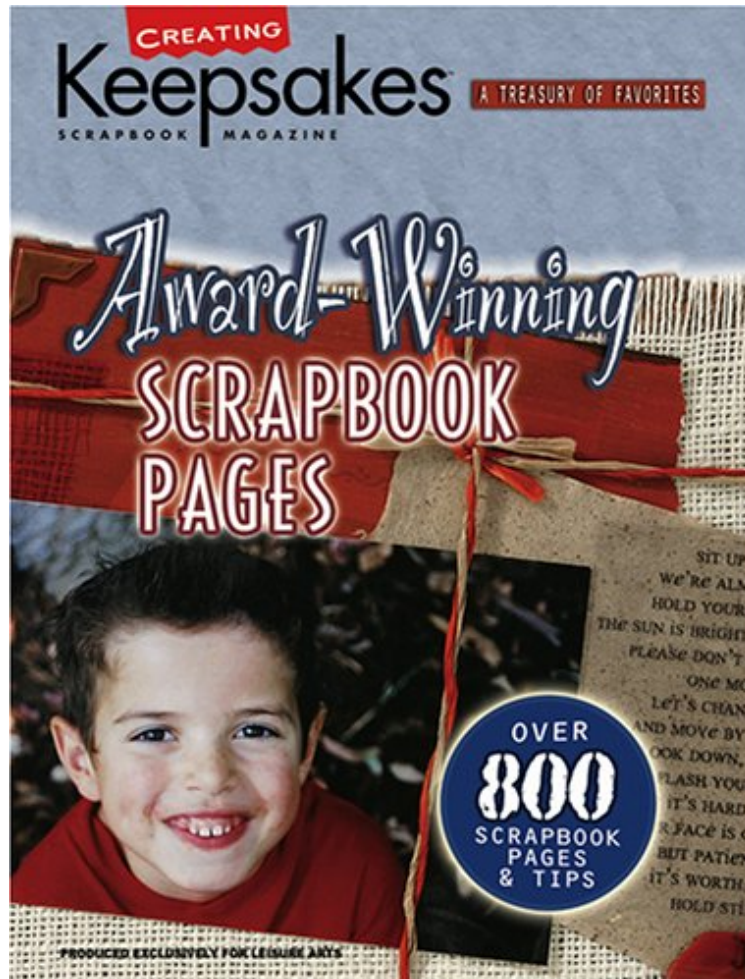


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interested in using even the smallest amount of the new tools (even a hole punch!!), paper, materials, and embellishments out there (brads, circle cutters, patterned paper, tags, fibers, stamps, textured cardstock, die cuts), this book is NOT for you. This book was compiled and published before the "scrap how you want to" movement started up and is sort of firm in what is "right" and what is "wrong". There's little personality to any of the layouts- they all look the same. I recently flipped through the book again, and it was astonishing to find scrappers like Ali Edwards, Cathy Z, etc inside, using things like construction paper and tissue on their pages. Their styles have completely changed, and it made me realize that several years ago, there were unspoken and rigid requirements about scrapbooking. Now it's a totally personal hobby and art form and these formerly "traditional" scrappers are paving the way for individuality and creativity, finding your own voice within the pages of your family/your personal scrapbooks. It sort of made me hopeful- if they can make so much progress in a few years, maybe I can, too! Bottom line- if you are interested in the new materials available, which cost fairly little and are acid/lignin free, and are interested in learning some of the new techniques, this book is NOT for you. If you are interested in spicing up your photo journals with some things you already have in your stash (construction paper, vellum, old-fashioned cartoon stickers), this is a good source of inspiration. Save your money- always look for scrapping books published in the last year or so. Scrapbooking changes SO much, and there has been such a huge explosion of styles and products, so any VISUAL publication compiled before 2005 is almost archaic (and not easily recreated!) A good starting book instead? Any of Ali Edwards or Cathy Z's (better for simple, basic scrapping) books, or "The Amazing Page" by Making Memories. Or just get a subscription to any of the magazines- tons of layouts and ideas every month. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Barb Lutrellok 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love all the tips By Amber I love all the tips in this book. All the layouts have jumpstarted my inspiration for scrapbooking. I would highly recommend this book

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