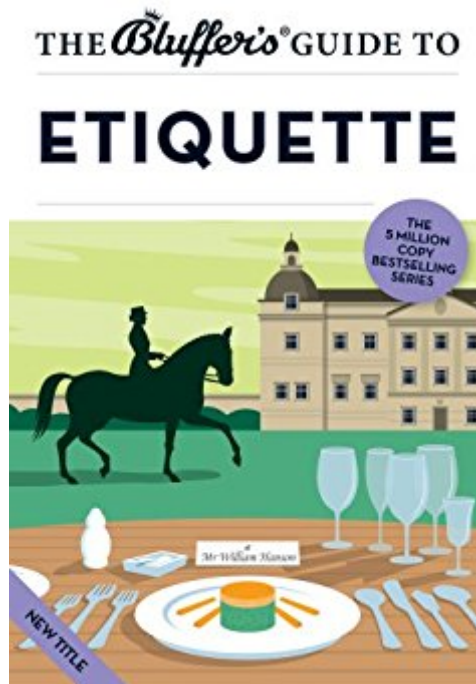




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Customer Reviews

This is a fun book to read, and if you have seen any of the author's YouTube videos, you can actually hear his voice as you read (since he writes exactly as he talks!). The book is very tongue in cheek, and although I'm sure his advice is sound, he glosses over an amazing amount of detail, in

an effort to maintain his own "high priest of snobbery" image. He knows all the rules (and the reasons behind them) but, I suspect, that rather than taking the time to write a truly comprehensive guide, he would rather you pay the big bucks to take one of his in-person etiquette classes in the UK. This is a slight book (only 120 pages) in a very small format (4.5 by 6.5 inches). If you are looking for a fun, quick and humorous way to get a broad overview of the ways of the British "Upper Class" (the "U"), then this is your book. If, on the other hand, you are seeking an authoritative and detailed guide to etiquette, look elsewhere.

The book is interesting and you can learn a few things. Some of it is pretty basic but there are some other points that are very helpful. Throughout he tends to bash Americans and blames us for the dessert knife being put above the dinner plate and the way we say "Nice to meet you." However, we Americans could say that the Brits need all these manners because your food is terrible and you still have antiquated titles and societal classes that most of the world has done away with that require some of these over-the-top pretentious mannerisms. Just sayin'. As I said earlier there are a few things that can be learned but if your American be prepared to be insulted a few times.

I have a few books on etiquette and I'll toss them all and keep this. Yes, it comes off as a comedic guide, but it's very informative and contains many formal truths. It focuses on etiquette in England as opposed to etiquette in the United States, but Americans really don't have a sense of "good form" anyway; so where else would an American draw from to learn proper etiquette?

I have no idea how accurate the advice may be, but this was a thoroughly enjoyable read. Mr. Hanson is a very entertaining author, so I bought this after viewing several videos on his website. I was not disappointed!

Literally one of the most entertaining books I've ever read! This is a good introduction to etiquette with tongue planted firmly in its cheek, and it tends to give an explanation for the behavior mandated rather than just saying what ought to be done.

Very specific to British culture, as an American I found many of his issues and topics irrelevant. I love William Hanson's articles in the Daily Mail but this book was a waste of \$11. Even though they are old, Sloan Ranger, Watching the English, The Preppy Handbook and even the text "Class" were more informative and enjoyable. It is also a tiny book with tiny print.

Very funny and instructive.

A great book for those who want a basic knowledge of how to brush up on their etiquette.

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