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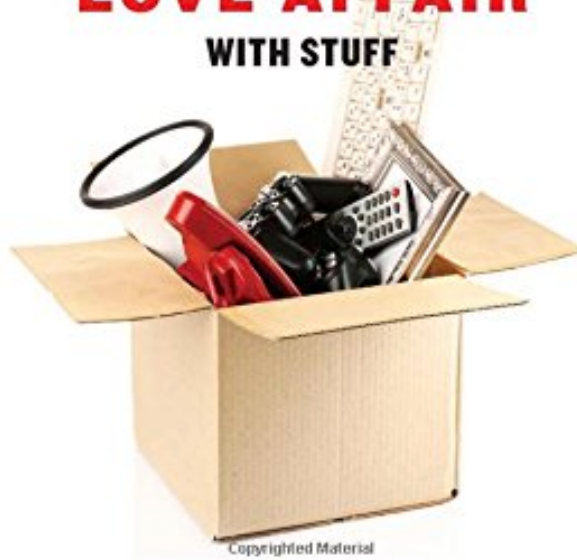
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**Alison Stewart : Junk: Digging Through America's Love Affair with Stuff** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Junk: Digging Through America's Love Affair with Stuff:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Terrific!By LakebuddyJust when you thought you'd read it all about hoarding and clutter clearing, out comes this great book. Alison brings a fresh perspective on the whole subject of stuff. We travel the country with her as she interviews an interesting variety of people involved in every aspect of Junk. I found the book fascinating and very uplifting.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The baby-boomer curse is collecting stuff-- the Great Generation taught usBy Patricia E. GrahamThe baby-boomer curse is

collecting stuff-- the Great Generation taught us! Perhaps seeing the mess and the struggle will enable younger generations not to get trapped. Shows like Antique Roadshow and American Pickers keep alive the dream that our stuff will be "worth something" someday to someone-- lots of books on to deal with this addiction; this book better than most, but don't count on a miracle cure. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. I enjoyed reading this book and found it motivating if you ...By karen g laneI enjoyed reading this book and found it motivating if you are planning to get rid of junk. Some of the interviews the author does get a bit long and boring. I just kind of started skimming those. All in all, liked the book.

Junk has become ubiquitous in America today. Who doesn't have a basement, attic, closet, or storage unit filled with stuff too good to throw away? Or, more accurately, stuff you think is too good to throw away. When journalist and author Alison Stewart was confronted with emptying her late parents' overloaded basement, a job that dragged on for months, it got her thinking: How did it come to this? Why do smart, successful people hold on to old Christmas bows, chipped knick-knacks, VHS tapes, and books they would likely never reread? She discovered she was not alone. Junk details Stewart's three-year investigation into America's stuff, lots and lots and lots of stuff. Stewart rides along with junk removal teams from around the country such as Trash Daddy, Annie Haul, and Junk Vets. She goes backstage to a taping of Antiques Roadshow, and learns what makes for compelling junk-based television with the executive producer of Pawn Stars. And she even investigates the growing problem of space junk—23,000 pieces of manmade debris orbiting the planet at 17,500 mph, threatening both satellites and human space exploration. But it's not all dire. There are creative solutions to America's overburdened consumer culture. Stewart visits with Deron Beal, founder of FreeCycle, an online community of people who would rather give away than throw away their no-longer-needed possessions. She spends a day at a Repair Caf , where volunteer tinkerers bring new life to broken appliances, toys, and just about anything. Stewart also explores communities of tiny houses without attics and basements in which to stash the owners' trash. Junk is a delightful journey through 250-mile-long yard sales, and packrat dens, both human and rodent, that for most readers will look surprisingly familiar.

Finally, a book that explains my lava lamp, boxes of cassette tapes, and three pairs of clogs. Thank you, Alison Stewart! This book is overdue, and I promise not to put it on one of my piles. Hoda Kotb, cohost of the Today Show