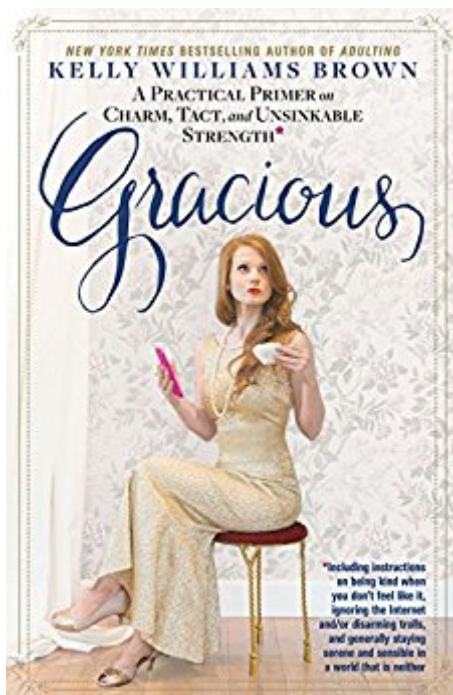


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# Gracious: A Practical Primer On Charm, Tact, And Unsinkable Strength: Including Instructions On Being Kind When You Don't Feel Like It, Ignoring The Internet ... And Sensible In A World That Is Neithe



## Synopsis

From New York Times bestselling author of *Adulting: How to Become a Grown-Up in 468 Easy(ish) Steps* Kelly Williams Brown comes a funny, charming guide to modern civility in these--yes, we'll say it--rather uncivil times. Graciousness is practicing the arts of kindness, thoughtfulness, good manners, humanity, and basic decency. As a bonus, it makes your life and even the world (or at least the room you're in) much lovelier. It's not about memorizing every rule of traditional etiquette to a T (though there is so much there to explore!) or spending all your time maintaining a spotless house. It's about approaching the world with compassion, conviction, self-confidence, and whole-heartedness, whether you're at the Met Gala or saying good morning to a convenience store clerk. From chatting easily with anyone to mastering the subtleties of social media etiquette (hint: block early, block often), Brown has talked to gracious women and men all over the country to give you easy ways to embody your own graciousness. Throughout the book, she provides tips on how to deal with the people and circumstances that challenge even the most socially graceful among us, advice on how to practice graciousness in everyday life, and thoughtful discussions on being kind to those around you without ever losing your sense of self. With the wisdom of gracious folk ranging from celebrities to the author's mother-in-law, this book explains the perspective, actions--and, sometimes, inaction--that help us move smoothly and effectively through whatever life tosses at us.

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There is a lot of etiquette and manners books that would tell you how to introduce somebody at a black-tie event or how to dress for a top managers' business meeting. But not so many to give you common sense about behaving in heavy road traffic or moderating online communities. Manners are not some upper-class privilege - everyone can be gracious - and this book is a good proof to that. I will give it to my daughter when she learns enough English to read it.

In a world that feels rushed, frenzied, and often cold and careless, this book poses a lovely idea: "What if we all tried to be a little more gracious?" From setting up your guest room (or couch) for an overnight guest, to hosting a dinner party, to dealing with email and social media, this book is full of sensible tips on how to be more thoughtful, compassionate, and respectful. Plus, Kelly (the author) is hysterically funny. A total joy to read!

Love this book! Its like having a conversation with a good friend! I highly recommend it!

Very good book . Very well written.

Like her first book, Gracious is full of practical tips and a lot of common sense, which isn't so common these days. It seems to be directed more toward those of her gender and generation, but even a 60+ male like me got some good reminders and new information. Unlike many of the prim and proper etiquette books of the past, Kelly provides needed guidance about the whole topic of social media. Her chapter on being gracious to yourself is also a good pick-me-up. What I like most of all is her writing style and her humor in nearly every paragraph. Be sure to read the footnotes--some of them are priceless.

In our world right now, we all need to read this book and take it to heart!!! Simple graciousness would make so many of our problems go away! Kelly does a wonder job of making this ideal seem like an attainable reality.

I bought it in Kindle, hardcover, and audible, and sent emails to many friends to read it. It's that good. Don't miss it. Wow, this was actually useful in the real world situations we all face.

I'm enjoying this book and finding plenty of food for thought in it's pages. It is one of those books, however, I think would be much better as an audiobook or in print. It appears that the print version has many sections which are in different fonts or text boxes which then can't be re-sized in my Kindle version--some I can't read at all. I have also had difficulty finding the sections referenced in the footnotes (many of which are very amusing and really should be connected to the text!) I would have sprung for Whisper-sync for this book because I sensed it was a book that would be enhanced by being read by someone from the South. Sadly, it wasn't available.

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