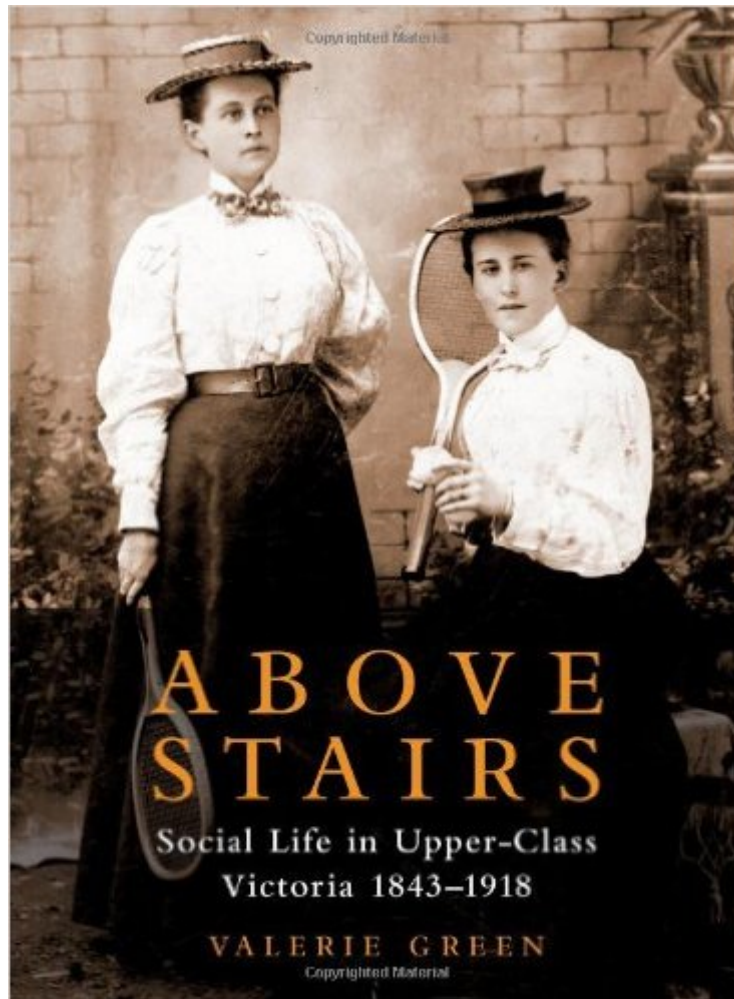


The book was found

Above Stairs: Social Life In Upper-Class Victoria 1843-1918



Synopsis

When Fort Victoria was first established in the mid-nineteenth century, eight pioneer families of Europe's upper class formed the social elite of the modest colony. The self-named aristocracy of this new land, these families shaped a world suited to their proper tastes on the upper floors of the fort, and eventually, in beautiful homes that imitated the height of fashion in Europe. However, between their tea parties and balls, these particular families greatly influenced the progress of the city of Victoria and the province of British Columbia. In *Above Stairs*, get to know the the Douglasses, the Pembertons, the Skinners, the Creases, the O'Reillys, the Trutches, the Rithets and the Barnards. These families made laws, surveyed land, founded businesses and set a standard of social acceptability for all those living in Victoria at the time. Like a kitchen hand sneaking up the servants steps to spy on the rich, discover the glamorous, complicated lives of Victorias social elite in *Above Stairs*.

Book Information

Paperback: 240 pages

Publisher: TouchWood Editions (June 9, 2011)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1926971620

ISBN-13: 978-1926971629

Product Dimensions: 7.9 x 5.2 x 0.7 inches

Shipping Weight: 8.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (1 customer review)

Best Sellers Rank: #2,040,626 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #1935 in [Books > History > Americas > Canada](#) #21876 in [Books > History > Historical Study & Educational Resources](#)

Customer Reviews

Valerie Green's love of both history and journalism shine forth in *ABOVE STAIRS: Social Life in Upper-Class Victoria 1843-1918*. She has taken on a mammoth challenge, that of broadly surveying the history of Victoria specifically, and Vancouver Island across to the greater Vancouver region of British Columbia in general, with a focus on showcasing the lifestyle of eight carefully selected founding families of Victoria. The task is a complex one that she rises to valiantly as she depicts interaction between the rough, untamed wilderness with all its attendant challenges, and the steely temperaments of the men and women who arrive to transform it into a citadel of English culture. In pursuing her topic, Green has constructed a sort of virtual museum, showcasing each family

individually in Part One, then cutting across family lines in Part Two with topical descriptions of more intimate life details. The book is illustrated throughout with photographs from historical archives, though unfortunately the page size required many of the original images to be reduced so much that little detail is discernible. Although I visited Victoria once several decades ago, I knew almost nothing about the place, but I've long been fascinated by its mystical beauty and English influence. This book gave me more understanding of the region and how it came to be. Green's "museum model" allows her to focus on one family at a time, giving a broad-brush overview of their lifestyle and surveying their contributions to the development of Victoria and the region. Her carefully selected tidbits of information were enough to arouse a hunger to learn more, which I could easily do via her immaculate documentation in end notes and bibliography.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Above Stairs: Social Life in Upper-Class Victoria 1843-1918 The Tide of War: The 1814 Invasions of Upper Canada (Upper Canada Preserved _ War of 1812) The Flames of War: The Fight for Upper Canada, July-December 1813 (Upper Canada Preserved _ War of 1812) The Pendulum of War: The Fight for Upper Canada, January-June 1813 (Upper Canada Preserved _ War of 1812) The Call to Arms: The 1812 Invasions of Upper Canada (Upper Canada Preserved _ War of 1812) The Ashes of War: The Fight for Upper Canada, August 1814-March 1815 (Upper Canada Preserved _ War of 1812) Social Security: Time for a Life of Leisure - The Guide of Secrets to Maximising Social Security Retirement Benefits and Planning Your Retirement (social ... disability, social security made simple) The Old Money Book: Living Better While Spending Less - Secret's of America's Upper Class The Old Money Book: How to Live Better While Spending Less: Secrets of America's Upper Class Social Anxiety: Ultimate Guide to Overcoming Fear, Shyness, and Social Phobia to Achieve Success in All Social Situations (BONUS, Anxiety Relief, Social Anxiety Treatment) Victorian Architectural Details: Designs for Over 700 Stairs, Mantels, Doors, Windows, Cornices, Porches, and Other Decorative Elements (Dover Architecture) Practical Masonry: A Guide to the Art of Stone Cutting Comprising the Construction, Setting-Out, and Working of Stairs, Circular Work, Arches, Niches, ... Tracery Windows, Etc (Classic Reprint) Victorian Architectural Details: Designs for Over 700 Stairs, Mantels, Doors, Windows, Cornices, Porches, and Other Decorative Elements (Dover Architecture) Techniques of Staircase Construction: Technical and Design Instructions for Stairs Made of Wood, Steel, Concrete, and Natural Stone Meth: America's Drug Epidemic (Exceptional Social Studies Titles for Upper Grades) Plunder, Profit, and Paroles: A Social History of the War of 1812 in Upper Canada Victoria Beautiful Wedding Flowers: More than 300 Corsages, Bouquets, and Centerpieces Victoria: At Home with Roses (Patterns, Petals and Prints to Adorn

Every Room) Victoria and Albert Museum: Wedding Dress, 1740-1970 Victoria September 1999

Discover the Heart of France, Beautiful Quilts & Fine Embroidery, In a Country House, Baccarat - At Home with Crystal, Cooking with Mushrooms

[Dmca](#)