Consignment/dp/0671027131/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313987748&sr=1-1) by Christa Weil
* [What to Wear](http://www.amazon.com/What-Wear-Handbook-Kimberly-Bonnell/dp/0312209444/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313987705&sr=1-1) by Kimberly Bonnell
* [What You Wear Can Change Your Life](http://www.amazon.com/What-Wear-Change-Your-Life/dp/0297843567/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313987788&sr=1-1) by Trinny Woodall and Susannah Constantine

**Hoarding – Professional Perspectives**

* [Buried in Treasures](http://www.amazon.com/Buried-Treasures-Compulsive-Acquiring-Hoarding/dp/0195300580/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1313963528&sr=8-1) by David F. Tolin, Randy O. Frost and Gail Steketee
* [The Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Workbook for Personality Disorders](http://www.amazon.com/Cognitive-Behavioral-Workbook-Personality-Disorders/dp/1572246480/ref%3Dsr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313964005&sr=1-2) by Jeffrey C. Wood, Psy.D.
* [Compulsive Hoarding and Acquiring: Therapist Guide](http://www.amazon.com/Compulsive-Hoarding-Acquiring-Therapist-Treatments/dp/0195300254/ref%3Dpd_sim_b_1) by Gail Steketee and Randy O. Frost
* [Compulsive Hoarding and Acquiring: Workbook](http://www.amazon.com/Compulsive-Hoarding-Acquiring-Workbook-Treatments/dp/0195310551/ref%3Dsr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1313963528&sr=8-3) by Gail Steketee and Randy O. Frost
* [The Hoarding Handbook: A Guide for Human Service Professionals](http://www.amazon.com/Hoarding-Handbook-Guide-Service-Professionals/dp/0195385519/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313983766&sr=1-1) by Christiana Bratiotis, Cristina Sorrentino Schmalisch and Gail Stekatee
* [Overcoming Compulsive Hoarding](http://www.amazon.com/Overcoming-Compulsive-Hoarding-Save-Stop/dp/157224349X/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313963953&sr=1-1) by Fugen Neziroglu, PhD, ABBP, Jerome Bubrick, PhD, and Jose A. Yaryura-Tobias, MD
* [Stuff: Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things](http://www.amazon.com/Stuff-Compulsive-Hoarding-Meaning-Things/dp/0547422555/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313963792&sr=1-1) by Randy O. Frost and Gail Steketee
* [Information About Compulsive Hoarding](http://www.amazon.com/Information-About-Compulsive-Hoarding-Reinardy/dp/0615329071/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313964168&sr=1-1) with Renae M. Reinardy, Psy.D., LP (DVD)

**Hoarding – General Perspectives**

* [Digging Out: Helping Your Loved One Manage Clutter, Hoarding, and Compulsive Acquiring](http://www.amazon.com/Digging-Out-Hoarding-Compulsive-Acquiring/dp/1572245948/ref%3Dsr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1313963528&sr=8-2) by Michael A. Tompkins, PhD and Tamara L. Hartl, PhD
* [Dirty Secret: A Daughter Comes Clean About Her Mother’s Compulsive Hoarding](http://www.amazon.com/Dirty-Secret-Daughter-Compulsive-Hoarding/dp/B005EP1R5S/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313963836&sr=1-1) by Jessie Sholl
* [Don’t Toss My Memories in the Trash](http://www.amazon.com/Memories-Helping-Seniors-Downsize-Organize/dp/0978818938/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313963873&sr=1-1) by Vickie Dellaquila
* [It’s Hard to Make a Difference When You Can’t Find Your Keys](http://www.amazon.com/Hard-Make-Difference-When-Cant/dp/0142196177/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1314069100&sr=8-1) by Marilyn Paul, PhD
* [Making Peace with the Things in Your Life](http://www.amazon.com/Making-Peace-Things-Your-Life/dp/0312284888/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313983949&sr=1-1) by Cindy Glovinsky, M.S.W., A.C.S.W.
* [The Secret Lives of Hoarders](http://www.amazon.com/Secret-Lives-Hoarders-Stories-Tackling/dp/0399536655/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313964090&sr=1-1) by Matt Paxton and Phaedra Hise
* [Dirty Little Secrets](http://www.amazon.com/Dirty-Little-Secrets-C-Omololu/dp/0802722334/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1313964224&sr=1-1) by C. J. Omololu
* [My Mother’s Garden](http://www.amazon.com/My-Mothers-Garden-Cynthia-Lester/dp/B002KAO7JS/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314069158&sr=1-1) directed by Cynthia Lester (DVD)

**Internet searches:**

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