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## Southern Lady Code Podcast

The bestselling author of *American Housewife* is back with a fiercely funny collection of essays on marriage and manners, thank-you notes and three-ways, ghosts, gunshots, gynecology, and the Calgon-scented, onion-dipped, monogrammed art of living as a Southern Lady.

## Southern Lady Code Reviews

Helen Ellis has a mantra: "If you don't have something nice to say, say something not-so-nice in a nice way." Say "weathered" instead of "she looks like a cake left out in the rain." Say "early-developed" instead of "brace face and B cups." And for the love of Coke Salad, always say "Sorry you saw something that offended you" instead of "Get that stick out of your butt, Miss Prissy Pants." In these twenty-three raucous essays Ellis transforms herself into a dominatrix Donna Reed to save her marriage, inadvertently steals a \$795 Burberry trench coat, witnesses a man fake his own death at a party, avoids a neck lift, and finds a black-tie gown that gives her the confidence of a drag queen. While she may have left her home in Alabama, married a New Yorker, forgotten how to drive, and abandoned the puffy headbands of her youth, Helen Ellis is clinging to her Southern accent like mayonnaise to white bread, and offering readers a hilarious, completely singular view on womanhood for both sides of the Mason-Dixon.

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For our review, and others, please check out Marialyce's blog <https://yayareadslotsofbooks.wordpress...>

\*many thanks to Edelweiss, Doubleday, and the author for a free copy of the book in exchange for an honest review ...more

## Southern Lady Code Essays By Helen Ellis

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Jan and I read this one and are interested in looking into this author's other stories. Recommended to those who long for a book that has short bits and pieces of a culture many of us embrace as our own.

Thank you to Helen Ellis, Doubleday Books and Edelweiss for a copy of this book which is publishing today!

You can find our reviews of this book here: <http://yayareadslotsofbooks.wordpress...> ...more

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Also on my BookZone blog:

<https://wordpress.com/post/bookblog20...> ...more

## Southern Lady Code Npr

Helen Ellis is hilarious, brilliant, and utterly mad. Southern Lady Code will make you a better woman or a better man — once you have cleaned up the coffee you spit through your nose from laughing so hard. I loved this book: every essay and every word.

Southern Lady Code: a technique by which, if you don't have something nice to say, you say something not so nice in a nice way.

Just a couple days before the release of Southern Lady Code, Helen Ellis tweeted:

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— Helen Ellis (@WhatIDoAllDay) April 14, 2019

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Sprinkled throughout are some Southern Lady Code gems:

My husband fell in love with a creative woman. "Creative" is Southern Lady Code for slob.

"Trying" is Southern Lady Code for telling everyone and your mother that you're having intercourse to conceive.

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"It's an heirloom" is Southern Lady Code for a cold steel and ammunition.

"Put together" is Southern Lady Code for you can take me to church or Red Lobster and I'll fit in fine.

Throw in some stories about pornography, marijuana, and ghosts (and also some brief mentions of Designing Women) and you have an amusing collection of essays that will allow people who are not Southern by the grace of God to interpret the code of Southern ladies.

If you love to laugh, this is a great collection you can breeze through in an hour or so. A

If you enjoy the book, I recommend the author's podcast also titled Southern Lady Code; all episodes of season one are available to download!

Southern Lady Code was released by Doubleday on April 16, 2019.

For more reviews, visit [www.rootsandreads.wordpress.com](http://www.rootsandreads.wordpress.com) ...more

## Southern Lady Code Book Tour

A light read with some giggles for anyone who knows southern women. I like the idea of an Alabama southerner serving onion dip and cheese log to their friends in Manhattan but had a hard time identifying with coats around \$1k.. must be a different south from mine!

I had a copy of this from the publisher from NetGalley. The book came out April 16, 2019.

This book is overflowing with personality and humor - I can't tell you how many times I laughed aloud. There is nothing Helen Ellis writes that I won't buy immediately. She's that good.

## Southern Lady Code Quotes

A decidedly average essay collection. I loved some of these essays and loathed others. Helen Ellis has a strong voice that shines through all of her writing, but sometimes she misses the mark with humor. She leads such a clearly privileged life that it's often hard to relate to some of the things she deals with (ex. having to buy a new \$1,500 Burberry coat after she misplaces her old one). Also, as a born and bred Southern Lady, myself, I really wanted this to be more... Southern. With themed es

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Southern Lady Code gives us a peek into what it is to be a lady.

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Helen Ellis, Southern Lady Code

Yep. I've had that feeling.

The real-life wife portrayed here is a bit softer than the fictional one in American Housewife. A bit more

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compromising, sometimes old-fashionedly so. She urges us to incorporate the football foam finger into lovemaking on Superbowl Sunday and tells us what it is to be properly put together.

I may be a bit biased in Ellis's favor, though. I am a grandchild of a proper southern lady.

My Grandmere, Rubye, was a force. She sold mass amounts of Tupperware and attended Eastern Star meetings in formal dresses she sewed herself.

Southern ladies live on. And they are fabulous.

Many thanks for Netgalley and Doubleday Books for providing an advance e-reader copy in exchange for an honest review.

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## Southern Lady Code Audiobook

SOUTHERN LADY CODE is Southern Lady Code for the perfect essay collection. It's sharper than a shattered Christmas ornament, but an ornament with a sense of humor. You might cut yourself, but you'll laugh about it. Would I give just about anything to spend a Friday night at her apartment, drinking and putting together a spooky owl puzzle? Why, yes. Yes, I would.

Hilarious candid essays by this former "southern lady" now living on the Upper East Side of NYC. If you can wait, get this in audio as I believe it would be entertaining to have the author read these essays. In the meantime, subscribe to her podcast.

Thanks to the publisher for the advance reading copy.

## Southern Lady Code Pdf

I read about half of this book and didn't find it interesting or particularly funny so I stopped reading and moved on. I've lived my entire life in the south so, sure, I saw some truths in her essays, but nothing any random person I met here on the street couldn't articulate just as clearly as she does. I think there are readers who will love this book, but I was hoping for something on par with Jenny Lawson and this just wasn't up to my southern standard for funny women.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this hilarious book of essays, so much so I read parts out loud to my husband of 27 years. Growing up in the south in the same time frame I could so relate to your southern childhood and motherly advice. It is truly a wonderful way to be raised, the basis of kindness and being polite is something that really makes the world a better, happier place.

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