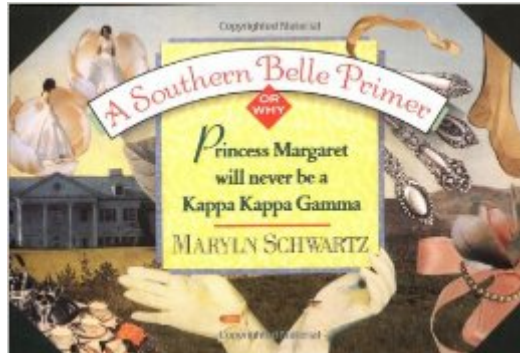


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Synopsis

The Southern belle lives on, in a world of proprieties and protocols that would shame the Royal Family (and have). An uproarious guide to the manners, mores, and mystique of the legendary ladies of the South. What *The Official Preppy Handbook* did for the madras-and-penny-loafer set, *A Southern Belle Primer* does for the indestructible ladies from below the Mason-Dixon line.

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Mrs. Schwartz hit the nail on the head! She talks about how a girl learns to sparkle, silver patterns, the importance of the Junior League, and so much more. As a northern Belle (Detroit), I was completely tickled when I read this book. She confirmed so many of the things my mother and grandmother (both Alabama Belles) taught me when I was growing up, such as why I had to take ballet class. Turns out ballet class is the perfect place for a girl to learn to sparkle, and boy did I learn! (Ballet is also a good way to get girls accustomed to wearing hosiery.) Mrs. Schwartz explains the personality behind the silver pattern a girl chooses. I've read the section a million times, however, I'm still torn! My mother is a "Grand Baroque" girl. Grand Baroque girls have a sense of the dramatic, but also have a literary bent. My grandmother is an "Eloquence" girl. Eloquence girls like nice things and are extremely loyal. I'm a little of both, but I dare not mix silver patterns, that would just be tacky. Though I can't pick which one I should get, I've known since I was four years old that those two are the only patterns I'd ever consider. And don't tell my Grandmother, but the older I get, the more I learn toward "Grand Baroque." "Southern Belle Primer" explains the Junior

League's role in the South. Specifically, the Junior League is a volunteer organization. It flows directly into the vein of selflessness and consideration that Belles are taught to give everyone, thereby making life better for all they come in contact with. I'll say this last little bit, then I'm finished. For Belles born outside the South, Mrs. Schwartz said "...sometimes the stork gets off course and deposits Southern Belles in Detroit, Hollywood, Washington, Las Vegas, even London and Paris.

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