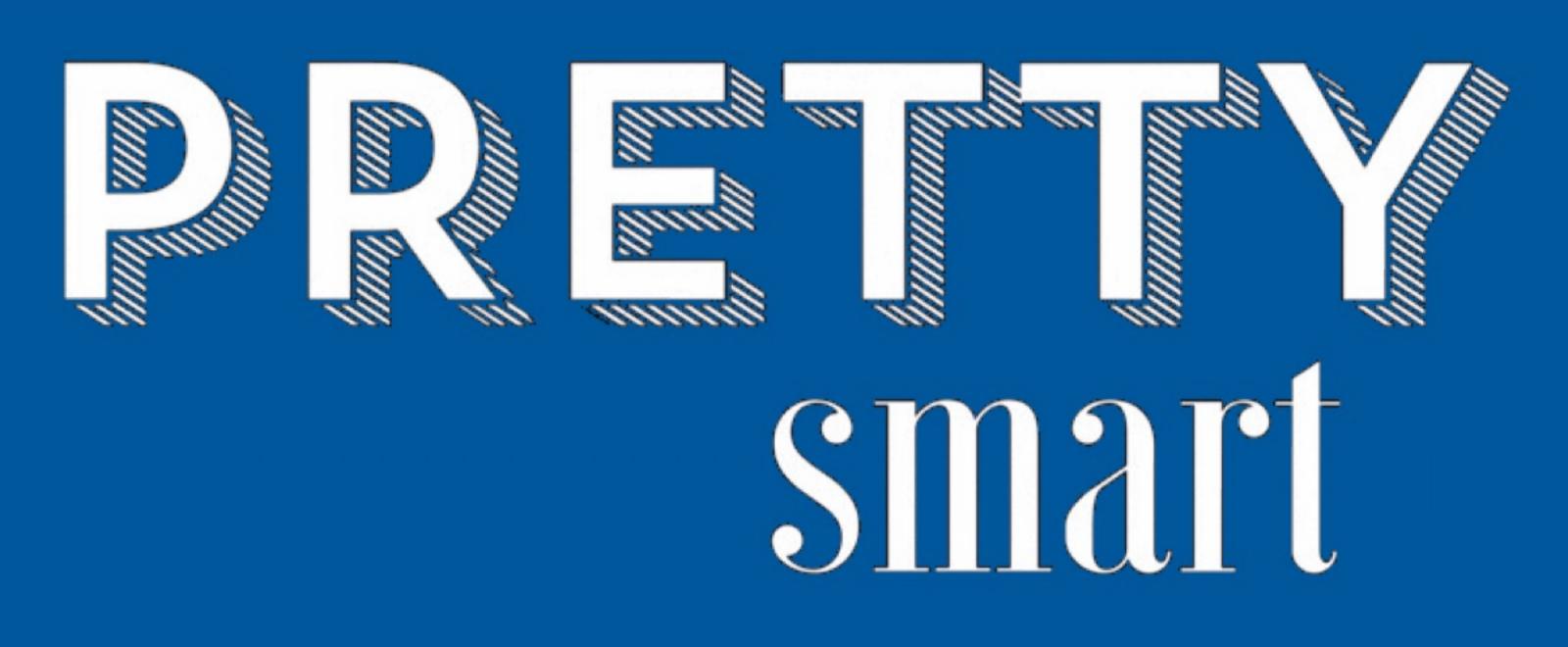


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