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50 Things Every Young Lady Should Know: What To Do, What To Say, And How To Behave



Synopsis

School, clubs, soccer practice, piano lessons, study groups, latte with friends, dinner with grandparents, sleepovers, birthday parties, shopping—“young ladies today are always on the go, their busy lives filled with activities and socializing. Girls interact with more people and in more places than ever before. But all of those opportunities to build friendships, make a good impression, and enjoy exciting experiences can go awry if she hasn’t learned the basics of good conduct, respectful interaction, and thoughtful behavior. While the formal rules of etiquette are not taught the way they once were, good manners are as critical today as they ever were. *50 Things Every Young Lady Should Know* provides a modern update on the ageless idea that girls should know appropriate and courteous responses to any given situation. Good manners aren’t just some quaint idea and old-fashioned concept from the past. They’re an essential aspect of every young lady’s path to adulthood and the skills she will need to thrive in whatever she chooses to do. In an ever-changing world, good manners never go out of style.

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Customer Reviews

Our family recently took a road trip and brought this book along. To break up the drive we read a few chapters out loud and fell into quick discussion about each one. Although the book may have been intended for young teenagers (got one of those) it was the older college girls (two of those) plus college boy (one of those) PLUS adults including grandmother who were along for the ride that also enjoyed it. Everyone chimed in with their own examples and added their opinions to each Do or Don't. (It got quite revealing and dishy at one point!) I might suggest to those readers who have had no luck forcing this and other etiquette books on their (needy) teens to do something like this too.

Much more natural and, believe me, the young ones are paying attention too.

When I first picked up the book *50 Things Every Young Lady Should Know* by Kay West, I wasn't sure what to expect. I was interested to learn a little more about etiquette, and perhaps some things I would like to teach my own daughters someday. What I found was a nicely written book with short anecdotes, as well as do's and don'ts for young ladies to follow. I wasn't sure who exactly classified as a young lady, but it seemed like the book was written more for ages 12-16 than anything. It also contained lots of modern advice about acting like a lady. In this day and age, a true "lady" is hard to find, so I was glad that this book emphasized how important being one still is. I especially liked its emphasis on modern social areas, such as texting or Facebook. I guess there's hope that manners and etiquette can still be used in our technology-saturated lives. My only critique was that I wasn't exactly sure how many young girls in the target age would actually read such a book. Maybe I'm wrong, but I don't think at that age I would have fully appreciated a non-fiction book with short points to it. I might have skimmed it, but not actually read it. It would have seemed more appropriate to write the book for mothers in order to help them know what to teach their daughters. Overall, though, it was a good, short read, and I was pleased to find I learned a lot of new pieces of etiquette as well. I would recommend this for mother's or teenage girls who want to learn a little more about etiquette and manners.

Many people believe that etiquette is a thing of the past. Our culture's relative philosophy believes that people can do whatever they want. Yet, in reality, this concept doesn't fly. This book by Kay West is (in essence) an etiquette book for young ladies (approx. middle school age). Unlike the books of the past, this one is relevant to the 21st century. Each of the 50 chapters covers one "thing" such as accepting a compliment or making an apology. It is relevant to today's young ladies who use cell phones, social networks, digital cameras, make-up, and fragrances. They succinctly explain the proper behavior surrounding those subjects with a brief introduction then a do, don't, and why not. Another positive element of this book (other than its adorable pink and gray cover), it begins with simple information--such as the importance of saying please, thank you, and excuse me--then it moves to more "mature" subjects such as borrowing clothes from friends, place settings at a formal dinner, and being asked to dance. Even though I'm not a "young" lady any more, I really enjoyed this book (and even learned a few things too). I would recommend it as an easily understood and applicable book for any early 21st century young lady, especially in a time where everyone delights in informality, yet they are still impressed with those who still use good

manners. This book was given to me by Thomas Nelson publishers as part of their Booksneeze program. I am writing my own, unbiased review.

"50 Things Every Young Lady Should Know" is a great read, not only for young girls, but also for those of us ladies that aren't so young anymore! There are important topics in this book, on exactly what is correct etiquette in many circumstances. Because I was raised as a southern belle, I did know many of them. It covers topics as simple as saying please and thank you and what you should do when you're introduced, plus proper etiquette when you're a dinner guest. It also covers topics that I haven't really thought about in this new age of social networking and using the computer! I actually learned a lot in this book, and plan on going through it with my daughter, making sure she's a lady in every aspect of her life! I recommend this book, and plan to read it again with my step-daughter, teaching her how to be a true lady in every way. I was provided a free copy of this book by BookSneeze, for my honest review.

50 Things Every Young Lady Should Know was such a fun, easy read! Manners are a part of life and need to be practiced by everyone. This book covers everything from Please and Thank You to Sympathy to Facebook etiquette. Even though I knew most of the rules in the book, it was still a good review. I would probably suggest it for girls ages 11-14. Also, the cover was simply gorgeous! As far as looks go, this is one of my favorite books ever! Well done all around, Ms. West! I received this book for free to review from Booksneeze. The review is my own, honest opinion.

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