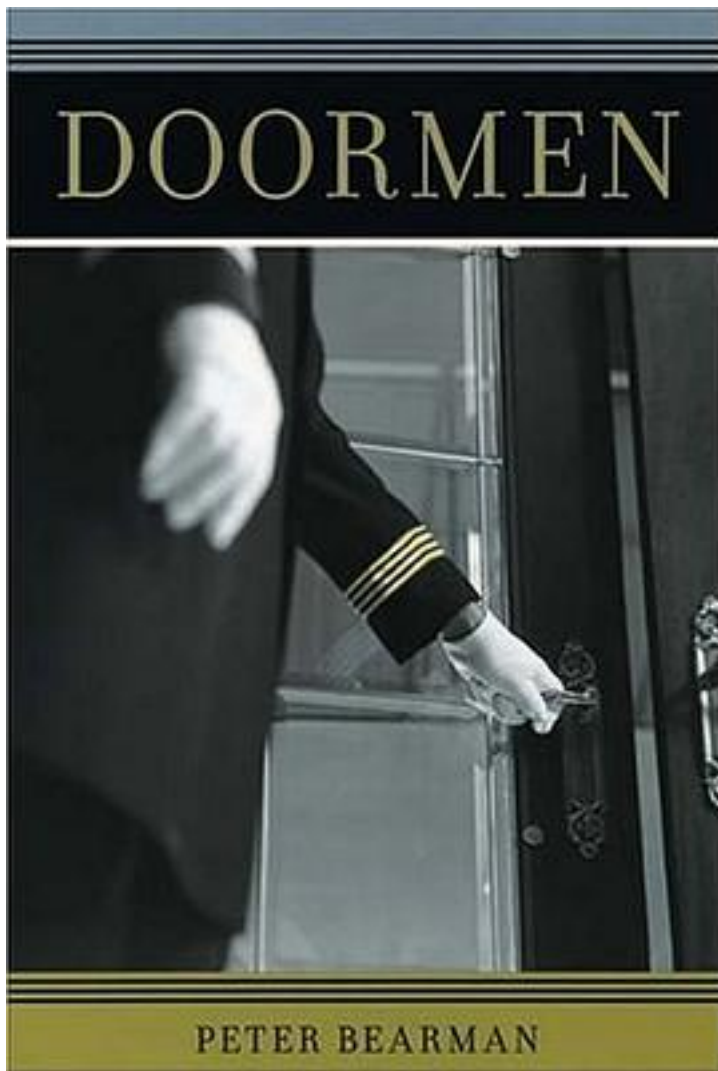


Doormen



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Little fascinates New Yorkers more than doormen, who know far more about tenants than tenants know about them. Doormen know what their tenants eat, what kind of movies they watch, whom they spend time with, whether they drink too much, and whether they have kinky sex. But if doormen are unusually familiar with their tenants, they are also socially very distant. In "Doormen," Peter Bearman untangles this unusual dynamic to reveal the many ways that tenants and doormen negotiate their complex relationship. Combining observation, interviews, and survey information, "Doormen" provides a deep and enduring ethnography of the occupational role of doormen, the dynamics of the residential lobby, and the mundane features of highly consequential social exchanges between doormen and tenants. Here, Bearman explains why doormen find their jobs both boring and stressful, why tenants feel anxious about how much of a Christmas bonus their neighbors give, and how everyday transactions small and large affect tenants' professional and informal relationships with doormen. In the daily life of the doorman resides the profound, and this book provides a brilliant account of how tenants and doormen interact within the complex world of the lobby.

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评论

奇才奇书。

很喜欢前言里的一个假设 “为什么常春藤教授里哥伦比亚的教授似乎最难搞？我猜纽约公寓文化中的看门人为了体现自己为有地位的人服务，努力让房客们感觉自己的地位（比实际要）高。这个假设也能解释为什么纽约人也常常牛逼哄哄。”

Last chapter about Union is a bit loose: fun to read maybe, but clueless in frist 3-5 pages. Overall though, it's sharp with proper humor.

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书评

很遗憾这种好书在国内无人问津。作者是美国50-60这个年龄段最火的社会学家，所有学校都想挖墙角的对象。作者本来是做社会网络分析的，忽然神不知鬼不觉地写了这本书出来，而且大获好评。有些类似戈夫曼，对纽约公寓大楼的看门人进行观察的质性分析，而且是一本如何将定性研究做...

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