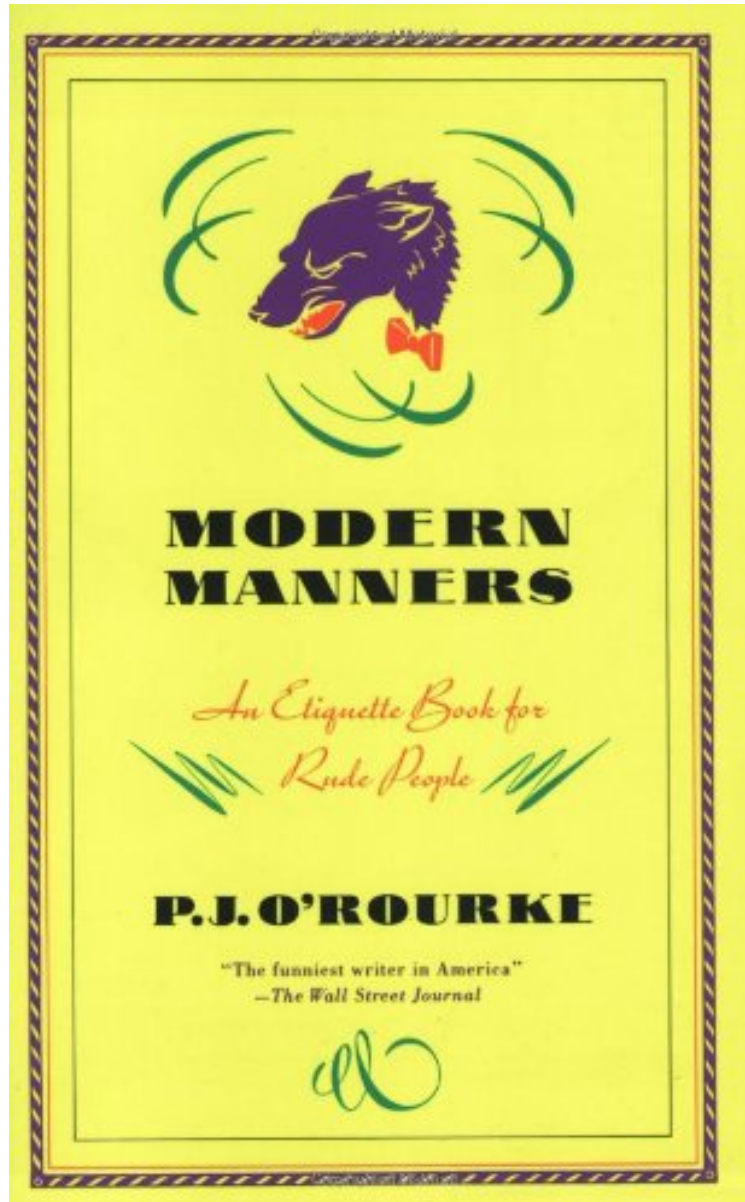


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.com As one of the few folks who made it out of the *National Lampoon* alive and writing, P. J. O'Rourke is—a comment that might please him more than most humorists—an elder statesman of American humor. While this says much about the thinness of the field, you gotta give him his props. *Modern Manners* is good, early O'Rourke, a book that you can read and enjoy without being to the right of Francisco Franco. Who can resist lines such as "A hat should be taken off when you greet a lady and left off for the rest of your life. Nothing looks more stupid than a hat." Or, "Don't wear a tweed jacket to work unless you expect to flush a covey of quail from behind the Xerox machine." *Manners* are a moving target, and some sections are in need of revision (cocaine really was a big deal, wasn't it?), but don't let that dissuade you. By and large, *Modern Manners* comes through admirably.