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The style guru and author of *Freakin' Fabulous* shows you how to have it all—haute fashion, food and décor—at bargain-basement prices.

You've seen him dish out lifestyle tips on ABC's *The Chew* and serve up fashion advice on TLC's *What Not to Wear*. Now Clinton Kelly—America's favorite expert on, well, everything—applies his brilliant sense of style and humor to all aspects of life, from dining and entertaining to decorating and etiquette. And he does it all *without* spending a fortune!

In this ingenious new collection of must haves, whatnots, and need-to-knows, Clinton Kelly proves that it doesn't take a lot of money to look like a million bucks. In fact, you can dress, entertain, and decorate in a way that makes everyone *think* you're filthy rich!

Clinton shows you how to:

LOOK YOUR BEST—FOR LESS

Put together beautiful designer looks at a fraction of the cost!

EAT LIKE A KING (OR QUEEN)

Stuffed Artichokes! Beef Bourguignon! Chocolate Soufflé!

LIVE IT UP & PARTY DOWN

Throw fabulous dinner parties that won't break the bank!

DIY YOUR HOME, CHIC HOME

Make your own "mercury glass" lamps, haute-couture napkins, high-end centerpieces, and MoMA-worthy artwork!

Packed with full-color photos, bargain-hunting tips, posh party ideas, easy-but impressive recipes, dazzling home projects, and everyday indulgences that don't cost a dime, Clinton's book is the perfect fit for any size bank account. Now that's *freakin' fabulous*!

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Kate says

This is a lifestyle book by a TV personality, and as someone who has only a very fleeting awareness of his TV presence, I can say that this book definitely has something to offer readers not familiar with the author. The book covers a lot of ground, containing recipes from a number of categories, entertaining tips, craft ideas, decorating advice, fashion counsel, and even some grammar! What keeps it cohesive is a pervading dedication towards helping readers put their best self forward, as well as a cheeky, irreverent voice that never takes things too seriously.

Sarah Hannah says

Man, do I love this guy. I had already read the original one of this, so this was less exciting and new than I would have wanted, but it's still great, because he's funny and excellent and right. I met him and he started with "I love your hair," and then I said "I love you how you hate people who use I-apostrophe-S because I do too," and then we talked about how Siri autocorrects grammatical mistakes into your writing sometimes and I called Siri a bitch and he laughed and basically we're best friends now.

Janet says

A super quick read thanks to lots of beautiful pictures. Not every book one reads has to be Tolstoy. I enjoyed the recipes and, for that reason alone, I will be purchasing this book. There is a surprising section on proper grammar. Like Clinton, I want my party invitations to be mailed. Evites greatly reduce my expectations about the event because if you cheat with this simple task to announce your party, I can only expect your soiree to include the ubiquitous bucket of chicken or a request for a pot-luck get together. Not fabulous.

Claire says

Four stars for Clinton's wonderful conversational tone, his love of grammar (yessss!), his amazing recipes, incredible (and tasteful) crafts, and wonderful wardrobe hints. This man knows how to make the most of life and encourages his readers to do the same.

Beka says

A good amount of recipes, crafts, and style advice.

Casey says

I watched the TV show that Clinton Kelly stars in just a few times (can't remember the name), but I really liked him, so when I saw this on the library shelf I grabbed it. The advice on being fabulous within a budget is very good and includes a few gems that apply even to me. I will feel less guilty about wearing some clothes more than once before washing. Clinton does! But the best thing about this book is the humor; it is genuinely funny, happy, clever, and full of common sense. Three stars because it's not Shakespeare, but I enjoyed it very much.

Lesley says

I can't say I read the entire book from cover to cover, but I did read most of it focusing on what interested me. Some of the recipes look very good and I think many people need to read his grammar tips, but other than that I didn't learn much. While he made a lot of good fashion suggestions, you had to flip to the back and read the fine print to find out where to buy anything and prices were not listed. In a book about budget items prices are important. I think it would have been better if he stuck to one thing (fashion, crafts, entertaining or food) and gave us more information on that specific thing.

