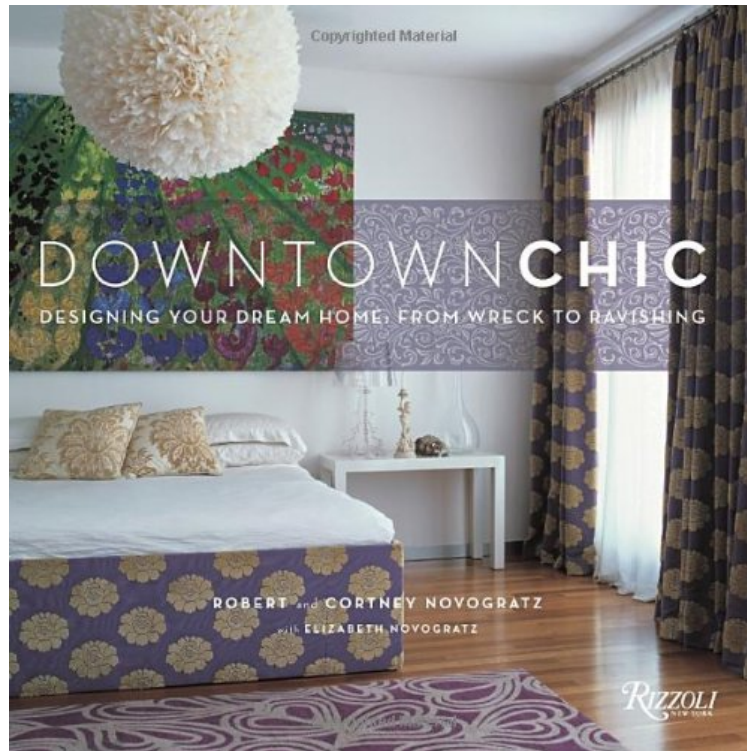


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**Robert Novogratz, Cortney Novogratz : Downtown Chic: Designing Your Dream Home: From Wreck to Ravishing** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Downtown Chic: Designing Your Dream Home: From Wreck to Ravishing:

51 of 53 people found the following review helpful. Love Downtown Chic! By Susan Lake have spent every minute poring over my copy of DOWNTOWN CHIC since I got it, which chronicles the design evolution of Robert and Cortney Novogratz of NYC, and their seven (!) kids. It is a combination of cool ideas that work for anybody who wants to upgrade or change their living environment, and a great aspirational story from people who seem to be able to have it all. Darn them! Personally, the book really spoke to me when it constantly urges the reader out of their safety zone when it comes to home decoration. Try a bright color of paint, dare to have mismatched chairs, mix cheap pieces with your fancy stuff. And don't settle for something boring and predictable just because you are parents! Or have a heart attack if there is a scuff or a stain. There are plenty of helpful hints, like how to get rid of clutter, and while I don't really have the time or the budget to travel the world looking for design objets, finding flea market treasures is an activity I can do close to home and on any budget. Robert and Cortney have written a fun and funny book chock full of ideas of how to have the home of your dreams, with or without lots of cash. Their ideas are easily translatable to

