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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Complete with sound effects, techno music and an amusing glossary—which defines the Fab Five as "stylish and savvy saviors of straightness"—this audio package possesses all the vibrancy and humor of an episode, as well as some sound advice. In the longest but most useful section, Allen covers everything from the "10 culinary weapons every man should own" (eight-inch chef's knife, 12-inch tongs, etc.) to simple cocktail recipes and dinner menus that are sure to make a date swoon. Listeners should keep a notepad and pen handy for this section, as well as for Kressley's contribution on the dos and don'ts of couture: "Pleated pants are never the answer," but cowboy boots are a closet essential. Douglas's section feels thin at times, but listeners will perk up when he stops talking about unsightly "nose-bush" and moves on to skin care. Filicia, meanwhile, tells people how to spruce up a space by applying "paint-on architecture," and Rodriguez reveals where all the women are hiding and how to impress them ("make it cultural" by going to a play, museum or lecture). The Fab Five succeed in keeping the tone of their readings conversational, and "hip tips" and "straightguy" questions, which are posed in comically exaggerated straight guy voices, lend the audiobook an interactive feel. With its lively dance pace, light humor and bonus q&a, this audiobook is certain to snare fans of the show.

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From School Library Journal

Adult/High School—A witty, yet sound manual based on the hit television show. A chapter is devoted to each star's area of expertise—Ted on food and wine, Kyan on grooming, Thom on decorating, Carson on fashion, and Jai on "culture." Some of the information, such as Ted's mixed-drinks recipes and recommended bar essentials, or Thom's advice on how to redo bathrooms and dining rooms, will be more than teens are currently interested in, but the general recommendations (Ted: "let that anxiety go"; Thom: "understand your space") should at least provoke thinking out of the box. More germane to YAs is Kyan's chapter on hygiene and Carson's smart couture pointers, while Jai's advice on "interacting with humans" is so felicitous that it could be adopted by both sexes. The pages are chock-full of color, including quality photos; "hiptips" and "straightguyFAQ" boxes appear on almost every other page. Each chapter contains one or more lists of five items, such as classics every man should own, elements of a perfect shave, and dishes not to order on a date. A glossary helps the uninitiated understand the meaning of terms from astringent to julienne to the Five's ubiquitous "tszujing." Underneath the humor and the occasional sexual innuendo are the book's strength and appeal: sincere, commonsense advice on how to be "you—only better."—*Dori DeSpain, Fairfax County Public Library, VA*

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