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Emily Post: Emily's Everyday Manners

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Post, Peggy and Cindy Post Senning. *Emily Post: Emily's Everyday Manners*. Illustrated by Steve Bjorkman. Collins, 2006. ISBN 0060761741. \$16.99. 32 p.

Reviewer: Eliza Nevin

Reading Level: Preschool

Rating: Dependable

Genre: Informational books;

Subject: Etiquette for children and teenagers--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

Emily and her friend Ethan practice basic etiquette with their family and friends and the strangers they meet. They practice the dos and don'ts of manners and show examples of how they should behave in public, at home, and when visiting friends.

The manners presented are important for young readers to learn, but the main goal discussed by the authors in a note to parents—teaching children respect and consideration—doesn't come across as easily in the text. Bjorkman's soft watercolors are clear and entertaining. They illustrate the text well, but it is sometimes difficult to match illustrations to the chunk of text they are supposed to accompany. A decent book for starting discussions and teaching opportunities about manners.