

Gentleman: A Timeless Fashion

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comfortable and beautiful dressing robe. His philosophy is best exemplified by the section on eating breakfast, where he exhorts one to begin the day with a leisurely elegant ritual including "perfectly toasted bread." Personally, I barely ever eat breakfast, but the call to slow down and take the time to enjoy life's small pleasures resounds loudly none the less. The book is not perfect, and Mr. Roetzel has some rather quaint and outdated ideas (such as the kind of clothes worn by students at Ivy League universities.) Overall, however, the book is an excellent roadmap for those who wish to live a cut above the norm in this too-fast, hyper-casual, overly-efficient, mass-produced, machine-made, often-shoddy world.

In a thoroughly enjoyable reading experience you will learn all there is to know about fabric, cut, patterns, color, and the optimal care and clothing for men from head to toe. From the perfectly placed tie knot to custom-made shoes, from casual sweaters to a top hat, everything you need for the appropriate outfit is explained in detail.