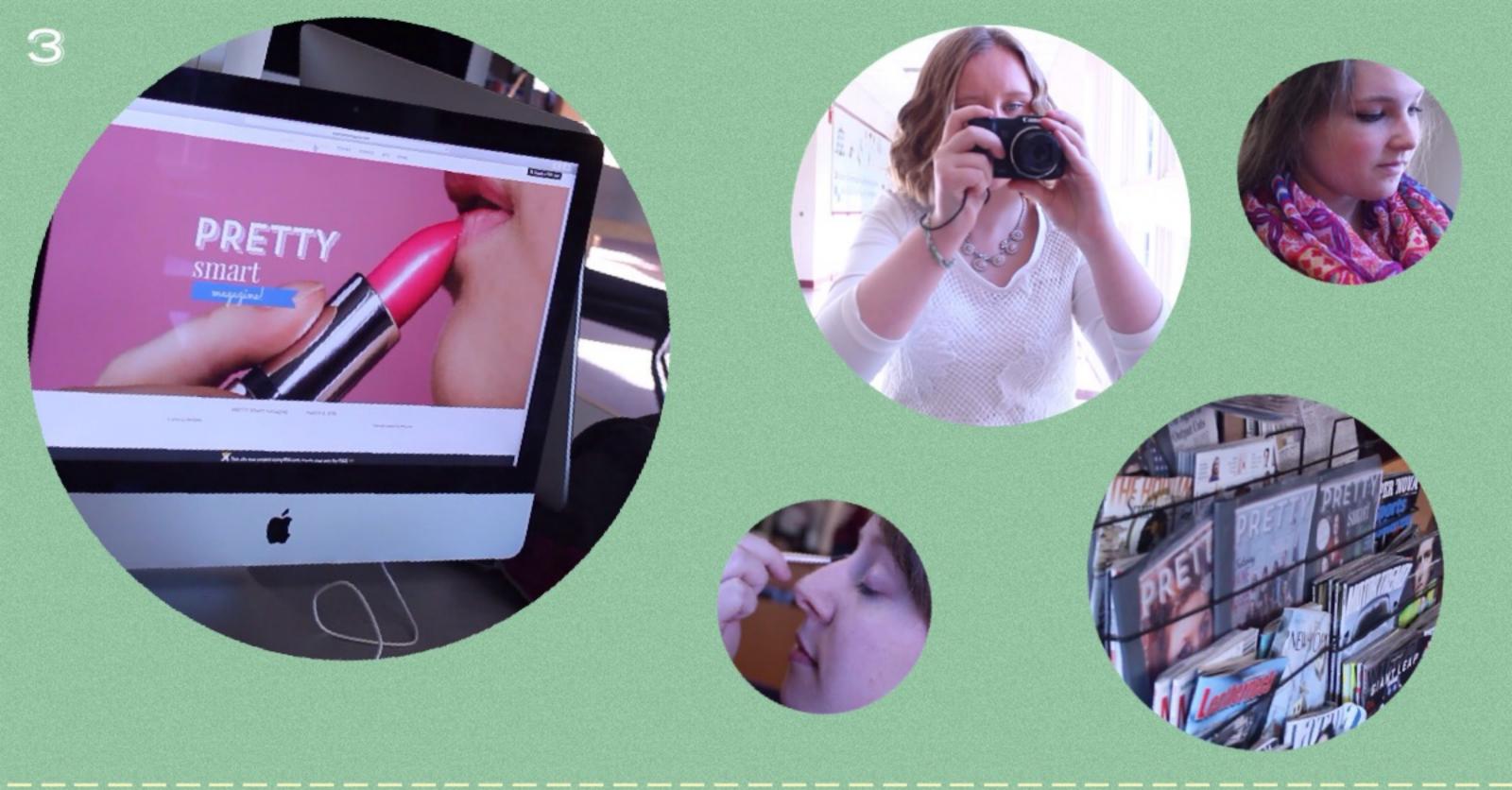


