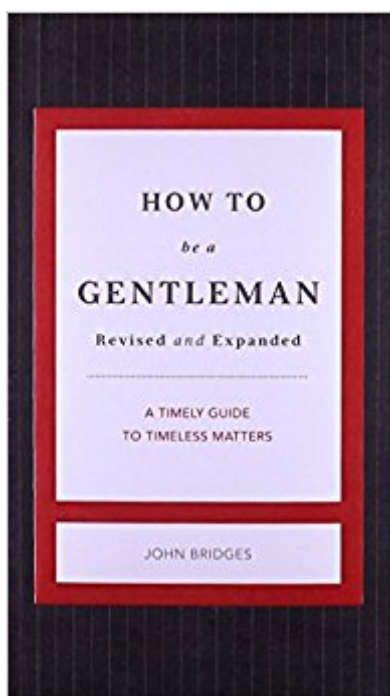


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How To Be A Gentleman Revised And Updated: A Timely Guide To Timeless Manners (Gentlemanners)



Synopsis

Being a gentleman isn't just being a nice guy, or a considerate guy, or the type of guy someone might take home to meet their mother. A gentleman realizes that he has the unique opportunity to distinguish himself from the rest of the crowd. He knows when an email is appropriate, and when nothing less than a handwritten note will do. He knows how to dress on the golf course, in church, and at a party. He knows how to breeze through an airport without the slightest fumble of his carry-on or boarding pass. And those conversational icebreakers: "Where do I know you from?" A gentleman knows better. Gentlemanliness is all in the details, and John Bridges is reclaiming the idea that men and gentlemen can be extraordinary in every facet of their lives.

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Customer Reviews

John Bridges, author of *How to Be a Gentleman*, is also the coauthor, with Bryan Curtis, of seven other volumes in the best-selling *GentleManners* series. He is a frequent guest on television and radio news programs, always championing gentlemanly behavior in modern society. Bridges has appeared on the *Today Show*, the Discovery Channel, and *CBS Sunday Morning*, and has been profiled in *People* magazine and the *New York Times*.

I teach in an urban setting and frequently hand this to students who don't have or want to do work during study hall. They are AMAZED at what they call "white people rules." As they go out into the work world, it gives them an excellent understanding of what many might consider "normal"

behavior and gives them access to the unwritten rules of proper social behaviors.

Good Tips, mostly practical, but I would have liked to see some more depth. At times, it felt a bit like you could find most of what's written here on the web and some info, like how to dress for a king or a president, seems nearly irrelevant unless you're working in diplomatic relations or some high post in the government, which most people are not.

Very appropriate in these times when incivility, bad manners and bad taste have become de rigueur at the hands of politicians, leaders and business people who are supposed to know better. I give this and a copy of "Life's Little Instruction Book" as gifts to high school graduates. Hopefully, it helps give them a good start.

Excellent, well done.

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My wife got me this book because I had seen a hardbound version of it in a men's clothing store but did not want to pay the large markup. The book is spot on with many suggestions but it could be spot-checked a little better. There are a few instances where the same suggestion is made again (and it's a proofreading error, not for emphasis). Nice to see the book is starting to incorporate more modern technology. It would be great to see a chapter emphasizing cellular and email etiquette in any updated editions. Beyond a gripe about how it is rude to text when with others, it seems like the younger generation (myself being in it and teaching college students also in it) does not realize that it is not appropriate to use the same language or symbols in an email that might be common while texting. A series of these kinds of suggestions would help make a newer edition appear timely rather than a book that has a few random sentences added to it so a newer edition can be published. This book could be expanded in several topics that do not change often: like how to pair or use certain dresswear. I appreciate the diagram on tying a bowtie. From the description and the picture, I figured out how to fix a problem I had been having with my knot (and that I picked up in several online videos as well as a diagram I had seen before). I was a bit surprised not to see something similar for a few types of normal tie knots or at least a mention of how to use some of them (depending on a particular collar or jacket). Overall, this book was a pleasant and helpful read. I will eventually get a version of this kind of book for my son or daughter (in addition to passing down

the tips they will encounter).

This splendid little Rutledge Hill Press publication is best read as the first in the Press' 'Gentlemanners Books' series. Based on the conviction that being a gentleman is not a matter of following a strict code of behavior but rather of making life easier and more pleasant for others, the book presents nuggets of advice to real and would-be gentlemen under ten headings. Each begins with 'A Gentleman ...'. The remainder of the chapter titles follows: Experiences Real Life Gets Dressed Goes to Dinner Says the Right Thing Gives a Party Goes to a Party and His Friends Goes to the Office Gets Equipped The tenth chapter is entitled 'Extreme Etiquette: a Gentleman Faces the Really Big Challenges. I only recently stumbled upon this series and have already moved on to John Bridges' collaborative work with Bryan Curtis called A GENTLEMAN GETS DRESSED UP. WHAT TO WEAR, WHEN TO WEAR IT, HOW TO WEAR IT. Matters of etiquette are frequently debatable and always subject to societal change. Moreover, there will always be an old-school aroma clinging to any work that uses the words 'etiquette' and 'gentleman' without disparagement. For this reason, critics of the book who hotly dismiss this or that declaration by Bridges have misunderstood the genre. Bridges' accomplishment is not to have given the last word on gentlemanly behavior, but rather to have given one solid line of approach within which any single pronouncement is open to adjustment or even rebuttal. I am exploring ways to place copies of this little volume into the hands of my male colleagues in a way - as a gentleman would strive to do - that does not suggest that they are unwashed cannibals in their present condition. HOW TO BE A GENTLEMAN is that good. I look forward to reading through this book's sequels. However a gentleman doesn't gush, so I'll stop here.

Although it includes many courtesies that may seem common, "How To Be a Gentleman," by John Bridges, helps the reader refresh on etiquette and reinforce it in their everyday lives. Bridges includes many ideas that many don't seem to follow, such as courtesy at the dinner table or in socializing. For example, the author explains in the chapter "A Gentleman and his Friends," about how if you are introducing two people, you usually introduce the younger person to the eldest. Bridges also includes such small things as thank-you notes, how to be a host, how to behave in a social event, etc., and it is these small things that all add up to making a gentleman. Even though many of us may think that we already know these courtesies, the book helps the reader to more concretely follow this long and respected tradition of being a Gentleman, a line that is extinguishing with every day that passes.

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