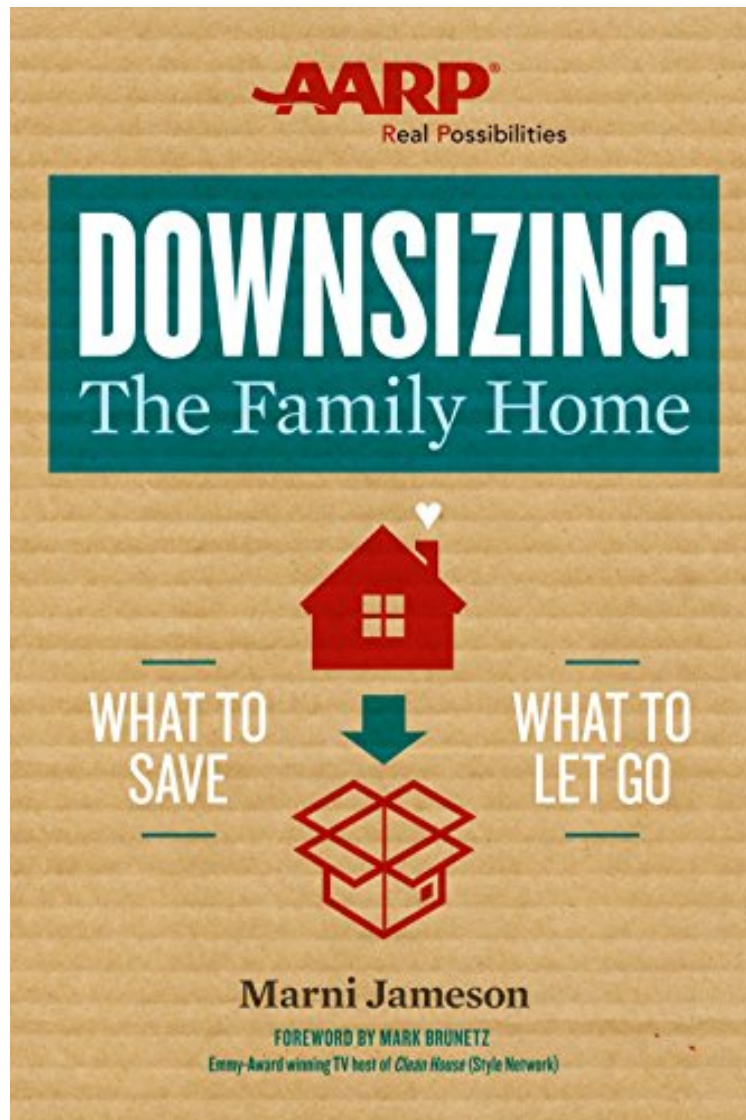


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**Marni Jameson : Downsizing The Family Home: What to Save, What to Let Go** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Downsizing The Family Home: What to Save, What to Let Go:

179 of 182 people found the following review helpful. Fun to read and oh so very helpful at many levelsBy B. RogersGosh, could I really be the one fortunate enough to be the first reviewer? I've read Marni's columns in The Denver Post for years and have laughed and ached with her along the way as she elegantly handled major life change after major life change. Last night I watched a retrospective about Erma Bombeck on PBS and realized that both these

women, Erma and Marni, have amused, inspired and informed me with their sly, humorous wisdom. This book will help people. And it will entertain while doing so. I say this as the veteran of several grueling downsizings and clean outs for parents and in-laws. That was some of the hardest (physically) and most wrenching (emotionally and financially) work of my 71 years. I needed but could not at that time find the emotional support and clarity this little book offers. Further, I'm now clear in my determination not to saddle our own children with a house packed to the gills with our "treasures." Yes, Marni, I get it and a big thank you for giving me new courage and tools to tackle this challenge. 103 of 105 people found the following review helpful. This is GREAT!!! By tagalong This is GREAT! Marni, in addition to very thorough guidelines for downsizing, includes recognizing that this may be a very emotional process. I am one who remembers where, when how we brought items to our home; who has at least 30 Mother's Day, birthday cards, etc. (I know, I just went through them last week pitched a few). I have seen books a PBS decluttering show that rather insensitively toss objects that held sentimental value. Not this book! I needed this understanding hand holding. We are older baby boomers, trying to downsize. We, like many of our peers recognize our children really would rather not have most of our stuff. Yet, they are our memories!! This book is PERFECT for me. I have begun walking around our house with a fresh eye on minimizing all the things we have, yet with a heavy heart. And Marni, in her writing style assures me I am not alone. Very refreshing. 123 of 132 people found the following review helpful. An absolute must read. By CMKI had been waiting for this book and following Marni's columns. I promise this is a book you can't put down, so my husband noticed. We are in our 80's and having been through dismantling our parents homes when they passed, we did not want this to happen to our children. My husband and I both have boxes that came home with us from our parents lives that we need to open and take a long hard look at what was their stories and what is ours. This book helped me to change my mind about our 63 year collection, which is our stories and not necessarily theirs. I finished the book, handed it to my husband and said, "it's now your turn". We are NOW in the process of seriously downsizing. My husband and I are now on the "same page" and our children know what we are doing and are supportive. Please, if you have too much stuff read this book to help you understand how to be free from all the trappings. No matter what your age it's a must read. Thank you Marni for setting it straight for us that didn't know where to start.

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