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Letter from the editor



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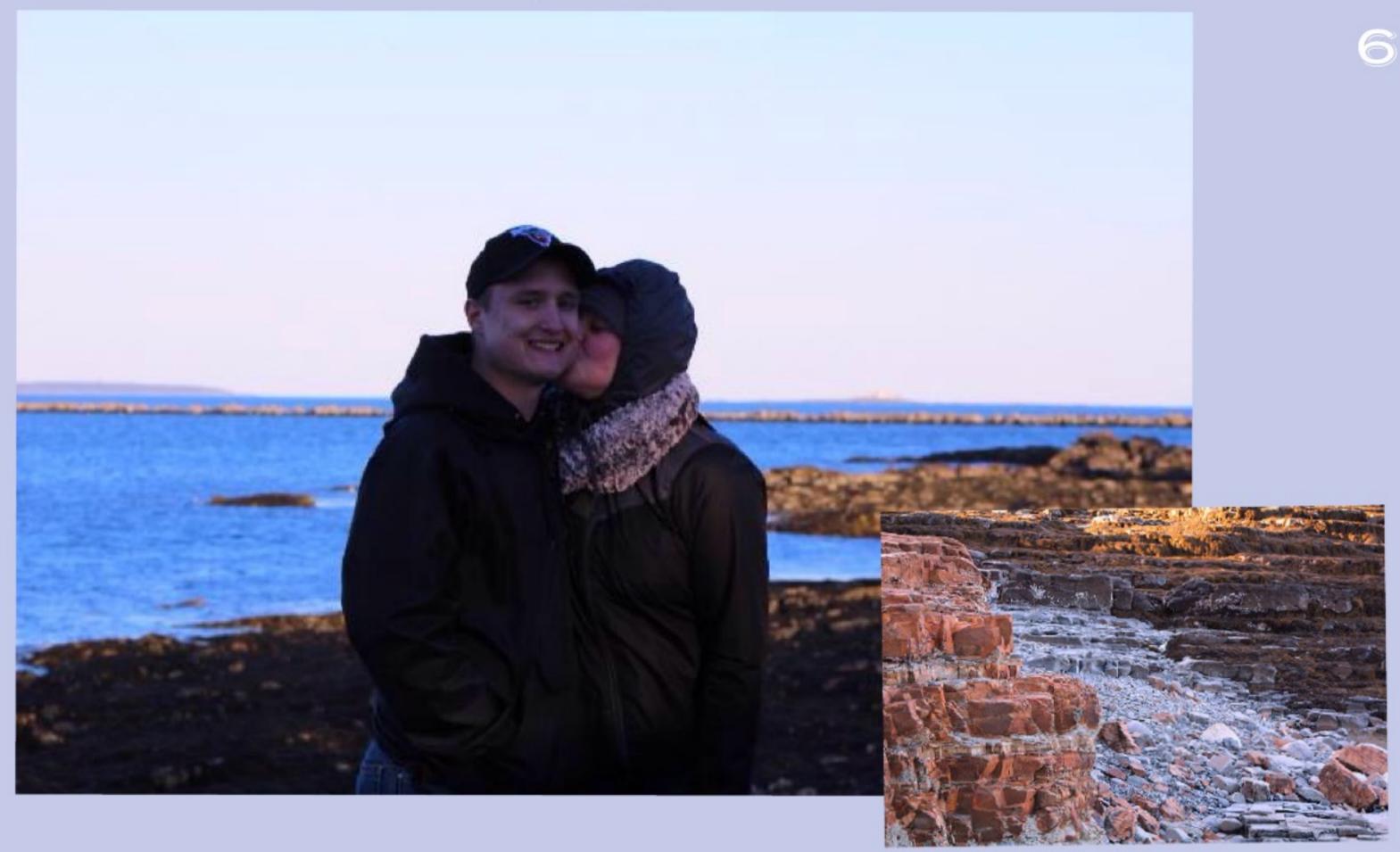
I don't think I've ever felt more supported in my life. This month has been crazy incredible, and I'm so stoked to see where the future takes me. I've finished making my prom dress, created a Pretty Smart website (thank you Mrs. Ferry), applied for the Horizon scholarship, applied for Kode with Klossy, and also planned a fundraising event for Pretty Smart. I've also been approached by many clubs and committees at school to create posters and tickets for them. Every month seems to get busier.

My Facebook page now has 591 views. That's half of a thousand views. That feat is incredible, and the credit goes to you, my readers. Your continuous support and kind words inspire me and encourages me to do more and more. I feel empowered, and I hope you do as well. If there's anything this magazine has taught me, it's that anything is possible. This has given me incredible chances, and I thank God every day for this. God is good, and my readers are proof of this.

Thank you and I love you,



Brittany Adkins—lover of Jesus, nature and photography—gives us a peek at BA Photography. The creator of the website tells us enchanting stories on special moments that she has captured.



