

Manners and Courtesy

Aliki. Manners. Aliki makes manners accessible to children through colorful cartoon-style illustrations designed to teach some of the basics....Her lively primer sparkles with examples....There's plenty to learn, plenty to look at, and plenty to share in a cleverbook that demonstrates the importance of manners while it makes learning them fun. j 395.122 A

Bardhan-Quallen, S. Tyrannosaurus Wrecks! In a classroom full of young dinosaurs, they all work and play together nicely except for Tyrannosaurus, who destroys everything. With help from his classmates, he finally begins to behave, and in a surprise ending, a female Apatosaurus becomes the new wrecker.
jP Bardhan-Quallen

Beedie, D. The Bear Who Stared. There once was a bear who liked to STARE. Bear doesn't mean to be rude, he's just curious . . . but nobody likes being stared at and it soon gets Bear into trouble. The ladybugs find somewhere else to eat, the birds shoo him away, and an annoyed badger bites his nose. Luckily there's a googly-eyed frog to set Bear straight! He teaches Bear to smile and say "Hello" when looking at people, and Bear is able to make lots of friends. But he still likes to stare at his own reflection! jP Beedie

Best, C. Are You Going To Be Good? is going to his first grownup party – a birthday celebration for Great-Gran Sadie, who is one hundred years old. Robert is so excited he feels like a firecracker about to go off. But once he arrives at the party, it's hard to remember what to do when. "Don't do that!" says Grandpa Jack. "Don't do that!" says Uncle Phil. "Don't do that!" says Cousin Sidney. But what will Great-Gran Sadie say? jP Best

Berger, S. Martha Doesn't Say Sorry. Adorably clad in her pink dress and matching headband, Martha is ready to do just about anything-except say those three little words: I am sorry. But when this sweet but stubborn otter learns that niceties like cookies, piggyback rides, and hugs are for people who apologize our mischievous heroine learns the ultimately rewarding feeling that comes with saying she's sorry. jP Berger

Brown, M. Perfect Pigs: An Introduction to Manners. A humorous introduction to good manners to use with family, friends, at school, during meals, with pets, on the phone, during games, at parties, and in public places. j 395.122 B

Chapman, C. Pass the Fritters, Critters. "Pass the cantaloupe, Antelope," "Pass the muffin, Puffin," etc.--but he is refused each time. Finally, an adult reminds him that there's a "magic word," which, of course, is "please." The banquet then begins, and the boy dispels all doubts about his courtesy with such pleasantries as "After you, Kangaroo." jP Chapman

Cole, B. The Bad Good Manners Book. Would you put a skateboard on the stairs? Or leave the water running until the tub overflows so you can go snorkeling around the bathroom? Of course not! Here are some tips on good manners, bad manners--and no manners at all. Babette Cole's wild and wacky do's and don'ts will have little angels--and mischief makers--giggling with glee.
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Cuneo, D. Mary Louise Loses Her Manners. When Mary Louise starts saying things like "fleas" and "spank you" instead of "please" and "thank you", she realizes that she has lost her manners and goes in search of them.
j PAR PIC Cuneo

Doudna, K. Hello.
I Am Sorry.
May I?
Please.
Thank You.

The Easy Reader format makes these accessible to emergent readers, and also makes them good for introducing manners to young children. jE Doudna

Edwards, P. Rude Mule. A rude mule learns that he has more fun when he uses good manners. jP Edwards

Finn, C. Manners in Public. Why do you have to wait in line? What should you say when the waiter brings your food? Find out how you can use good manners in public. j PAR PIC Finn

Fredrickson, L. Watch Your Tongue, Cecily Beasley. Rude little Cecily Beasley suffers the consequences of making one too many faces when a bird builds its nest on her tongue and she must wait with her tongue stuck out for the babies to hatch. jP Frederickson

Gosney, J. Naughty Parents. A child's parents are very naughty in the park, getting dirty, splashing in puddles, and dribbling ice cream. jP Gosney

Ingalls, A. Basic Manners.
Being a Good Guest.
Good Manners in Public.
Good Manners on The Phone.
Good Manners with Family.
Good Table Manners.

Bright double-page sections combine advice about politeness with large, often full-page illustrations. Ingalls emphasizes that manners are based upon respect and consideration for others, and her suggestions for developing good habits are clear and understandable. j 395.122 Ingalls

Joslin, S. What Do You Say, Dear? What do you say when you bump into a crocodile on a crowded city street, a nice gentleman introduces you to a baby elephant, or the Queen feeds you so much spaghetti that you don't fit in your chair anymore? j 395.122 Joslin

Kaplan, B. Monsters Eat Whiny Children. Henry and Eve, having ignored their father's warning, are kidnapped by monsters who eat whiny children, but while increasing numbers of monsters argue over how to prepare them, the siblings begin to play nicely. jP Kaplan

Keller, L. Do Unto Otters : A Book About Manners. Mr. Rabbit's new neighbors are Otters. OTTERS! But he doesn't know anything about Otters. Will they get along? Will they be friends? Just treat otters the same way you'd like them to treat you, advises wise Mr. Owl. And so begins Mr. Rabbit's reflection on good manners. jP Keller

Kelley, M. The Rules. These days, being a kid means following rules. Lots of rules. Want a piece of cake? You've got to eat your peas first. Getting dressed? Make sure you've got clean underwear on. It's getting so you can't even stick a peanut up your nose without getting in trouble. *The Rules* is like an etiquette manual for the 21st century. It's filled with admonitions that every kid will recognize, and pictures that are so silly, they might even forget about all those rules--at least for a little while. jP Kelley

Kelly, M. Achoo!: Good Manners Can Be Contagious! This is the story of Suzy Sue and the fateful day when she went Achoo! The truth is she sneezes but doesn't cover her mouth, which sends her animal friends into a frenzy. It's time to teach Suzy Sue some manners. jP Kelly

Lester, H. Me First. Being first isn't always best, as Pinkerton Pig finds out after an encounter with a mean Sand Witch. As always, Helen Lester's wonderfully offbeat humor and Lynn Munsinger's whimsical illustrations result in a hilarious lesson about piggishness. jP Lester

Lester, H. Princess Penelope's Parrot. Spoiled Princess Penelope cannot get her new parrot to talk, even after threatening it and calling it nasty names. But when Prince Percival comes courting, the parrot gets revenge on the greedy princess in a hilarious and fitting conclusion. jP Lester

Lauber, P. What you Never Knew About Fingers, Forks & Chopsticks. Describes changes in eating customs throughout the centuries and the origins of table manners.
j 394.12 L

Manners Mash-Up. From the dinner table to the doctor's office, from the playground to the pool, this irreverent book will help kids navigate any social scenario with utmost grace. j 395.122 Manners

McDonnell, P. The Monsters' Monster. Grouch, Grump, and little Gloom 'n' Doom spend much of their time arguing over who is the "biggest and baddest" until they build a monster together that turns out to be very different that what they expect. jP McDonnell

Melling, D. The Scallywags. The animals in the neighborhood are disgusted by the Wolf family, known collectively as the Scallywags. They spoil things with their shenanigans; they throw their food and nibble on napkins; and, yes, they smell. After the wolves are sent packing, they finally take the criticism to heart. When one wolf suggests that they all improve their manners, he is reminded, "We don't got no manners." Yet they make the effort to learn some, and before long, they are so polite and nicely dressed that they aren't recognized when they show up for a meal. At first the other animals are delighted with their "new" friends, but when the wolves admonish the pigs to stop slurping their soup and the geese to quit honking with food in their mouths, the group begins wishing for the Scallywags to return. jP Melling

Scarry, R. Richard Scarry's Pig Will and Pig Won't. Pig Will minds his manners, but naughty Pig Won't won't! In three stories, Pig Won't learns to play nicely, help with chores, and always say please and thank you jP Scarry

Sierra, J. Suppose You Meet A Dinosaur: A First Book Of Manners. A little girl is shopping in a grocery store when—surprise!—she meets a dinosaur. Don't worry. The dinosaur is very friendly. She's polite, too. In this funny story, told in lilting read-aloud rhyme, the girl has numerous opportunities to be helpful to the clumsy shopping dino and demonstrate when to say "thank you," "excuse me," "I'm sorry," "You're welcome," and other niceties of life. j 395.122 Sierra

Sierra, S. Mind Your Manners, B.B. Wolf. B.B. Wolf, now old and residing in the Villain Villa Senior Center, is invited to the library for a storybook tea. His best friend, a toothsome crocodile, warns him that he will have to mind his manners. B. B. Wolf makes up a song: "Sip your tea and never slurp, say 'excuse me' if you burp. Smile and have a lot of fun, but don't go biting anyone." jP Sierra

Verdick, E. Words Are Not For Hurting. Encourages toddlers and preschoolers to express themselves using helpful, not hurtful, words. Includes a note for parents and caregivers. j PAR PIC Verdick

Wells, R. Hands off, Harry! Harry has trouble keeping his hands off his classmates until Tina thinks of the perfect piece of gym equipment to teach him about personal space. jP Wells

Wells, R. Time-Out For Sophie. Although Sophie wants to be helpful and good, sometimes she ignores her mother, father, and grandmother and must have a time-out. jP Wells

Wheeler, L. Old Cricket. Old Cricket doesn't feel like helping his wife and neighbors to prepare for winter and so he pretends to have all sorts of ailments that require the doctor's care, but hungry Old Crow has other ideas.
jP Wheeler

Wheeler, V. Yes, Please! No, Thank You! Questions, answers and colorful pictures explore situations the calling for polite responses. j PAR PIC Wheeler

Willems, M. The Duckling Gets A Cookie!? The Pigeon is back (hooray!) and this time the drama centers on an adorable little duckling who gets a cookie just by asking--*politely*. Just by asking?! *Politely* reminds the duckling! jP Willems

Willems, M. Time to say "please"! Groups of mice narrate this humorous text as young children try in vain to get what they want, learning along the way that it is helpful to say "Please," "Thank you," "Excuse me," and "I'm sorry." Oh, and you have to mean it, too. jP Willems

Wood, A. Rude Giants Beatrix the butter maid saves Gerda the cow and transforms two rude giants into good neighbors. jP Wood

Yolen, J. How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food? How does a dinosaur eat all his food? Just like kids, dinosaurs have a difficult time learning to behave at the table. jP Yolen