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# How to Behave at a Tea Party

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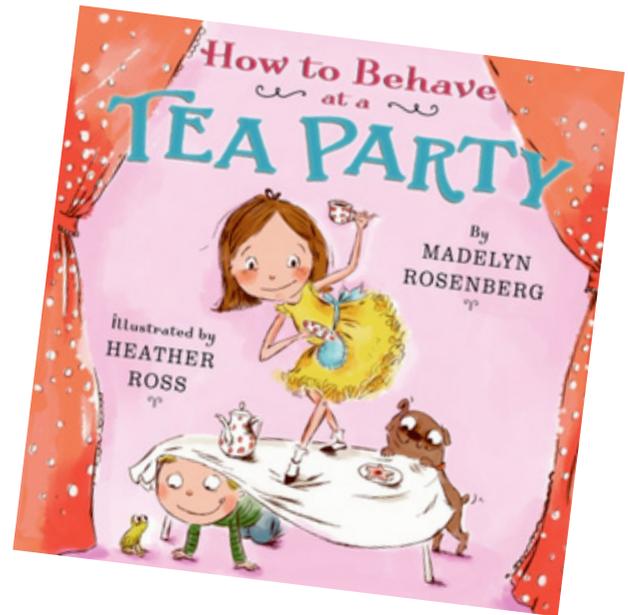
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# Book Review

**Title:** How to Behave at a Tea Party  
**Author:** Madelyn Rosenberg  
**Illustrator:** Heather Ross  
**Reviewer:** Kristie Hinckley  
**Publisher:** HarperCollins Children's Books  
**Publication Year:** 2014  
**ISBN:** 9780062279262  
**Number of Pages:** 32  
**Interest Level:** Preschool, Primary  
**Rating:** Excellent



## Review

Julia, a spunky little girl, is bound and determined to throw the best party her brother has ever seen...a tea party! She tries to teach him, and the dog, how to mind their manners. It's simply not Charlie's cup of tea. She learns to take deep breaths and count to...382, but to no avail. She hears a CRASH! and can't hold her anger in any longer. But, if she wants guests at her party she might just have to involve the frog, invite the neighbor boys, and build rocket ships out of sugar cubes. Although having a little brother can be hard, Julia learns that fancy parties are just not for little boys. She finds a way to include them and do what they like and it turns out to be the best party ever!

How to Behave at a Tea Party might remind you of Fancy Nancy, with its digitally created ink and watercolor illustrations. The fonts, capitalization, and italics help you hear Julia's voice coming from the pages of this book. The pictures support the text and children will find each page fascinating with all the little details in the illustrations. Very young readers will enjoy finding the dog and the frog on almost every page. It is a great book for engaging a conversation with children about emotions and conflict resolution. Little girls with brothers will really resonate with Julia in this book. It will have you giggling, no matter how many times you've read it!