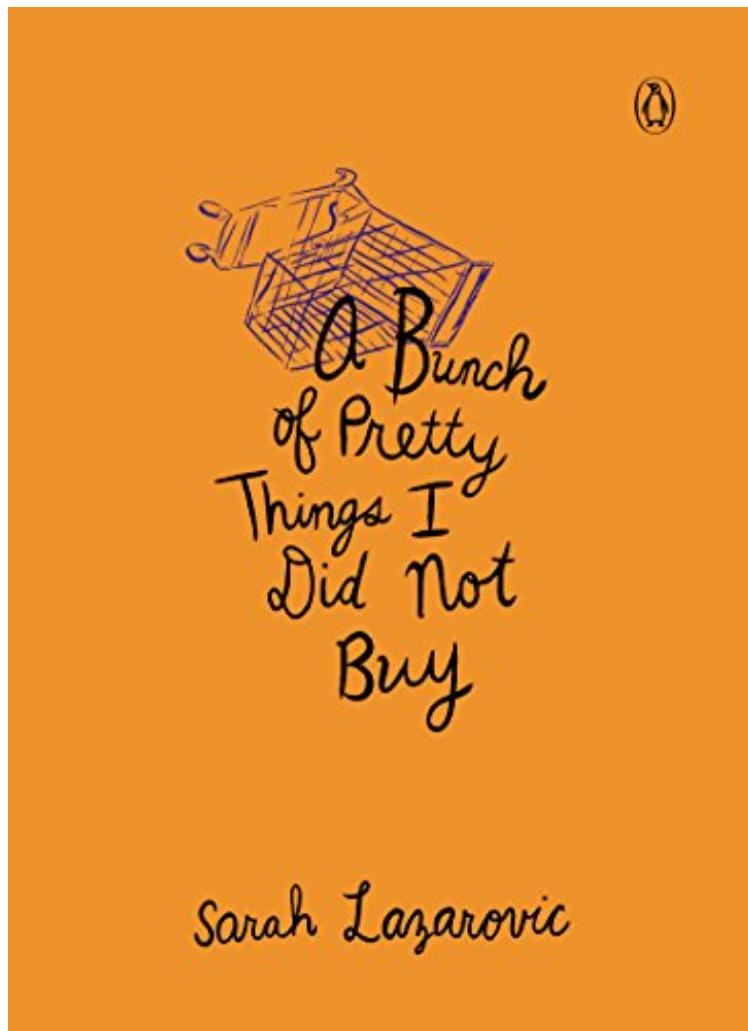


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this book, I'm going to start giving more thought into what I buy, and pay more attention to detail and quality. If you are trying to do quality over quantity, this is a good book to start with. The writer gives good and easy to understand information for buying quality items. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. The illustrations were fun and Lazarovic makes good points but this felt like ...By Cherry I was hoping for more substance. The illustrations were fun and Lazarovic makes good points but this felt like a sample, not a meal. It lacked the narrative element I was hoping for. What was it like to cut down on your stuff? How do you go from pack rat to minimalist? What middle ground was Lazarovic advocating? It was all fluff and no substance. If you wrote a book, I shouldn't have to go to your blog or another book for the details you promised me. I was disappointed.

A witty, gracious, and charmingly illustrated anti-consumer manifesto. Like most people, Sarah Lazarovic covets beautiful things. But rather than giving in to her impulse to spend and acquire, Sarah spent a year painting the objects she wanted to buy instead. Based on a visual essay that was first published on The Hairpin, *A Bunch of Pretty Things I Did Not Buy* is a beautiful and witty take on the growing "slow shopping" movement. Sarah is a well-known blogger and illustrator, and she writes brilliantly without preaching or guilt-tripping. Whether she's trying to justify the purchase of yet another particleboard IKEA home furnishing, debating the pros and cons of leg warmers or calculating the per-day usage cost of big-ticket items, Sarah's poignant musings will resonate with any reader who's ever been susceptible to an impulse buy.

**About the Author** Sarah Lazarovic is a writer, illustrator, and artist based in Toronto. She is the founding editor of the popular website [torontoist.com](http://torontoist.com).