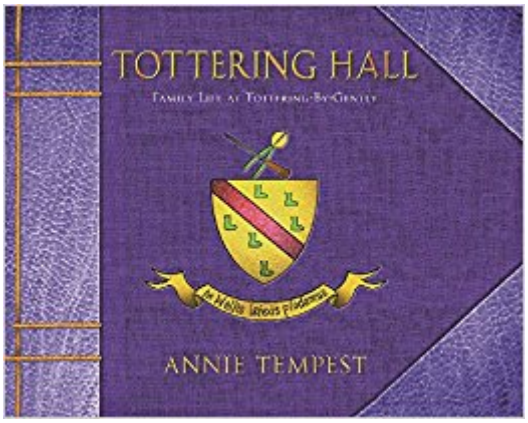
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Tottering Hall: Family Life At Tottering-By-Gently



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Synopsis

Amidst the decaying splendor of Tottering Hall in the county of Pimmshire, Lord and Lady Tottering live the archetypal country life. Daffy Tottering drinks gin, diets permanently, and frets about her descending bosom, while her husband Dicky lives for hunting, shooting, and fishing. Together with their slightly politically incorrect political entourage, Daffy and Dicky represent a sort of quintessentially English country lifestyle. Thus it is no wonder that these endearing characters have become stars of Country Life magazine, and their creator, award-winning cartoonist Annie Tempest is feted as one of BritainÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most accomplished illustrators. Tottering Hall is Annie TempestÃ¢â ¬â„¢s personal selection from 7 years of strips and single cartoons.

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Customer Reviews

Annie Tempest is one of the top cartoonists working today. Her creation 'Tottering-by-Gently' which began as a strip in Country Life is now syndicated to 12 countries and prints sell for many hundreds of pounds. She was Strip Cartoonist of the year in 1989.

Fans of British humour will delight in this book of cartoons about Lord and Lady ("Daffy and Dicky") Tottering and their life at Tottering Hall in North Pimmshire (anyone else feel like a little drinky?). The type of humour is similar to that in the New Yorker cartoons - most of the 'toons elicit wry smiles of recognition, although the occasional guffaw is to be expected. While we are given a glimpse into the rarified world of life on an English country estate (shooting parties, hunting parties, butlers, grand rooms full of art and antiques), Ms. Tempest makes it clear that, in some respects at least,

the rich are not so different than you and I. To wit: Daffy struggles with her weight continuously (and loves chocolate and alcohol); the romance has cooled somewhat after 40 years; TV and fast food are a regular part of life; Daffy struggles with the computer; the grandchildren can be trying, etc. Annie Tempest's drawing style is crisp and incredibly detailed, and she makes good use of colour. Further, dog lovers will be charmed by the ubiquitous canine presence. Expect to read this book straight through and find yourself insisting that others read it as well. I personally will be champing at the bit waiting for the rest of Ms. Tempest's books to become available here in the states.

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