The Goops they lick their fingers,/And the Goops they lick their knives, /They spill their broth on the
tablecloth -/Oh, they lead disgusting lives! The rhymes and drawings in this hilarious introduction to
manners for children still amuse and educate 100 years later, providing lessons valuable today and
shedding light on turn-of-the-century American mores.

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My volume of "Goops and How to Be Them" is in its thirty-eighth printing in the year of 1928. It comes straight off the shelf in the private school library where I am librarian in the process of weeding the collection and automating the keepers. The Goops is a keeper. (Actually, I've ordered a new copy to replace the old.)When I first saw how old the book is (but still in usable condition), I thought to remove it until I looked at the product page on . One, the book is still in print, and two, other reviewers speak fondly of the book! Me, I just met the Goops. How do you do, Goops? The complete subtitle is "A manual of Manners for Polite Infants Inculcating many Juvenile Virtues Both by Precept and Example With Ninety Drawings," written and illustrated by Gelett Burgess.As Gelett states in the Introduction:Let me introduce a RaceVoid of Beauty and Grace,Extraordinary CreaturesWith a Paucity of Features.The cover of the new printing shows Goops in color but still with those round, empty-ish heads that can become quite expressive in the hands of the proper
illustrator.Yet you'll learn, if you are Bright,Politeness from the Impolite.When you've finished with the Book,...Ask yourself, upon the Spot,Are you Goop, or are you Not?For, although it's Fun to See them!It is Terrible to Be them!There you have it: a book of manners reverse style. Such topics as Table Manners, Cleanliness, Courtesy, Generosity, Borrowing, Tidiness, Patience, Pets, Clothes, and Quietness are demonstrated, not by what the Goops do, but by what they should do.Hint about the candy, say you’re fond of peppermint;That’s the way to be a Goop--hint, hint, hint!

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