Kate says

Love love love the recipes!

Ginny says

Funny writing and lots of pretty pictures, plus good advice here and there. What more can you ask for in a fashion book? And really, I'd expect no less from the fabulous Clinton Kelly.

Victoria Moore says

Ever since I started reading "Words Onscreen the Fate of Reading in a Digital World" by Naomi S. Baron I've been curious to see if I'd enjoy reading a book off of the computer or Kindle as much as the traditional hard copy version. While going through the Los Angeles Public Library's catalog to look for fashion books to list on my personal list on their website I came across Clinton Kelly's "Freakin' Fabulous on a Budget How to Dress, Entertain, and Decorate in the Style You So Richly Deserve," which was available for downloads, and library check-outs.

Finally after a little bit of computer drama I was able to access and read it on my computer. Witty, exuberant and surprisingly easy and enjoyable to read I spent two hours picking up a lot of great tips for living on a budget without looking like it. Enlivened with quotes so significant I couldn't help writing them down for future reference, tips, full-color photos and sage advice from a lifestyle expert I had a delightful time reading

this book.

One of my favorite sections was the Style section. It even featured Kelly's advice on how to replace the "five biggest fashion offenders: a hoodie sweatshirt, light-wash jeans, a shapeless t-shirt, a backpack and white cross-trainers with a cotton-canvas, leather or denim jacket or cardigan, polished dark jeans, a blouse with seams, darts and details, a tote or cross body bag and ankle boots or other non-athletic style shoes." By presenting style advice this way I feel he definitely made this book as accessible to the average reader as it would be to a stylist, interior decorator, chef or other industry professional, working in these fields. The fact that he consistently maintained his philosophy about living well on a budget throughout the book further impressed me and made my time reading it more pleasurable.

Kathleen Kirchner says

Hilarious and given that I bought it for \$4 on Amazon, worth it.

Melissa says

One of my favorite books ever. I checked it out from the library and now have to go buy it because I love it so much. Very original recipes, such as ADULT MILKSHAKES! Sounds fabulous. I love his dry humor, he is my type of guy in that regard. A LITTLE braggy but I can forgive that because I love Clinton. I am left wanting to invite him to my house for a dinner party so badly! My dream is to throw the tastiest dinner party ever! But whom to invite??! Clinton hit me up if in Chicago area! :)

Ann says

Love Clinton Kelly! His tips and tricks to be fabulous on a budget are spot on, easy to do, and well worth keeping in mind. I can see myself using his tips/tricks/hints from home decorating to clothing/fashion.

Patricia M. Baker says

Classic Clinton Kelly

Need I say more? Guess I do to submit. The bullies. Still Classic Clinton. Buy his other books too. Can't have too much Clinton Kelly.

Kayris says

Hmm...I don't know. I watched Clinton and Stacy a few times and they do make the people they make over look better, but sometimes I wonder if they live in the real world. They always put moms with babies in sundresses. Moms with babies need clothes that provide boob access and don't need to be dry cleaned. And I was never interested in playing on the floor while wearing a short skirt.

Anyway, this book was pretty much what I expected. The recipes look good but there are very few "cheap tips" scattered throughout the book. As much as this book is titled "on a budget" I felt like the money saving tips were thrown in as an afterthought.

One last thought. I do try to put some care into my appearance, but I also feel like way too many people assign meaning to appearance. You should not wear shorts to an interview or flip flops to a funeral. But perhaps that woman in the grocery store in pajama pants and sporting greasy hair isn't trying to say, "I care about my appearance." Maybe her look is saying, "I was up all night with a puking child and now I'm starting to feel badly too, so please move so I can buy my crackers and ginger ale and go home to bed." The lady with the hoodie and ugly white shoes might look unfortunate but it doesn't make her a bad person. Maybe everyone should stop being so judgmental and just mind their own business.
