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TOWERING ABOVE THE REST...

MANY of us like to think of ourselves as stylish sorts who over the years have forged a unique approach to dress, interiors, architecture and the likes. And nothing will dismiss this notion like arriving at



a party only to realise that your much-loved friend-of-a-friend, with whom you have come to share cheap wine and chat, has your

very own 'unique' sofa and moody Empire State Building picture. Doubtless you despair as to whether you have a scrap of individuality – but don't fret, Ikea's promise of cheap meatballs and Dime Bar cake can lure in even the most head-strong of folk. So here's a tip on how to stay special: Tower Records in Dublin 2.

The music store is selling design books by oh-so-cool publishers Taschen to celebrate its 25th anniversary. Packed full of slick home interiors in the likes of New York, Paris, Marrakesh and Buenos

Aires, each coffee-table-enhancing book, pictured, costs less than €10; so home decor can still be affordable sans Ikea. So let's raise a glass to the arrival of far more sophisticated Saturday night wine soirees in one-beds across town.



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