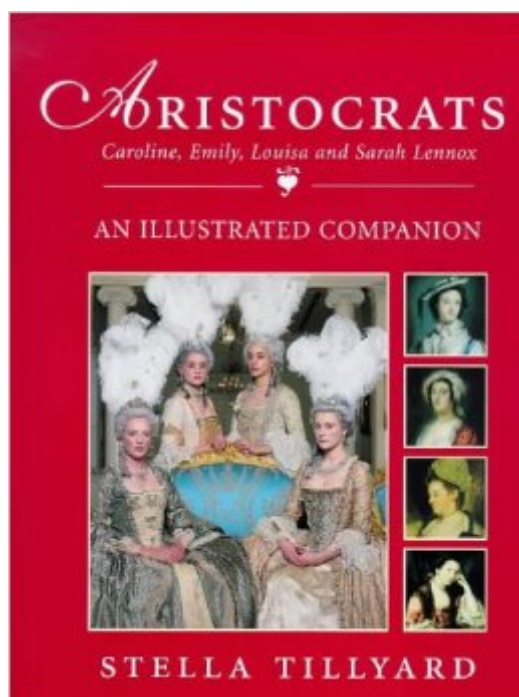


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The original book was just wonderful; the PBS dramatization was wonderful. I rate this book as fairly good but only if you are interested in the decorative arts and historical clothing of the period or if you saw the PBS program several years ago..

The Aristocrats follows the lives and loves of the 4 Lennox sisters. They were fascinating women who live in interesting times. Both daily life and great events are illustrated in this and the other work by Stella Tillyard. They are well worth reading, multiple times. It adds a level of understanding and enjoyment to watching the mini-series as well.

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