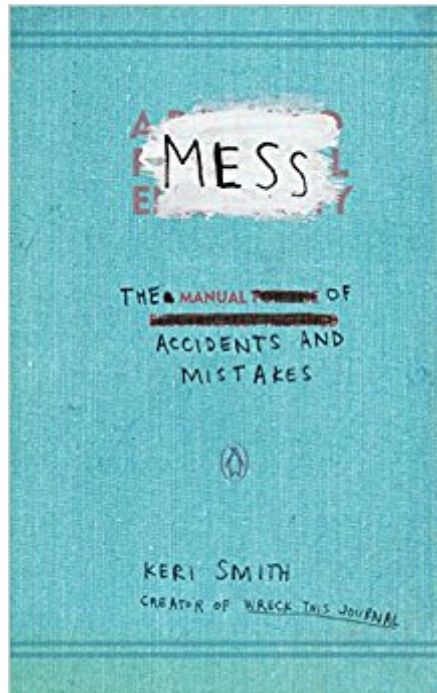




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Mess: The Manual Of Accidents And Mistakes



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Keri Smith is a bestselling author, illustrator, and thinker. Her books include Wreck This Journal, The Wander Society, This is Not a Book, How to Be an Explorer of the World, Mess, Finish This Book, The Pocket Scavenger, Wreck This Journal Everywhere, Everything Is Connected, and The Imaginary World of... as well as Wreck This App, This is Not an App, and the Pocket Scavenger app. She enjoys spending time with her husband, experimental musician Jefferson Pitcher, and two children.

I purchased this for my sister as a birthday gift. I love the fact that each page explores your creative juices differently. Each "activity" can build so much content that you probably would have never thought of. I purchased the "Mess" book because she is a flight attendant and travels a lot. Majority of the page prompts have you put something on the page, for example, if she were at the beach one of the pages would tell you to put water droppings on it, or smear something. Another fun way to remember your memories. I want one of these books for myself now.

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just got it today, and i already know how much fun awaits me.

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