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Design Your Life is a series of irreverent and realistic snapshots about objects and how we interact with them. By leading design thinker Ellen Lupton and her twin sister Julia Lupton, it shows how design is about much more than what's bought at high-end stores or the modern look at IKEA. Design is critical thinking: a way to look at the world and wonder why things work, and why they don't. Illustrated with original paintings of objects both ordinary and odd, Design Your Life casts a sharp eye on everything from roller bags, bras, toilet paper, and stuffed animals to parenting, piles, porches, and potted plants. Using humor and insight Ellen and Julia explore the practical side of everyday design, looking at how it impacts your life in unexpected ways and what you can do about it. Speaking to the popular interest in design as well as people's desire to make their own way through a mass-produced world, this thoughtful book takes a fresh and humorous approach to make some serious points about the impact of design on our lives.

"Design your life is an utter pleasure, like a delicious tray of warm brownies that also happen to be nutritious. I've never encountered a book about design so smart and fun and unpretentious and easy to love." - Kurt Andersen, author of *Heyday And Turn Of The Century*. "About the Author ELLEN LUPTON is curator of contemporary design at the Cooper-Hewitt Museum and director of the MFA program at Maryland Institute College of Art. She is the author of *Thinking with Type* and *D.I.Y.: Design It Yourself*. JULIA LUPTON teaches at the University of California, Irvine and is co-chair of the Design Alliance. She is the author of several books on Shakespeare and co-authored *D.I.Y. Kids* with her sister Ellen.