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Gentleman Should Know is a young man's guide to becoming the type of guy that people respect and enjoy. He knows how to shake hands. He knows how to be a good sport. He knows how to give a genuine compliment and how to speak his mind without being offensive. His friends listen to what he has to say, and he returns the favor. He knows how to achieve the perfect knot in a necktie, and more important, he knows when he should be wearing a tie in the first place. Oh, and his favorite ball cap? He knows when to wear it and when to leave it at home on his dresser. Becoming a gentleman doesn't happen in an instant; it's a lifelong exercise in refining etiquette, social interaction, and personal discipline. It all begins here.

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Angela says

I learned about this book just in time. Now I can teach my boys some important things before dating and going on their missions!

Molly says

I am making my son read this as well - much of the advice is perfect for anyone, not just young men.

Anne says

Every young guy should read it. It's full with 'common sense' tips. Written in a very simple, fun and easy to follow language.

Laela says

I find myself walking around telling my family what a young gentleman would and would not do. I don't even have a young gentleman in my house. It is a lot of stuff you probably know, but it's always nice to be reminded. I know that I have deflected a few compliments in my day instead of just saying "Thank You." Thank you for taking the time to read this review ;)

JP says

I wish I'd had this as a kid. I like that it encourages young men to act like young men, not little boys. It also provides a modern perspective on classic manners.

Bradley says

A neat little book full of simple yet helpful tips for being a respectful, decent human being. I just wish I had read it sooner. At 22 the language and examples used in the book are not exactly relevant, though the lessons behind most of them still are. My only gripe is the gender bias the book inherently implies. Most, if not all of the things listed in the book are equally relevant to young women as well as young men, as I am sure is true with its accompanying book, marketed towards young ladies.

Yuri Karabatov says

Cute. Was over just when I hit a good pace (it's a bit under 200 pages). Would be useful if I were twelve or thirteen :)

Jo says

This is written for today's teens.

James Marsh says

Personal Confession Time: Growing up I felt like an alien placed on this planet who had to study how to interact with people and learn how humans relate to one another. I saw other kids acting and playing like normal kids with each other but I largely did not understand how they knew to do such things. I was Sheldon Cooper without the genius intellect.

I would do or say things, observe the reaction and try to learn to recalibrate for future situations.

Eventually I found books like *How To Win Friends and Influence People* and books on different personality types which taught me a great deal and now I more or less comport like humans are expected. They were my Bible.

This book would have been (and still is a life saver) Sure, it's not scintillating reading, but it is still a pretty easy and short read, and I cannot tell you the number of times I've said or done the wrong thing for the situation and have inadvertently hurt or offended people. This is a simple how to – Do This or Please Avoid That which takes all of the guess work out.

I've seen them sell these books at the cash register at Men's Warehouse, where they can tell you to dress like a normal human and now you can read how to act like one as well.

Disclaimer: To any and all alien pod people reading this review – please DO NOT go to Men's Warehouse to learn how to dress and act like us in order to infiltrate our society and take over. Please keep your quirky mannerisms that will allow us to easily detect you.

Rebecka says

This book had some good advice, but the way it was presented was annoying. Every other sentence started with "A gentleman always..." or "A gentleman never...". It got annoying real quick. OK we get it, the book is about what gentleman should and should not do, I don't need a constant reminder.

Also, I read the *50 Things Every Young Lady Should Know* and was disappointed by the gender bias'

between them. I was looking for books for my nieces and nephews mainly with advice regarding table manners. The ladies' book had a whole chapter on table manners and dinner etiquette but it was completely missing from the gentleman's book. Why do girls need to know proper dinner etiquette but boys don't? Girls need to know all the proper etiquette but boys basically just need to be told not to scratch their balls or pick their nose at the table? No thanks.

Amy says

read a few to my boys at the dinner table every night and discussed them. Think this might be one to own and keep close by!!

Nat Harward says

Bought this book as an undergrad and re-read now -- will give it away soon so someone can make use of it. While it's meant for boys around ages 10-16, I found helpful tips in it both times. Helpful in the sense that it's always good to think about things from another's perspective -- and that's what 90% of manners is. Seeing things from someone's point of view and behaving with care for their position.

Mark Muckerman says

"Gentleman" is not a dirty word.

It's the little differences, the social graces, which separate the gentleman from the common man. It is not top hats, capes and attending the opera. It is holding doors for a lady, saying thank you for a gift in all circumstances, and knowing which silverware to use, and when. It is knowing when to speak, and when to hold commentary; it is knowing what to say and what not to say in changing circumstances.

Bridges once again provides an insightful, thoughtful and practical practicum for the young man, and any man, who aspires to behave most appropriately in unexpected situations.

More gentlemen wouldn't be a bad thing. . .

Bert Zee says

Hehehe, what a great little book this is. It's addressed to young teenage men but really it's something that all men should own, no matter what your age. It's not a humour book but it's told in a rather humorous, light-hearted way that entertained me a bunch. My favourite part was when it was discussing how you should conduct yourself when at the movie theatre, very funny.

Chivalry is dead, manners are dead, saying "please" and "thank you" is a thing of the past sadly (I work in retail, believe me I know) but for those young men out there who pride themselves on having manners I'd suggest adding this fun guide to your collection.

Anthony says

It is a great book, written with valuable advice and written in an accessible form.

My key takeaways:

- Sorry is not enough – tell what you are going to do to make things right
 - If you can't repay for a mistake you have done, offer to work out an arrangement
 - Keep distance from people who hurt your feelings
 - When you accept apology, accept it fully, with no conditions
 - Do write hand written thank you notes
 - When someone compliments you, say 'Thank you, I have work hard to achieve this.'
 - Don't keep quit when you have learnt that someone is going to do something wrong or something that could cause someone to be hurt
 - Pay attention to what people like and dislike
 - Spend an amount of money you can afford on a present
 - Speak clearly and pleasantly over the phone. Let people know who they are talking to
 - Losing builds character. It makes you try harder next time. Say Good game, Congratulations when you lose
 - Find ways to occupy your mind when you are bored
 - Let hosts know about your dietary restrictions
 - Open the door for people, if you are in a close distance
 - Never call attention to other person thoughtlessness
 - If you don't know how to dress well, ask women. Women love to recommend clothes
 - Learn how to use an iron
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