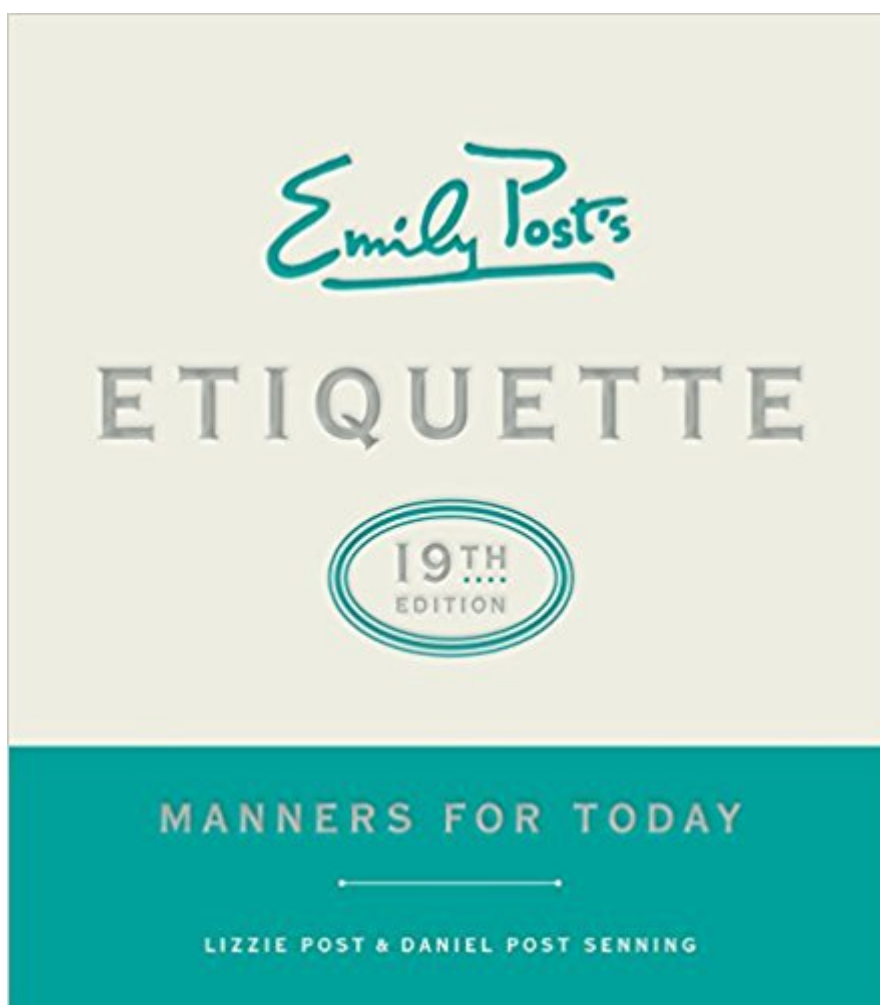


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# Emily Post's Etiquette, 19th Edition: Manners For Today (Emily's Post's Etiquette)



## Synopsis

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(Background): Emily Post was an American journalist whose seminal work ETIQUETTE IN SOCIETY, IN BUSINESS, IN POLITICS, AND AT HOME was first published in 1922. While nobody today would refer to it for advice on getting along in society (however construed), it remains a fascinating read for its insights into 1920's New York City social life and socializing, and for its not inconsiderable use of humor in getting the author's advice across. Emily Post founded the Emily Post Institute in 1946, and under those auspices EMILY POST'S ETIQUETTE, NINETEENTH EDITION, has now appeared. Although it is a convention in publishing to proclaim each new model of an ongoing work "fully" or "completely" revised, this one is not -- not could it or should it be. Specifically, this one shows direct lineage from the Seventeenth Edition of 2004. (The intervening Eighteenth edition dates from 2011 -- these updates appear with some regularity.) The new Nineteenth shows emergence of two of Emily's great-great-grandchildren (yes, two greats), Lizzie Post and Daniel Post Senning, as sole authors. That's an awful lot of lineage but then, it has been 95 years since the original ETIQUETTE appeared. On the whole I think the new Nineteenth is a good and useful book. Readers will find the same good sense as in predecessor editions with advice in how to converse with new acquaintances in both social and business settings (it forthrightly advocates a healthy dose of "small talk" in the beginning), and the whole huge field of behavior in and around weddings receives its due. Happily, an illustration in the book showed me, finally, how to fit my writing to the now-dominant "informal" type of folded card, should I wish to depart from the old "Monarch"-sized sheet that served me so well for so many years. What is notable is the larger field given to electronic social media like Facebook, what behaviors to emulate and which to avoid, and better yet, why. I was a bit surprised to see that the rules on when and when not to remove a hat required a full table, when it's pretty apparent that little has changed: women who wear fancy hats don't take them off except to avoid blocking someone's view or for their own comfort; women who wear the nearly ubiquitous visored "baseball" cap, just like men, take them off when indoors. (Granted, "indoors" in an era of domed stadiums and climatized shopping malls needs extra construction.) This latest book

is going to be very helpful to those who use it; however, like most such etiquette guides it is written from the perspective of its authors, therefore aimed mainly at young adults or married young adults with families. It is gentle and kind, and written with a smile, does not shy away from most hot-button topics yet contains remarkably little humor. I miss the old general-purpose guides like *MISS MANNERS' GUIDE TO EXCRUCIATINGLY CORRECT BEHAVIOR* (a book that so embodied humor even its title is a bit humorous) -- or, for that matter, the original 1922 Emily Post *ETIQUETTE* with its endearingly annoying types like "Mr. Gotrox" or "Mrs. Toplofty" who exemplify bad behavior whatever their intentions. Lately a kind of alt-field of etiquette books has emerged, the kind written for well-intentioned people who occasionally use the "F" word, so to speak -- those have LOTS of humor, much of it sardonic. Sadly, none of the literature I've consulted speaks directly to a concern of mine: When did it become rude to telephone neighbors and friends spontaneously at home, well before bedtime? My purpose is not to proclaim how old-fashioned or obstinate I may be, but simply to avoid causing pain -- and what I can do about it. This is supposed to be a central concern of etiquette. A note that did not influence my rating: I ordered and paid for the thumb-indexed version, but instead received the "smooth" one..

It doesn't get much better than Emily Post when you want to know what is expected in society. Daniel Post-Senning and Lizzie Post have updated this book to meet modern needs, while adhering to old standards where they still apply. No more do women come second to men in etiquette. Yes, you can learn to use your cell phone in such a way that it is not annoying to others. Using the old mantra of "Consideration, Respect, and Honesty", the authors and editors have applied that manner of behavior to modern life. It's not all about what fork to use - this is equally applicable to those of us who are far more prone to casual barbecues and informal invitations as it is those who find themselves needing to understand specifics of formal dining and fancy occasions. Great for recent graduates, along with Lizzie Post's "How Do You Work This Life Thing?"

Everyone should have one of these! We don't have classes on this in school anymore so we need to learn this information somehow.

This is clearly written, but quite a large book. So far, about 60 pages in, I love it.

It has answers for even my trickiest, most specific questions. A wonderful resource. Well organized for easy reference.

Bought as a graduation gift for a high school graduate who needed to brush up on their manners and learn how to treat elderly relatives. As much as I loved it, she apparently didn't since I didn't get a thank you note for the gift.....crazy, right?!

Excellent reference with all the appropriate updates. A must for everyone's home.

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