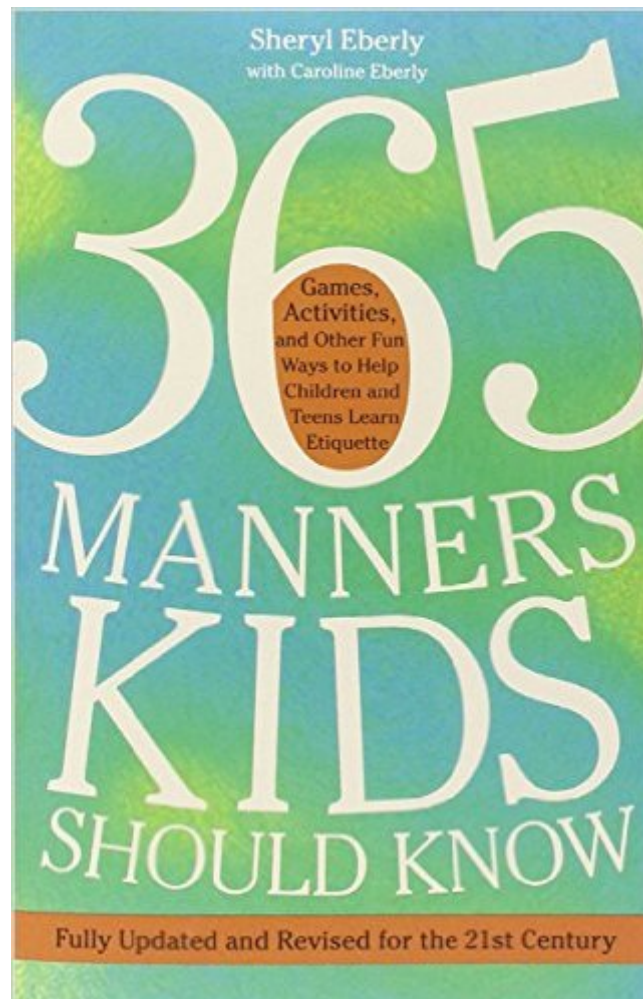


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# **365 Manners Kids Should Know: Games, Activities, And Other Fun Ways To Help Children And Teens Learn Etiquette**



## Synopsis

If you've ever cringed at the sight of your ten-year-old waltzing through the neighbor's front door without an invitation, or struggled to teach your teenager proper etiquette for navigating the complicated world of social networks, you know the importance of teaching kids that manners matter. Sheryl Eberly's bestselling *365 Manners Kids Should Know* gives clever and insightful advice for the myriad situations where consideration counts, but is sometimes forgotten. This new edition incorporates tips for every aspect of digital communication into her straight-forward format. Using a smart one-manner-a-day organization, parents, grandparents, and teachers alike can find practical ways to teach essential manners like:

- When and where it's appropriate to text
- How to write a thank-you note
- The proper way to handle an online bully
- How to behave at events like birthday parties, weddings, and religious services

Full of role-playing exercises, games, and other activities that adults can do with children, *365 Manners Kids Should Know* explains not only what manners to teach, but also how and at what ages to present them.

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## Customer Reviews

I just got this book and flipped through it and read the first few chapters. 365 is a lot of manners coverage! You'll see current topics that are not included in the old yellowing pages of etiquette books from the past like "e-mail," but the old standards are there too that never change such as "addressing others properly." Check out the Table of Contents for what it covers. Why is it important

to teach children manners? This should not be just another method of trying to control them. Teaching manners is a gift! How many uncomfortable situations can be avoided when we know what behavior is expected of us. Children like everyone want to fit in and be accepted. What I like best about this book is that these lessons, addressed to the parent, show respect for the child. For example: "Prompt your child in private about when to say please and thank you." (Is it not the height of rudeness to correct a child's manners in public?) "Children should not be prompted against their will to kiss people for whom they don't naturally feel affection." Let adults earn the affection of your children, while you insist on courtesy. When possible give the child a chance to act out the behavior in the lesson. This can be humorous and fun, and will make the lesson stick better. Some items can be made into a game: I'll give you a star sticker each morning that you say "Good morning" to me!

After reviewing several books on manners, this was the most helpful. Since I'm looking for application in an international context, I needed something that dealt both with specifics, but more importantly with broad principles that don't necessarily come from Victorian England. Most of the materials I found usually fell into one of two extremes: Dry, dull, useless attempts to turn American culture back 100 years or silly, gross, stupid attempts at making manners appealing to small children. Sheryl Eberly got it right by focusing on the important principles, then applying them to a modern context. The sections on technology were particularly helpful.

This has been a great conversation piece for dinner each night with my 4 boys. We have all learned some new manners and practiced them. It doesn't take more than 5 minutes a night and I have seen an improvement in the way my boys think. Even my husband has been more conscious about things.

Used this as a guideline for our summer program for elementary children. At a time when youth are plugged in, jacked in, and zoning out, manners have seem to disappear. This book is concise, well organized and informative and was a huge help in teaching our students the basic manners needed in everyday life and future educational and professional experiences.

My 9 year old grand daughter immediately grabbed the book and started reading it. She and her younger sister quickly recognized that they were behind in responsibility for their age group and started talking about what they needed to do to remedy that. As their grandmother, I am delighted!

This book wasn't my favorite. The author's tone was very disdainful and snobbish. I was hoping for a basic manners and etiquette book, but this had way too much of her opinions and random, repetitive and obvious rantings included. It's a parenting book with information that could be successfully imparted in a pamphlet that has been stretched to fill 300 pages. Also, I assumed from the subtitle that the book would be something that you would read to your children and do the games and activities together, but it's written to parents and the terms "games and activities" is used very loosely. That said, it did help me realize some things I'd like to work on with my kids and I liked her explanation of manners: "The principles that govern etiquette are based on awareness of others and respect." You can pretty much figure the rest out from there and save yourself the 300 pages.

Likes: One topic per day. Many topics are very useful and updated for modern times. Helps my children to feel comfortable in different situations. Dislikes: The narrative is written for the parent to then be explained to the child. I wish that I could just read them the passage for the day without prereading and paraphrasing. Some topics are less useful- ex. days of responding to verbal/formal/informal invitations. That said, we can skip around and find things that the kids feel are helpful and interesting. They even bring me the book so that we don't forget to do our manners lesson!

This book has some suggestions for addressing behaviors that may be offensive before they come up in public. However, there's some old-school gender bias in this book that's positively eye-rolling. A chapter called "Just for Girls" that talks about the importance of teaching your girl not to sit down until she's told where to sit? The chapter for boys that addresses the fact that you have to teach boys (but not girls?) to think about the feelings of others? The idea that manners should be gendered, if you ask me, is positively backward and just plain rude. To be fair, there are only a small number of sexist pages in this book, but it still feels like the author is missing the point of her own book. Shouldn't all children, regardless of gender, be taught to think about the feelings of others?

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