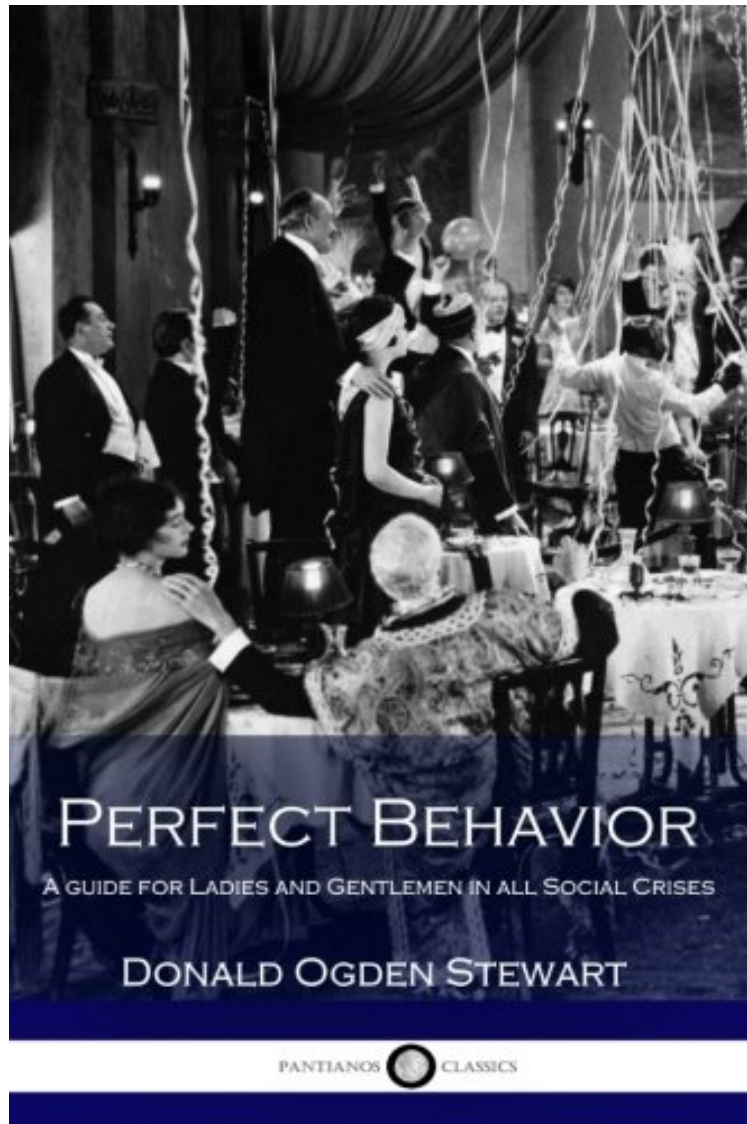


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unattached young lady) opens with "Procure a few feet of stout manila rope or clothesline..." you know this isn't Emily Post...I'm still laughing just recalling it. It's worth it simply for the meanings of flowers in courtship.I'll never sleep tonight; my wife will be quite distressed, and I'll be on the couch. That's OK, I'll keep reading this foolish book, Goid knows I need a laugh.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One StarBy JulirangVery poor copy of the original book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hilarical!!!!By P. BlatnerSo funny! For a free book, this is truly a great one. Get it. You won't regret it. Only complaint is that the illustrations don't show on paperwhite.

Perfect Behavior is a classic lighthearted parody of social etiquette manuals; its chapters demonstrate plenty of ways not to behave in or toward polite company. First published in 1922, Perfect Behavior was conceived by author Donald Ogden Stewart as a response to the frequent publication of guides on etiquette and conduct. Determined to produce a comprehensive send-up of these ceaseless manuals, Ralph Stewart paired with illustrator Ralph Barton and created this book. This edition of Perfect Behavior contains all of Ralph Barton's thirty-plus original illustrations, lending the text a further layer of humor. Various social crises we are instructed on coping with include music concerts, weddings and engagements, and the sensitive matter of inviting guests to an event. An aspect of social history is present too: 'dry agents', a colloquial term for those policing the USA's prohibition of alcohol, receive their own chapter. The author would go on to write some of the greatest comedies in Hollywood's Golden Era, infusing sophistication and wit into his screenplays and characters. This book, published when Stewart was a young man of twenty-eight, underlined his promise in the nascent world of popular humor writing.

From the AuthorPerfect Behavior is an over the top book on social manners from an age long past. However, some of the socials mores mentioned in the books, in fact the core of the message of the book, remains the unchanged. And that message is that social graves still count when in the company of "nice people". I added the photos to the copy to give the book a bit more levity. Enjoy!