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Initiation

It is the inalienable right of every man, woman, and child to wear khaki. Looking, acting, and ultimately being Prep is not restricted to an elite minority lucky enough to attend prestigious private schools, just because an ancestor or two happened to arrive here on the *Mayflower*. You don't even have to be a registered Republican. In a true democracy everyone can be upper class and live in Connecticut. It's only fair.

The Official Preppy Handbook will help you get there. Within this book lies an abundance of detail that would make even the most knowledgeable Preppy gape—advice on parents, choosing secondary schools and colleges, picking careers, finding a fiancée and planning the wedding, decorating dwelling places from the first dorm room to the suburban living room, what to wear, how to throw a party, what to drive, where to vacation and, finally,

what to say and how to pronounce it. All this, and more, in seven chapters as neatly arranged as a sit-down dinner for twelve.

You'll be able to travel from crib to coffin, from desk to date, from the city to the island without one false step, knowing full well that whenever emergencies arise, you'll know what to do, be it gatoring, debating, or choosing a charity. And you can wear lime green all along the way.

So stop thinking you're a lost cause simply because you've never been to either the Harvard-Yale game or Martha's Vineyard. Even Preppies had to learn at one point not to wear socks with loafers. Remember: Preppies don't have to be rich, Caucasian, frequenters of Bermuda, or ace tennis players. But they do have to read this book (Monarch Notes not yet available). It's the preferred self-help. It's key.