anybody to go boldly into home improvement, letting us know where it is fine to cut corners and where it isn't. I love this book and not at all ashamed to admit I needed a kick in the butt to get my unrealized dreams about my own living space to a place where I now feel I can actually make it happen. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Hot and Cool By The Enlightened One The name of the book, and the style that the Novogratz's are advancing is NOT downtown chic. For example, this book features two homes in the country: one in the Hamptons and one in Brazil. No, their style is something else. It's a new mix of eclecticism and functionality. It's kid friendly, outrageous and full of humor. Mix this with some real style twists and you have Hot N Cool. What's currently artistically Hot and a way of decorating with it that is undeniably Cool. Really, it's NOT chic, per se, it's just way cool. There are some really fabulous ideas for families: like building a setting for a trampoline IN the ground. It's at ground level so kids can run and jump right on it, and if they bounce too high, well, they hit the ground sooner than the trampolines that are about three feet up in the air. This is such an obvious construction it's brilliant. And the domed chain-linked rooftop basketball court! I mean, why wasn't this done earlier? It's so beautiful and functional! Fab! It is this sort of elegant problem solving that makes their style so innovative. Now, they are not perfect, for example, in the show on Bravo, they have located their laundry room on the fifth story of their five story house. What a schlep! Especially for a mom with SEVEN kids! I'm surprised they did not incorporate stackable washer/dryers in a couple of the bedrooms or baths. This would have been helpful, but for some reason they did not realistically address this in their current "Bravo" house. Still, the most outstanding feature of this book is the way this dynamic duo celebrates rambunctious kids with the kid art and the kids using spaces to show decor should be family friendly. Kids, in short, are incorporated into the decorating ideas and functions. What also is amazing is the absence of clutter, (or maybe they just manage it well). The rooms and spaces are always airy, not overwrought. They succeed in being spacious but not sterile. The Novogratz's have made a real contribution to millenium decorating. It is a new way to look at both art and functionality sans a materialist acquisitiveness or an in your face conspicuous consumption. After all, when they finish a house they are on to the next! They don't hold tight to their stuff; they are willing to part with it and seem to say, "this is who we were at this time, we may be someone else tomorrow...". Life and decorating are about the process. It's the journey. As such, there is nothing staid or so formal that you don't feel the fluidity of time or energy in a space. The family is always consummately in command of the space, not the other way around. This "weightless" quality to their lives and decorating is one that is cutting edge and fitting for our time. In the end, the Novogratz style teaches us to just take risks, throw "rules" to the wind, be kids and imagine crazy outlandish things you REALLY want to do, like playing basketball inside your house, or having a real scoreboard in your room! And most of all: just have fun - houses and homes are to be enjoyed and celebrated. This book, complete with the iconic photo of Madonna's head on a pillow with a cigarette in her mouth, which they have suggestively hung over a bed, is evocative of a romp in the hay with no commitments. Except to some real taste and style. Take the journey and examine this book. Have a romp with no remorse. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Divinely Inspired Design! By Linda Lauren There is light at the end of the floor plan when it comes to Sixx Design's very intuitive Robert and Cortney Novogratz! Their book, "Downtown Chic" shares some great and helpful hints, while at the same time impressing us with the end result of the skilled efforts of Robert and Cortney's work. The photographs are beautiful and the inclusion of cherub angels in decor, were exceptionally moving. In reading this book, I discovered that their vision is a family one, and this book feels like it is just the beginning--the first chapter in a long story that will grow as their family grows. My only regret is that my copy isn't signed...but I eagerly wait for more from this dynamic duo!

Robert and Cortney Novogratz, stars of the hit Bravo series 9 BY DESIGN, have been renovating and designing unique and hip homes for families for over ten years. Describing their signature style as a sophisticated but bohemian mix of high and low, new and old, they offer their realistic advice on how to create original, warm interiors with ease. One part practical guide, one part inspirational volume on creating a look for the home, the book pairs humorous anecdotes about the pitfalls and pleasures of renovation with a treasure trove of decorating tips: how to use both boutique and flea-market finds; how to inject lots of personality into a room affordably; how to decorate kids rooms so they appeal to children and adults; how to easily rehabilitate outdated furnishings; and many more. In each of the ten projects featured which include a townhouse in New York City, a country house in Massachusetts, and a beach house in Brazil before and after shots document the agony and ecstasy of any renovation project, as well as revealing the design duos vision and remarkable ability to see through the most awful of spaces to the amazing home that lies within.

Hottest new home decor book! ~New York Daily News fresh, new design and decorating book by Robert and Cortney Novogratz. For this design duo, details make the design, and there are surprises everywhere, which to my mind give the houses a thoughtful and lived-in appeal. ~Debbie Travis, syndicated house and home columnist There is an unmistakable playfulness to the [house] Robert and Cortney share with their [seven kids]. We dare you to look without saying wow. ~O Home Magazine You might live in a box, but that doesn't mean you can't think outside of it. With tips on decor from Sixx Designs Robert and Cortney Novogratz, you'll be living large in no time. ~DailyCandy.com No matter what people think of the homes featured in Downtown Chic, few would dispute the uniqueness of their

interiors. ~Houston Chronicle Want to steal ideas from Robert and Cortneys arsenal of [home decorating] tricks? Check out their book Downtown Chic. ~Family Circle About the Author Robert and Cortney Novogratz, native Southerners, came to New York City more than ten years ago and soon after founded Sixx Design. Featured in scores of American and European shelter magazines, their work includes residential and commercial projects throughout the world. They are currently stars of the hit Bravo TV series, 9 BY DESIGN.