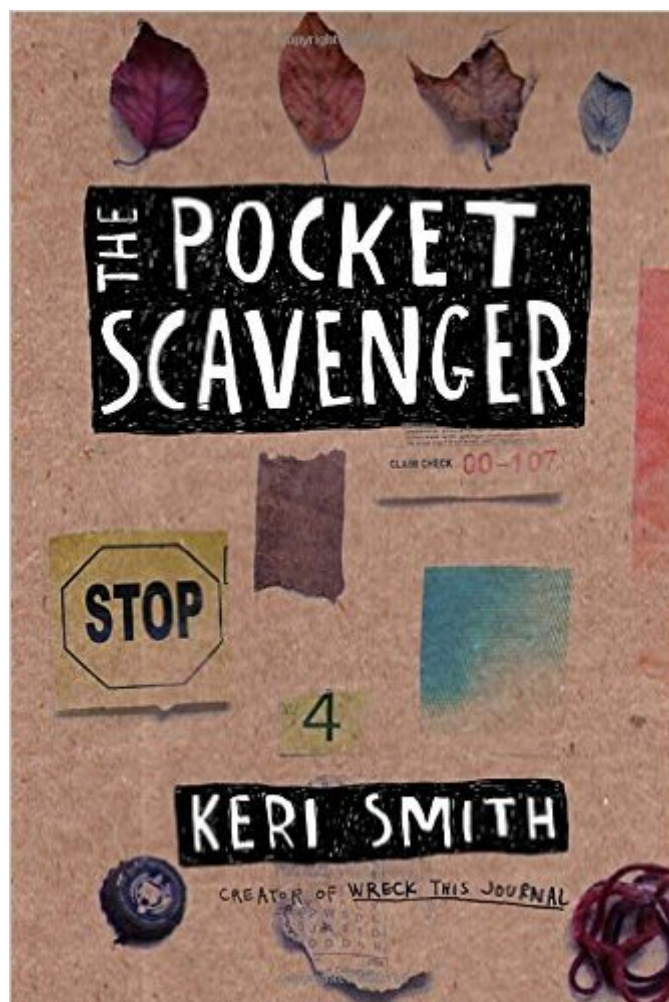


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The Pocket Scavenger



Synopsis

From the internationally bestselling creator of *Wreck This Journal*, a scavenger hunt that leads you to explore your world and transform your findings through creativity and chance... Within the pages of *The Pocket Scavenger*, you'll be instructed to go on an unusual scavenger hunt, collecting a spectrum of random items: something that is miniature, a stain that is green, something from the year you were born, a used envelope, and more. Once your quarry is in hand, you'll apply an alteration dictated solely by chance: create a funny character, make it into a building, conceal it, add polka dots, remove a section, add stripes, scribble on top, fold, turn into an article of clothing, make it as pretty as you can and so on. The results: you'll be forced out of habitual ways of thinking or acting, discover new connections, and try things you might not have done on your own, creating a version of *The Pocket Scavenger* that is utterly unique, dependent on time, place, experience, and you.

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Customer Reviews

I recently received *The Pocket Scavenger* for review. It is written by Keri Smith who has also written *Wreck This Journal*, *How to Be an Explorer of the World*, *This Is Not a Book*, *Mess*, and *Finish This Book*. Two apps, *Wreck This App* and *This is Not an App* are also available. *The Pocket Scavenger* leaves things to chance. You are to go out on a scavenger hunt (various objects are listed in book to find) and then write down facts about what you found and/or journal a story. There are also tasks written at the bottom of every page. They give you ways to alter the book, like "smear something on it" or "add a color you dislike" plus many more. Along with basic discovery, this book allows you to try

new things. Since I am into scrapbooking, it reminds me a bit of K and Company's Smash Books that have emerged over the last few years or even altered books if any of you are familiar with them. The Pocket Scavenger is a scavenger hunt with a very interesting twist. The suggestions to alter allow you to customize this title into your own work. It takes on exploration and creativity. I think literate children and adults alike would have fun with this book. This book would provide great inspiration to tackle winter doldrums or help take you on a new adventure out and about on a beautiful day. Check out YouTube for a video on The Pocket Scavenger. Disclosure: I received a copy of this book to review on my blog.

Bought this book for my 8 year old daughter. She has not put it down since she got it. It is a thick, sturdy, waterproof book that allows you find and collect over 100 items. My daughter has been gluing the items to the inside pages. There is a space on each page to write where you found the item, and you can include a story about the item and how you found it. When you turn the book upside down, you will see a new activity on the bottom of each page. It usually involves drawing a picture using the item you found. For example one page asks you to add legs to the used envelope you found. Another tells you to use your fingers and smudge something over a used post it note. This book is written by the same author as *Wreck this Journal*. The scavenger book is not as daring and reckless, but it has some resemblances and is a great addition for kids of ALL ages.

I love this book! I have been collecting stuff for a few weeks now but need to wait a bit before I start to turn any of it into art. Still, fun book! Nice start to scavenger hunting. I was kind of appalled at how much trash there is around town that I could so easily find this items specified in the book. Maybe more neighborhood clean-ups should be had... I feel like I'm picking up after everyone! Though in all honesty, there were a few items I noted in the journal that I refused to touch...! Still, fun book for any age!

This is one of my favorite books by Keri Smith. This is pretty fun and encourages you to be creative. It's less repetitive than prior books, and focuses a lot of "found materials". Also if you are someone like me--who loves treasure hunts even though they are an adult, this book is for you!

I was looking for a fun book that would prompt writing and be a fun fieldtrip book. This book has been everything I hoped that it was. Planning on buying the authors other books as well.

These books are AMAZING I have so many different ones, they make you active and interactive. A book that makes you creative, think, explore, play, exercise, search, research, destroy... And so much more. So worth getting, good luck picking just one!

My 11 year old is already a collector of many things, this book gave her a focus on collecting things and added fun to it. My younger children like helping her with collecting or looking for fun things.

I bought this book for myself since I had heard about Keri Smith's other books. This book has me actively searching for things that each page says I should keep an eye out to add to it. It's like a scrapbook, but for things you wouldn't normally pay attention to. It also lets you draw in it & in general use every page front to back. It's a fun project book that will take a while to fully "flesh out".

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