

Definition of *Novel of Manners*

A ***novel of manners*** is...

“a novel dominated by social customs, manners, conventions, and habits of a definite social class. In the true *novel of manners*, the mores of a specific group, described in detail and with great accuracy, become powerful controls over characters. The *novel of manners* is often, although by no means always, satiric.”

Harmon, William, and C. Hugh Holman, *A Handbook to Literature*, 7th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1996.