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Save the Date for an **Athenian Dialogue** at the **Municipal Clerks' Continuing Education Conference**

Join us for a lively dialogue and discover what Mary Poppins teaches us about leadership, balance, and being Practically Perfect.

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Resorts Hotel & Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ

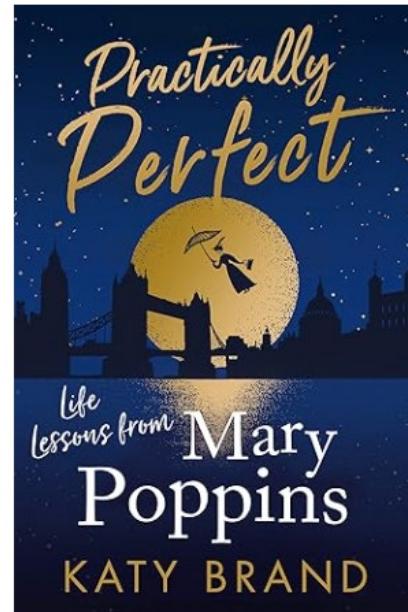
Featured Book

Practically Perfect: Life Lessons from Mary Poppins
by Katy Brand

Mary Poppins is a story of taking practical steps towards happiness. It's looking at the bright side of life. It's setting boundaries, deciding what you want, and making it happen. That's the path to being Practically Perfect.

For comedian Katy Brand, part of the joy of watching Mary Poppins as a child was the thrill of the film's iconic, no-nonsense heroine—her unshakeable confidence, her staunch independence, and that touch of magic. Now grown up, Katy takes another look beyond the talking umbrellas, bottomless bags, and dubious cockney accents to show that Mary's still got something to teach us.

She explores how the beloved nanny was brought to life from the page to the big screen, and delves into her most striking memories to uncover themes that are still as important now as they were at the time: from women's rights and poverty, to toxic masculinity and work-life balance.



With interviews and insights from famous fans and friends, Practically Perfect is the common-sense manual for life that we never knew we needed, and sprinkles some supercalifragilistic magic along the way.

About the Athenian

The Athenian Dialogue is an engaging workshop that uses literature to foster leadership, reflection, and professional growth. Attendees must read the book in advance of the session.

Important Details

- This workshop is a separately registered pre-conference event.
- Separate registration fee required.
- Lunch is on your own.

Registration Information

- Registration will open in October 2025. Details online at <https://cgs.rutgers.edu/programs/municipal-clerks>.