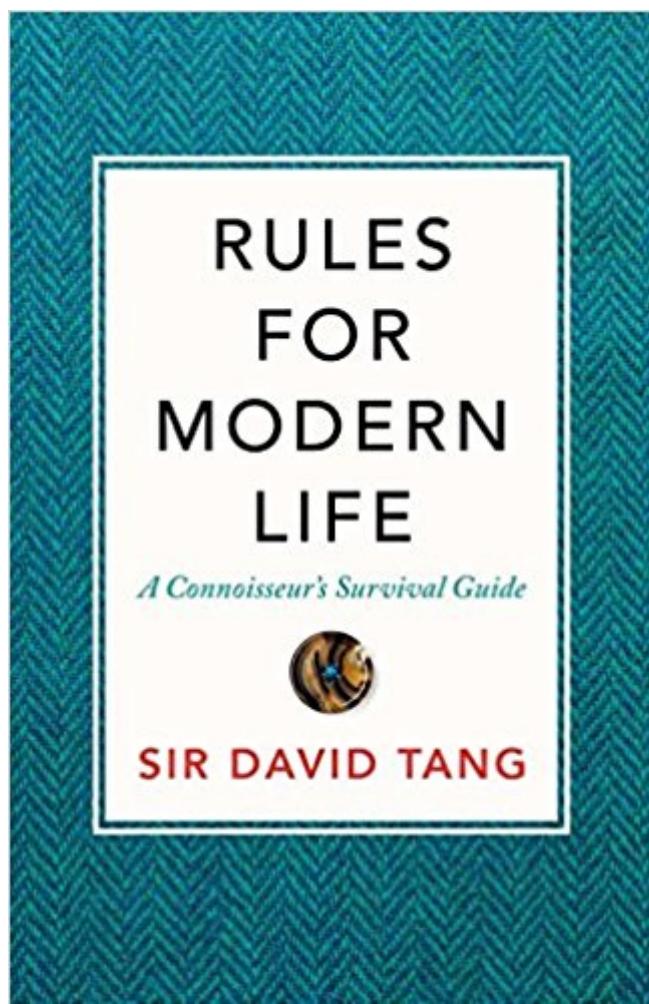


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Financial Times, in which he answers readers' questions about property, interiors, architecture and gardens - although he often strays beyond his remit to debate concerns about everything from etiquette to grammar.

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