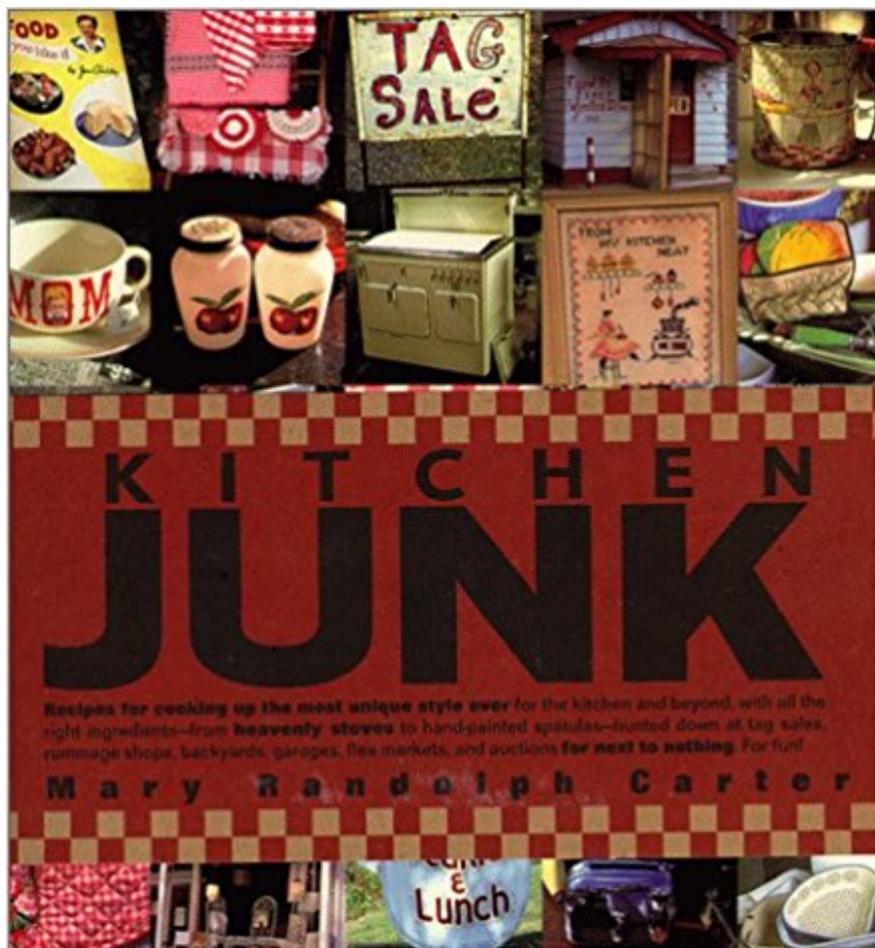


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Kitchen Junk (Word Tracks Studio)



Synopsis

America's triumphant Queen of Junk homes in on where the heart dwells--in the kitchen--with vintage treasures that add spice to life and cost next to nothing! In the effervescent yet practical style of her American Junk and Garden Junk, Mary Randolph Carter tracks down and rescues kitchen gems everywhere from thrift shops to tag sales to country auctions. Kitchens are often the source of our earliest memories--eating oatmeal before school, lingering over a cup of hot chocolate. If the kitchen is old, with appliances that challenge decorative instincts, or characterless and crying out for touches of nostalgia (old Tupperware is more and more in demand), the answers lie in Kitchen Junk. From the era of "good housekeeping" come bib aprons and blue feather dusters, wooden ironing boards and handcrafted scrub brushes. Dinette sets, gingham notepads and oilcloth picked up coast to coast for \$2 to 10 cents...vintage cookbooks and old milk bottles...a porcelain-enamel table top and sentimental kitchen samplers...midcentury calico roosters and white granite-ware pitchers a hundred years old but timeless...the stoves, toasters, and clocks of yesteryear all contribute to the author's signature arrangements and inspire readers to create their own. Before and after photographs, prices, and hints on junk hunting and haggling mingle with tips on cleaning old linens, avoiding rust on baking pans, and much more. With an extensive Junk Guide that lists flea markets and other "junking sites" countrywide, Kitchen Junk is the reference for thrifty, evocative, eclectic furnishing of the hub of the house.

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Customer Reviews

Mary Randolph Carter, author of American Junk, Garden Junk, and American Family Style (all Viking Studio), is the Vice President of Advertising at Polo/Ralph Lauren. Carter lives in New York City and Dutchess County, New York.

I love it, just as I have loved every one of this author's "junk" books! I don't necessarily decorate with this stuff, but I enjoy seeing it and reading about it. As with the others, the book is crammed with pictures of old and semi-old household things. Some of it is what I can remember my mom and grandmother having in their kitchens. Some of it is stuff I'd never seen before, but there's very little of that. I think I've just about seen it all in my lifetime. Carter uses her collectibles in unusual ways at times. She also leaves them in pretty much the same condition in which she finds them. This would drive a lot of people crazy, maybe even me. But wow, the nostalgia is heart warming. I go over her junk books often, I have all of them, and I get the same feeling of nostalgia every time. It's always fun to slide back in time and picture the old homes with these sometimes odd looking, and sometimes very familiar items. If you get an occasional hankering for thrift shop shopping, and your heart gets mushy at the sight of old fashioned household accoutrements, I think you'd probably love Mary Randolph Carter's books, too. She's got a book about any kind of downhome junk you can imagine.

Had this book before, but it got damaged in storage, so I ordered a new to me one :)

Was sent an older version I guess .book did not look like the one in photo.

As a collector of old but inexpensive kitchen glassware and dishes, I expected to find photos of and sources for locating such items here. But the title of this book is in fact an accurate representation of its contents. The items featured are TRULY junk-peeling, shabby and often garish in appearance. There is an honest charm about this and the look can be used to good, even great, effect, but as often as not the result is simply cluttered and unappealing. If you want your own kitchen to literally resemble a flea market, this book could be a great inspiration to you; otherwise you might want to pass, or at least investigate it more thoroughly before purchasing. I wish I'd bought \$30 worth of Swanky Swigs instead!

This book was for a friend for her Birthday, she loved it and could not tell it was a used book

Great one! Brought back many memories...

a hit with a friend, she loved it!

Love this series of books.

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