



Department for Dukes Tips for Toffs: A Compendium of Useful Information for Guests at the Mansions of the Nobility, Gentry, and Clergy

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British Library. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Hardcover. 64 pages. Dimensions: 7.9in. x 6.3in. x 0.5in. Emily Post certainly didn't invent etiquette; its history spans many centuries. From the prehistoric era to the Middle Ages to the royal French court, wherever and whenever mankind has existed and interacted, the need for basic guidelines regarding appropriate conduct has quickly followed. During the Victorian era, the rules of etiquette found their way into countless guidebooks offering men, women, and children tips for avoiding vulgarity and other offenses. First published in 1900, Department for Dukes and Tips for Toffs is a satirical take on the Victorian book of etiquette. The treatise is written for those moving in the highest social circles and offers tips for behaving properly as a guest at the home of an aristocrat. For example, in the section entitled The Journey, the authors advise: Avoid the vulgar and objectionable habit of conversing with your fellow travelers. Be on your guard when asked a civil question; if you cannot answer rudely, do not reply at all. And in At the Breakfast Table, they warn readers not to be like the fumigated stockbroker who recently lost a peerage on...



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