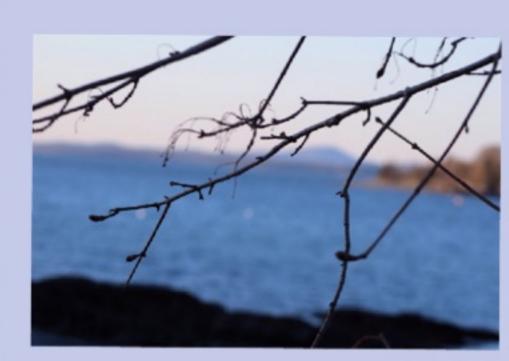












I started this photography page because I've always been interested in photography, and the art behind it. I began taking pictures more and more throughout this past year, and finally invested in a camera to improve the overall quality of my photos. I plan on attending Southern Maine Community College for Communications and New Media to focus on photography. I have my first wedding booked for photography, and a senior session. I hope to get many more appointments so message me on Facebook if you want some pictures taken! I'm also completely open for random photography sessions for free just for fun! Just to improve my skills! Check out my Facebook page, website, and Instagram!

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7 GET TO KNOW...



How do you spend your free time?: I SPEND MY FREE TIME WALKING MY DOGS OR

PLAYING WITH THEM, BECAUSE I LOVE THEM.

Why do you love to cheer?: CHEERING IS MY LIFE. IT GIVES ME CONFIDENCE. THE RUSH OF PERFORMING FOR A CROWD IS AN AMAZING FEELING. IT GIVES ME PRIDE, AND TAKES MY MIND OFF OF THINGS WHEN NEEDED.

Advice for anyone interested in cheering?: MY ADVICE FOR SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO CHEER IS TO JUST BE CONFIDENT AND TRY YOUR HARDEST, YOU CAN LITERALLY DO ANYTHING IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT.

Favorite color: PINK

Favorite emoji: 😈



Favorite form of social media: SNAPCHAT.

> Who do you want to meet?: BEYONCÉ. DUH.

What's your makeup routine?: LITERALLY EVERYTHING. I LOVE MAKEUP.

What do you want to do when you get out of school?: TRAVEL A BIT AND LEARN SOME NEAT STUFF.







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Recycle, recycle! Pick up your empty water bottles, used paper, and air-filled soda cans, and throw them into a recycling bin!

Double side your paper when printing if possible! It saves trees, which is very important, because their existence is the reason we're all able to breathe.

Buy a reusable water bottle. It stops you from buying so many plastic water bottles, which reduces the pileup of plastic in landfills.



Shut off the water when you brush your teeth. It conserves water, and teaches you to stop wasting it.

Plant flowers and trees! Nature is beautiful, and is full of life. With so many cities, and trees being chopped down globally, growing some plants is a healthy and important thing to do.

Bonus: if you ever go to the beach, pick up sea glass along the sand. It cleans the beautiful beaches.











HANNAH VAINIO BEAMS at me when I walk to

her in the hallway,

camera and makeup bag in tow. Her eyes shine, and she picks up the athletic bag filled with her beautiful clothes. Her bright, shining, and beaming

smile radiates positivity and happiness, and I'm instantly comfortable with her. Conversation with her is easy—fun, actually. I find myself laughing at every small subject we talk about. She's amazing.

Hannah Vainio is one of those people who have the rare talent of calming down others around them. Her face is always calm and collected, and it reflects onto other people. It's amazing to watch how graceful and kind she IS.

When the camera clicks, though, she's another person entirely. She's fierce, confident, and undeniable gorgeous. She knows where to place every slim limb of hers for photogenic genius. Hannah is incredible.

After having her share the same advisory as me for three years, I've gotten to know her pretty well, but I really got to know her over our shoot.

What do I know about Hannah Vainio? Hannah Vainio is the kind of person everyone should aspire to be.





HOW DO YOU BALANCE WORK AND SCHOOL SO WELL?

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Managing these two can definitely can be difficult, but I try to always maintain organization and know my priorities! Its easy to get swallowed with schoolwork, and then have to work till 10 on a school night, but using the time in between school and work is what helps the most. It's also helpful when your job works well around your schedule!

WHAT ARE YOU A PART OF AT SCHOOL?

