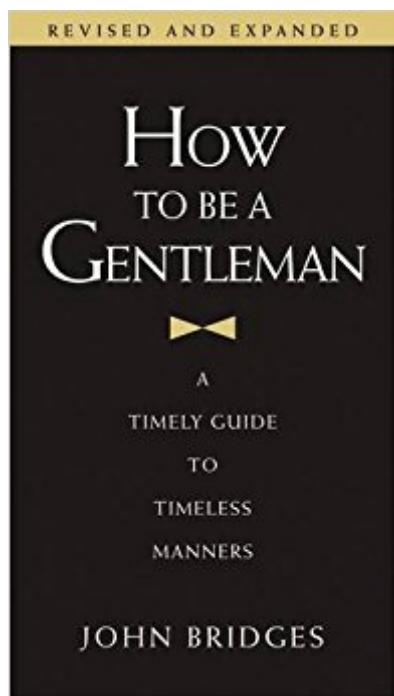


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# How To Be A Gentleman: A Timely Guide To Timeless Manners



## **Synopsis**

How to Be a Gentleman: A Timely Guide to Timeless Manners is the revised and updated edition of the smash-hit How to Be a Gentleman and offers practical advice on being a gentleman in the twenty-first century. Should you take your BlackBerry on vacation? What is the best way to accept a compliment? Is an e-mail an acceptable means of writing a Thank-You note? While the tenets of gracious behavior never change, the situations a gentleman faces do and have changed significantly in the last ten years. In this revised, updated, and expanded version of the bestselling How to Be a Gentleman, Bridges addresses new issues such as airport security, Bluetooth and BlackBerry usage, and appropriate internet and instant message communication. Still featured are topics ranging from how to receive a compliment to how to act at funerals. Certain to be the must-have guide for the modern gentleman, this revised edition will echo the success of its predecessor.

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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.

Good manners are important. It is important to have class in life. As society continues to change, there still needs to be individuals that understand the role of the gentleman in life. I have never been one to have excelled in this area, but as I continue to age, I thought I better do some work on myself. I was not really sure what to read, so I looked on , and this book seemed pretty good, so I got it. And I liked it. It is a pretty easy read, nice and short, and to the point. It covers the majority of the events and situations you will face and life, and some that you might never, like meeting the president. Overall the book will tell you how to attend a fancy dinner, cell phone usages or lack thereof, how to dress, and there are a thousand different pieces of advice. There is advice on how to work a crowd, and it provides good opening lines. There is advice on topics that are rarely addressed like the process of introductions. Here is some wisdom. "A younger person is always introduced to an older person. For example, when Larry Lyons, who is in his twenties, is introduced to Mr. Allgood, who is in his fifties, a gentleman says, "Mr. Allgood, I'd like you to meet Larry Lyons." Even if a younger woman is being introduced to any older man, a gentleman makes sure to say the older person's name first." There is good advice on the use of the internet or email in social engagements. You never cancel online, but rather, you call because this is classy, and not being a coward. Here is the rule. Unless he has absolutely no other alternative, a gentleman never breaks a date by leaving a voice-mail message or via e-mail. Unless he must cancel because of a last-minute emergency, he considers such behavior the coward's way out." There is even good advice on treating one another well. I like these lines. A gentleman takes care not to critique a friend's behavior too frequently, lest the friend feel that he is being constantly scrutinized. Ultimately, he knows that a good friend is even one with more than a few foibles is to be treasured, not tormented."If you are looking for a quick, one stop gentlemen rule book, this is a good one. It is brief, goes to the point quickly, and covers almost every situation you can think of. It is probably something that all men should brush up on in life.

Timeless manners are vital to a society. This is an excellent guide for all men but especially to guide a young man in how to act in multiple settings. Acting with manners demonstrates respect to your host and speaks volumes of you as a person. Being a gentleman doesn't mean being rich in material wealth but rich in putting others ahead of yourself. It is simply written. Very easy to follow. The book will fit easily in your satchel.

I ordered How to be a Gentleman (on Kindle) because I was becoming aware that, like society in general, I was beginning to forget my manners. In fact, coming from a rural, blue-collar Missouri family, I realized I might have been lacking a few niceties to begin with. John Bridges does an excellent job at making manners relative in the 21st century. He strives to include young gentlemen (dating, job interviews) and older gentlemen (trimming nose hair, etc.) in his exhortations to be thoughtful. I picked up a number of useful tips (including facing those seated when entering or exiting a row of patrons in theatre seating, so one's derriere does not parade in front of each patron's face). On a few I had to grin guiltily, such as "A gentleman never drinks directly from a milk carton, even when the gentleman lives alone." There has always been a difference of opinion in defining "lady" and "gentleman." Occasionally Bridges does seem to lapse into the uppercrust mindset that a gentleman, rather than being "any male who wishes to act thoughtfully," is defined as "any male who wishes to act thoughtfully, makes over \$100,000 a year and is able and willing to spend thousands of dollars year on clothes, entertaining and tipping. Still, one can quickly skip over segments that he is sure will never apply to him. (As someone who winces when he pays \$8 for a fast food meal and has probably had the equivalent of one large glass of (very cheap) wine in his life, I'll just google "how much to tip a wine steward" should the need ever arise!) Overall it is a very helpful, thoughtful book. I strongly recommend it, as any gentleman would.

This is an excellent book to help people (male and female) to learn and understand what is good and acceptable etiquette in today's deteriorating environment. I would recommend this book to all High School, College and Business people working their way up the Corporate food chain of life. Somethings or items are a little over the top like for those stuck-up snobbish people. In today's Society, where people have forgotten what virtues, morals and values are, there is good information available that people can learn from. WSH

I bought this for my teenage son, I am a single mom and without a dad around to tell him these things I thought it would help. We went to dinner at Bonefish Grill and I sat and read many of the tidbits to him. Some were ridiculous, even mentioned something about a phone booth. My son just looked at me... "what is a phone booth?" Otherwise there are many good pointers for him to be a great guy!

I pray and hope that every Mother purchase this book for their son. My son just graduated Drexel University and has requested that I purchase this for him for Christmas and when I did and it

arrived, i couldn't believe that this book wasn't flying off the shelf. Steve Harvey should teach out of this book.

Not entertaining. I finished reading it simply because I did not want to feel like I totally wasted the money. It's not that I disagree with anything, there just wasn't anything that 'wowed' me.

This book is something every man should read. This and its mate, **AS A GENTLEMAN WOULD SAY** are absolutely amazing. Sadly many men have no interest in being a gentleman. I could hardly put these books down once I got them and they are a true social blessing.

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