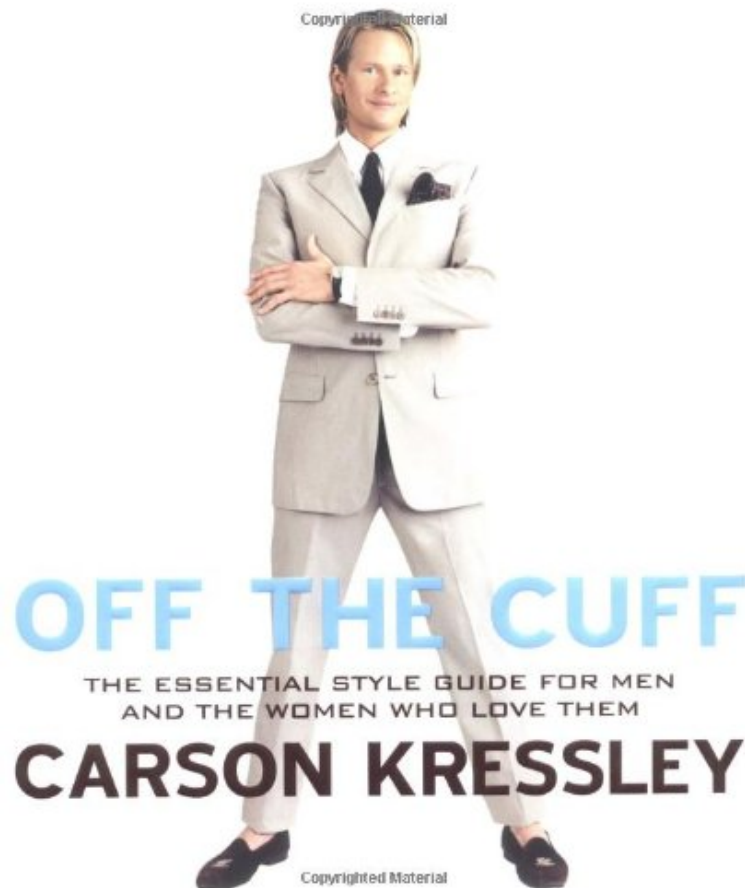


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Carson Kressley : Off the Cuff: The Essential Style Guide for Men--And the Women Who Love Them before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Off the Cuff: The Essential Style Guide for Men--And the Women Who Love Them:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Well DoneBy BILLI appreciate this book for its modern approach to men's fashion. Instead of discussing anachronisms such as white tie or unworn oddities like cravats or silk dressing gowns, Carson discusses the way modern men dress and ways to improve. This isn't a treatise on classic English dress like so many others. Especially valuable are the "Don't" lists. Fortunately, i found myself in violation of only a few of these. (cell phone on the belt/backpack for travel)Of course there were some over the top suggestions such as velvet slippers or denim jackets under blazers, but overall he surprised me with the overall conservative nature of his recommendations. His clothing photo spreads obviously need to be looked for their ability to generate ideas for your own style. No regular guy could pull off these looks precisely as presented, but they are valuable for their color

combinations and pairings of various articles of clothing. Carson uses a considerable bit of humor, which I found successful and enjoyable. It gave the feeling that I was having a fun conversation with him at a party. This is a book you can go back to again for inspiration. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Strong opinions By Greeny Carson Kressley is well-suited to give advice on men's clothing even if he has strong opinions. He tells the story of going to the military recruiter and then following up by going with Saks Fifth Avenue instead. His explanations for style recommendations made most of his ideas seem intuitive. This was what I wanted out of the book and got it. Some of Kressley's humor was great and sometimes it was redundant. He definitely gets a kick out of cluing in those with less couth. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. For the not so fashionable guy By Felix I bought this book for some fashion tips and it doesn't disappoint. He shares a lot of good fashion tips and tells what you must have in your closet. I never knew there were different kinds of shoes before. I gave it a four star because it doesn't have enough pictures. It has a lot of illustrations but it doesn't have pictures of how all these clothes shoes fit together. It would have been a very good addition to have real pictures worn by normal men of the different styles so that we can actually look at it instead of imagining how it would look like.

Carson Kressley is the most recognizable name in mens fashion today. With a legion of fans who hang on his every tip and quip, Kressley has single-handedly made it cool for the average guy to care about clothes. In *Off the Cuff*, Carson makes over the tired mens style guide with an edgy, hilarious romp through every mans closet: from socks to scarves, from jeans to leather jackets, from the dreaded pleated khaki to the classic pink oxford. Trading trends for timeless style, *Off the Cuff* helps readers abandon the chase for "the newest black" or tomorrows version of the mandarin collar. Kressley delivers a guide that mines each mans unique personality and physique and lets readers in on his best-kept secret that the only thing sure to stay in fashion is the man who wears whats right for him. Vibrantly illustrated with full-color photographs, and written with Carsons signature wit and irreverence, *Off the Cuff* is poised to deliver what *Queer Eye* fans have always wanted: Carson in their closet.

From Publishers Weekly Kressley, the stylist from Bravo's *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*, lays down fashion rules for men in this thorough and thoroughly entertaining style guide. He sets the tone in his genuine, lively introduction, as he discusses growing up gay in Allentown, Pa. "I'm here, I'm queer, and I can help you," he says, continuing, "I was going to rescue abused teacup yorkies, but then I realized there weren't any, so straight men it is!" Telling readers to consider him their "very own fashion fairy godstylist," Kressley covers the wardrobe, from hats to shoes and from overcoat to underwear. He clearly explains his fashion logic and firmly asserts his hobbyhorse irks ("I'm on a mission to eradicate pleated pants in America... [They] give more room for ugly lumps and bulges, and there's only one bulge we want to see"). Kressley's irreverent though encouraging personality translates nicely to the page (although his "people" refrains in "step away from the flannel, people" wears a bit thin), and is a welcome reprieve from many of the stuffy men's fashion guides in bookstores. Topping his list on what a good pair of jeans can do for you? "They should get you laid. Oh, come on. Stop pretending to be shocked." Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author A standout member of the Fab Five on the hit television series *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*, Carson Kressley is also a fashion expert for *Us* magazine and an independent stylist. He received his first couture garment as a child and began developing his fashion sense on the playground. Since those auspicious beginnings, he has earned degrees in Finance and Fine Art from Gettysburg College (where he graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa), and is also a nationally ranked equestrian. From AudioFile Carson Kressley relishes the role of every straight man's "fairy god-stylist" in this irreverent but dead-on guide to men's fashion. His tone is equal parts catty, quirky, understanding, and supportive. He projects an underlying friendliness that makes the book both entertaining and helpful in navigating the world of men's clothing. Covering everything from hats to shoes, underwear to overcoats, Kressley outlines what to pursue and what to abandon, with tips for every wallet size and waistline. He reads his catchy writing as though bantering through your closet, and his wit leaves you wondering what he'll come up with next. If you need help getting dressed in the morning and want a good laugh while doing so, let Carson show you the way in this flamboyant package. H.L.S. 2005 Audie Award Finalist AudioFile 2005, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine