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helpful. A waste of time and money By Alan PI purchased this book based on the positive review in the Wall Street Journal. What a huge disappointment. It consists primarily of excerpts from banal interviews with the author's friends which have been cut and pasted into topical chapters. If that sounds remotely interesting or informative, trust me, it isn't. I really don't care what the author's friends and acquaintances wore to prom in high school, or what they wore in elementary school (yes, these are both chapters in the book). If those insipid reminiscences illustrated some insightful essays, then I could stomach them. But they don't. The essays are as uninformative and uninteresting as the patched-together collections of quotes that the author calls "chapters". I have never returned a book before, but I returned this book the same day I received it.

Men and Style reaches beyond standard "what to wear" advice: It is equal parts style guide and intriguing conversation about the masculine identity within the world of fashion. David Coggins explores the history of men's style and learns from some of the most notable tastemakers in the industry and beyond. Its essays and interviews discuss the lessons men learned from their fathers, the mistakes they made as young men, and how they emerged to become better men. Some of the most dapper men in the world discuss bad mustaches, misguided cologne choices, and unfortunate prom tuxedos. All the men here have arrived at a place in the world and have a keen understanding about how they fit in it. Men and Style celebrates singular men who've lived well and can tell us about how they earned their worldview. They're smart enough to absorb the wisdom that's hidden in the world, and even smarter to wear that wisdom lightly.

"The book offers a refreshing take on the genre. Instead of handing down diktats, it functions like a chat with an old friend over a drink, tucking advice into personal, often nostalgic, stories." -The Wall Street Journal
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