Do I Have To Say Hello? Aunt Delia's Manners Quiz For Kids And Their Grownups

Delia Ephron

with drawings by Edward Koren

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Synopsis

Twenty-five years after its original publication, Do I Have to Say Hello? Aunt Delia’s Manners Quiz for Kids and Their Grown-ups is back, and do we and our kids all need it. In a series of light-hearted multiple choice quizzes, alternate scenarios, and true-or-false questions, Delia Ephron and Edward Koren, the author and illustrator team who brought us the best-selling How to Eat Like a Child, depict a range of possibilities that reflect life as it is as well as life as it ought to be. Covering table manners, car manners, playground manners, school manners, and more, this is a book that is sure to delight (and horrify) adults and children of all ages.

Aunt Delia knows what makes the difference between a pleasant and an excruciating visit to a friend’s house in the company of a young child. She knows the proper order in which the following actions take place: (a) Throw up; (b) Get out of the car; (c) Ask Uncle Jerry to pull over. In short, she is practical and basic: she does not get into fish forks, but she knows what to do with bubble gum. She also deals with such things as kindness, sharing, consideration, generosity, and diplomacy. Delia Ephron’s painfully on-target text is complemented by Edward Koren’s hilarious drawings, which “as everâ “present us not as we might wish to appear, but as we really are.

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Customer Reviews
Do I Have To Say Hello, by Delia Ephron, is a really great manners book for kids. It is hilariously funny - my 5 year-old son and I were laughing so hard that it was difficult to keep reading - but also very clear about good manners. It's presented as a book-length quiz with multiple choice answers. The wrong answers are obviously wrong, but are quite realistic in showing bad manners. The reader gets the point about what's right, but in a way that is extremely funny, never preachy or sanctimonious. For example: "You want another helping of corn. Do you say, "Please pass the corn, Uncle Jerry"? Do you say, "Yo, corn"? Do you bang the table with your knife until Aunt Delia and Uncle Jerry ask what you want?" The book also makes it obvious that good manners have everything to do with treating other people with kindness and consideration instead of just learning the proper form. For example, there's nothing about which fork to use, but plenty about being civil when you are served food you hate. I have already bought this book four times for various kids, and I am terribly disappointed that it is out of print. Maybe someone from Doubleday will read this review and get the message.

Have you always hated it when you did something and your relatives reprimanded you for it, even though you have no idea why, even when they say that it's bad manners? Well, now you will with this book! It's sort of a parody of those quizzes you find in those magazines like "Vogue" or "Seventeen" and those old, old etiquette books. The right answers are obvious, but the wrong choices are ten times funnier! Edward Koren's pen-and-ink illustrations makes the book all the more funnier (or more disgusting--check out that kid who talked with his mouth full of corn), and Delia Ephron, who wrote an equally funny book about love, does magic to what could have been a really boring topic. By the looks of things today, nobody really pays attention to their manners anymore, do they? Do they?

I am shocked that this favorite is out of print. I am a children's librarian and the book is a hilarious read-aloud. I used to have two copies at my previous job, but now am searching for two more at my new library. This is because one will surely be taken and not returned. The waiting list for this one is mighty long

Hilarious way to teach kids manners. Delia Ephron makes a great 'quiz' with her book Do I Have to Say Hello? Aunt Delia's Manners Quiz for Kids and Their Grown-Ups. With many hilarious choices to choose in already crazy situations, this 'quiz' on manners will have you rolling. If your kids have issues with good manners, read them this book and see what they choose! At times you will
presented with some different types of questions, or be given a small story on what not to do. But in any way you look at it, you will be sure to laugh!

I shouldn't say I really love it, as I gave it as a gift to nieces, but it seems that they are enjoying it as well. Hopefully it will be ridiculous enough to 'stick' in their heads and provide some useful guidance as they grow!

Great book- lighthearted way for young people to think about what to do in a social situation. My kids would read it aloud in the carpool and never tired of it.

My five year old granddaughter absolutely loves it! She says its super! I suggested it to my sister who has taught 2nd and 3rd grade for over 25 years, it is spot on in her opinion...kids need to learn how to navigate the social norms if they are not getting the message at home...if nothing else it can serve to reinforce middle-class norms, simple civility. Refreshing.

We all need to read this book. Today after having lunch with our eleven year old grandson, I realize that more and more. This is a really cute and funny but so very pertinent book for people of all ages. I wish I had it with me during lunch today when I attempted to explain common manners to our boys. This book is on somebody's Christmas list for sure this year. I enjoyed it once before with my own children and will enjoy it again with the next crew. I recommend this book for all parents especially of less than polite youngsters. Good stuff.

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