At school I'm apart of Key Club, NHS, The Writing Center, The Stress Buddy System, football cheering, competition cheer and tennis! It feels good to be involved in different ways through the school.

FAVORITE CLASS? WHY?

Latin is my favorite subject, because learning a different language has taught me many things. Mr. Hartell's stories about life are the best!

FUTURE ASPIRATIONS?

My future aspiration as a job is to market large businesses, but for life in general I would like to be happy and experience life changing things.

FAVORITE FORM OF SOCIAL MEDIA?

Favorite social media is Instagram for sure.

FAVORITE SPRING TREND?

In spring I love to wear my Birkenstock sandals, and while it's still cold, I like to pair different socks with them. R I'm trying to make socks with sandals fashionable again...

Q & A

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL TO?

I would love to travel to Finland! A lot of my family is from there, so it would be cool to experience the culture.

WHO'S YOUR INSPIRATION IN STYLE AND IN LIFE?

Khloe Kardashian would be my style and life inspiration, because I love her outlook on how she perceives situations—and she can rock anything.

DO YOU HAVE ANY COOL SECRET TALENTS?

It's not exactly a talent, but I can raise just my right eyebrow which is pretty cool.

HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE YOUR STYLE?

I would define my style as mixed, because I see so many diverse styles at school, and that allows me to have an open mind with what I wear, so I don't specifically lean toward one category.

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO GET A NOSE PIERCING?

I am the one who can never decide on anything. I will buy a shirt, then return it, because I will regret spending my money. I have never dyed my hair, because I'm afraid I won't enjoy the outcome. At the time I was trying to change my thoughts on situations and realized I wanted to do something that wasn't what would normally do. I knew I couldn't return a nose piercing once I got it done, so I did it in the spur of the moment, and have not regretted my decision once. It's a part of me that seems symbolic, and it has allowed me to express myself. I love it.

HAVE YOU STRUGGLED WITH ANYTHING IN SCHOOL? ANY ADVICE ON HOW TO PULL THROUGH IT?

I have struggled with thinking I was alone on lots of things and I have felt depressed. I want people to know it's okay to talk about this topic openly, because I feel as though it's something that can get looked past. I got through this by allowing myself to come to terms with certain situations, and I believe accepting is not a natural thing we do, but it can help you tear away from parts of your life that don't belong there anymore.



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KODE WITH KLOSSY CAMP

WHAT IS KODE WITH KLOSY?:

Kode with Klossy is a two week coding camp in NYC with Karlie Kloss (Victoria's Secret Model and NYU student). I've entered an application to receive the scholarship, and I will hear back on my acceptance on May 20. Only 80 people in the country make it in, so I am keeping my fingers crossed.

WHAT WILL BE AT THE FUNDRAISER?



BEAUTY
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BASKET RAFFLES

-STOP-PHOTOSISP

Why the use of Photoshop can kill your self esteem, self worth, and positive mindset.









Photoshop was originally created to help people edit photos with ease, so they could turn their snapshots into masterpieces. It was an artistic tool to create visual magic, and it's still used to do these things, but it's mostly used to edit out flaws on people.

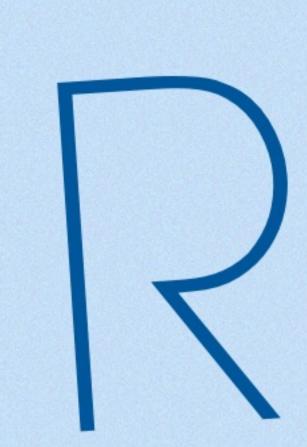
Instagram accounts are filled with perfectly touched up selfies. Acne is blurred out, fat is erased, and chests are expanded. The ideal vision of a woman or man is perfection, and this impossible standard has girls and boys all over the world trying to desperately achieve this physical beauty. It's damaging. In life, you can't use tools to contour your body, use erasers to slim your arms, or swipe on filters to get the perfect tan. These goals teach young kids that only their bodies are valued. It teaches them that crooked teeth are hated, chubby stomachs are looked at in disgust, and stretch marks are a prime example of ugliness. It teaches them that they have nothing to offer but their bodies.

