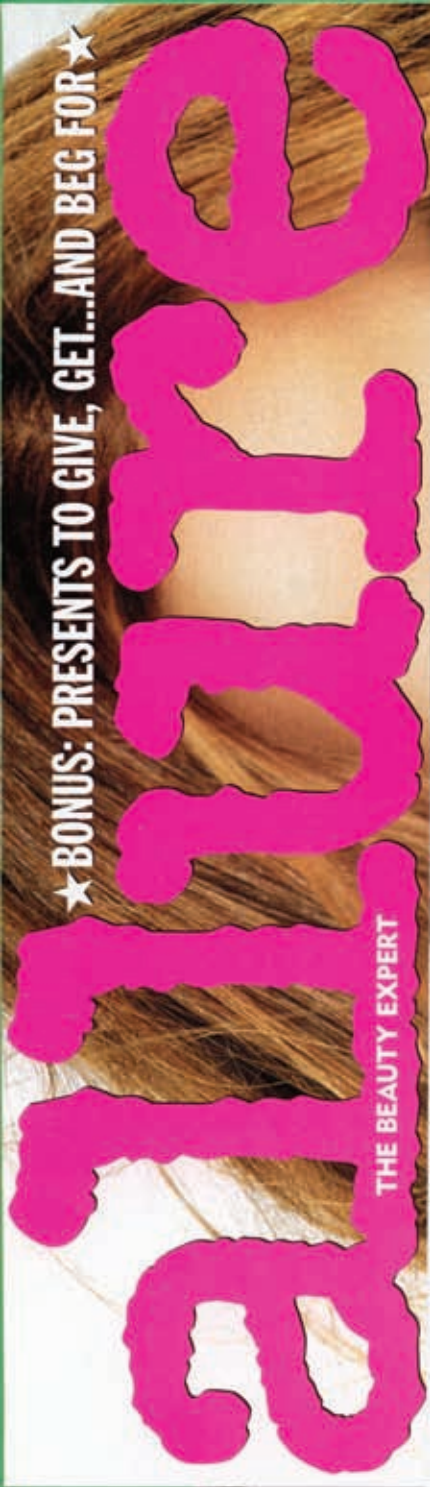


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THE BEAUTY EXPERT

**E**lizabeth Tanzi's skin has begun to act its age. The 35-year-old is noticing a few brown spots on her face, as well as fine lines around her eyes and forehead. But while Tanzi calls these changes "disconcerting," she's remarkably unalarmed. "I don't plan on getting many new lines or wrinkles," she declares firmly. Tanzi is one of the few women in America who can say this with conviction. As codirector of the Washington Institute of Dermatologic Laser Surgery in Washington, D.C., she's paid to filter through the constant flow of skin creams, peels, and lasers streaming out of scientists' labs—and find the true gems.

For dermatologists like Tanzi, this means that when it's time to stock their personal medicine cabinets—or book an in-office treatment—they're choosing the stuff that actually works. One doctor has found an anti-aging lotion gentle enough for her retinoid-intolerant face. Another is so hooked on her skin-brightening, hydrating sunscreen that she won't leave the house without it. A third stays loyal to one specific type of hair-removal laser to avoid scarring her skin. These women have pored over medical journals, listened to countless dermatology lectures, and even experimented on themselves to arrive at the finest protocol for their complexions. We offer a peek into five top skin doctors' black bags.

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