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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not that great...By Feelah the tigressHonestly, I think I went into this book expecting something totally different. Im used to watching Flea Market Flip and Ive seen some beautiful transformations done on things online in various blogs, so I was expecting this book to be full of fixed up flea market projects. Thats not quite what I got, though, and so Im trying to judge this book on its own merits.This appears to be a collection of photos of various peoples homes that incorporate a lot of flea market items, with a few projects sprinkled in. Unfortunately, I didnt find it very inspiring because none of these homes seem realistic or practical to live in they all look like showrooms full of cluttered vignettes meant for magazines (or perhaps this very book!). Also, many of the projects are pretty fussy and impractical (I dont know who is going to waste time making garlands from fake flowers or making ice rings from fresh lilacs solely for the purpose of cooling a drink in a fancy fashion). Not to mention, for a

book on flea market finds, theres shockingly little mention of furniture, one of the items that can be real steals at flea markets. Overall, Im rather disappointed in this book. It didnt inspire me and it honestly was more fluff than substance. I guess it could be a decent coffee table book since its full of colorful pictures, but I cant recommend it for much more than that. If you want good info on sprucing up flea market items, Id keep looking. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Tad Boring. By SC Garden Gnome I had high hopes for this book but it's pretty much a basic rehash of other books in the same genre. There is not a lot of substance to it. Overall I found it disappointing. 11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Just so so... By R. Moretti The photography is nice and the items are featured in a pleasing manner. My complaint with Matthew's books are that they feature too many "people pictures". (His friends and associates) I buy them for the creative ideas and I feel there is space wasted on pictures of people. Just my two cents worth...

Lifestyle guru Matthew Mead hits flea markets, rummage sales, antique stores, and junk shops, adds a dash of magic, and creates hundreds of inventive yet simple (and affordable!) looks that anyone can replicate at home. From "shabby chic" decorating tips to clever crafts to ideas for re-purposing everything from jelly jars to handkerchiefs, Mead and his vintage style experts share their vision and know-how in lush, inspiring photos and hard-working how-tos. Every gorgeous page offers colorful, creative ideas for transforming bargain finds into fabulous decor. Flea market shoppers, bargain hunters, crafters, and anyone who appreciates great design will find plenty to love in *Flea Market Finds*.

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