So let's teach everyone around us that they're beautiful. Every small quirk is appreciated, and flaws should be celebrated. These things make us unique, and keep the world a more beautiful, interesting, and engaging place. Let's have #selflovesaturdays and #photostopfriday. Let's start to teach our society that beauty has millions of definitions, and we get to create those ourselves.

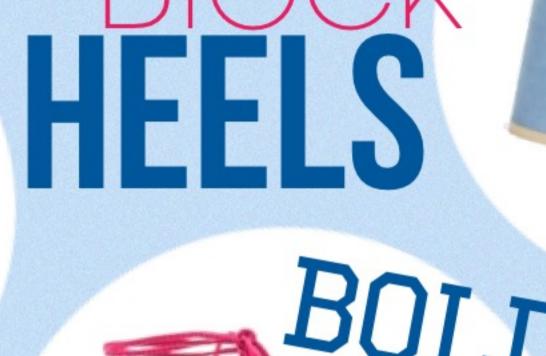




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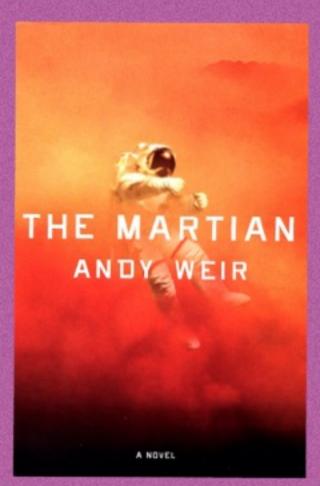
MOVIE



Snowpiercer takes place in a dystopian microcosm on board a self-containing passenger train that holds the last humans on the planet. As a result of a radical effort to stop global warming, the world froze over and only those on board the train managed to survive. Those in the back of the train, who were stowaways or economy-class passengers, live in complete squalor while the people at the front of the train live lives of luxury.

Chris Evans plays Curtis, a man in the back of the train who leads a rebellion against his oppressors at the front of the train in the hopes of gaining equality. The movie is phenomenal, with fantastic cinematography and an very unique concept, though some elements can be related to other famous dystopian pieces such as Brave New World. All in all, I found it to be one of the best Sci-Fi movies I've ever

BOOK



The Martian, written by Andy Weir, was recently made into a movie starring Matt Damon and received many awards and positive reviews. The book has received some international awards, but not nearly as many as I think it should have. Overall, the book is not necessarily full of plot-twists like last month's book recommendation, but it is incredibly entertaining. One thing that is particularly notable about the book is that it is entirely scientifically accurate, making it particularly popular among chemistry and astronomy enthusiasts. However, you don't have to be interested in science to enjoy this book. It's funny, full of dry and straightforward humor that is read exactly the way it should sound out loud because Weir's writing voice is absolutely one-of-a-kind.

SONGS



- 1). ARABELLA ARCTIC MONKEYS
- 2). BUDDY HOLLY WEEZER
- 3). TUBTHUMPING CHUMBAWAMBA
- 4). AVE CESARIA STROMAE
- 5). ALWAYS ALRIGHT ALABAMA SHAKE

STATION

CUTE WAYS
TO DECLUTTER
YOUR SPACE
SO YOUR
MIND STOPS
FREAKING
OUT!

PENCIL HOLDER:

Take a mason jar, paint it with your choice of color, and voila! You've got a super chic pencil holder for cheap.



ERASE-ABLE SCHEDULE:

Buy a small whiteboard, some cute tape, and white board markers to make this adorable schedule. The best part? You get to keep using it over & over!

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MAGAZINE/BOOK HOLDER:

Cut out a cereal box, cover it with your choice of duct tape, and you've got the most stylish desk object ever.





JEWELRY STAND:

Hot glue a ceramic or plastic plate to a candlestick holder, let it sit for a while, then put it on your bathroom counter to marvel at your beautiful masterpiece.

SUPPLIES BOX:

Grab about ten empty toilet paper rolls, a shoe box, and all your scattered supplies. Insert the tubes in the box to fit, then put the supplies into the rolls as you please.

Now you've got a great organization station!



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& EVERYONE HELPING ME OUT WITH THE FUNDRAISER!