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Whether you're in Boston or in Phoenix, and whether you're a record producer or a dog groomer, the same quandaries can occur: Who goes through a revolving door first, a man or a woman? When is it polite to correct someone's mispronunciation of your name? And what if you can't see over the head of the person who has just sat in front of you at the movies?

For Kate Spade, growing up in a large family required good manners, and to this day they are a natural part of her daily routine. In *Manners*, she shares her ideas about etiquette in lighthearted but down-to-earth terms. Kindness, common sense, and levity are the foundation for good manners at home, when dining, in the office, or out in public (at a sporting event or on an airplane). The art of communication is still important today, especially when it comes to written correspondence and being considerate when using cell phones, and Kate has something to say on both subjects. A "Manners Miscellany" concludes the book, casting a wide net over topics such as air kissing and "we must do lunch" to competitive parking, rain checks, and re-gifting.

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### Editorial Review

#### Amazon.com Review

Back in 1993, the editor-turned-designer Kate Spade made a splash in the fashion world by turning out a small collection of boxy, utilitarian handbags, each elegantly accented with her name stitched in discreet, lowercase letters. As a result, the simplicity and unabashed refinement of the Spade moniker on those Lilliputian labels has come to define the very foundation on which the designer has since built a fashion empire, one that now, in addition to handbags, includes shoes, clothing, and smart home things, all of which embody the Spade formula of timeless style--a seamless merging of cheerful colors, clean shapes, and well-chosen embellishments. Not bad for a Kansas City-born girl who used to comb vintage stores for fun. Having perfected and expertly marketed her own brand of personal style (one that has famously been counterfeited throughout the world), the designer has emerged with an equally elegant trio of books whose topics Spade has become a virtual authority: *Style*, *Occasions*, and *Manners*.

Spade overhauls and replenishes our wardrobes in and celebrations in *Occasions*. With *Manners*, the designer steers us through the more sensitive arena of etiquette, showing us how to pull it all together with grace and style. Common conundrums like tipping, thank-you notes, and maneuvering embarrassing moments like "toothsome tidbits" (spinach between your teeth) are all succinctly addressed. But Spade picks up where Emily Post left off by dealing with more modern mysteries like "Cell Hell" and sample sales with wit and wisdom. Best of all the approach is decidedly un-preachy, which makes this new twist on the manners mix a fun read. --*Christene Barberich*

#### From [Booklist](#)

Moving from creating handbags to dispensing advice, Kate Spade, of the eponymous fashion house, plunges into publishing with a smart little book akin to Coco Chanel's oh-so-classic little black dress. Surprisingly, her volume yields a goodly amount of verve and veracity, wit and wisdom. It begins with a few questions and answers (called "Have you ever wondered?"), which function as teasers to what lies within. The book is divided into three sections; two are filled with direct advice and the third is a collection of miscellany. The advice is classic and always in the best of taste. *Barbara Jacobs*

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#### About the Author

Kate Spade grew up in Kansas City, Missouri. After graduation she went to *Mademoiselle* magazine and became senior fashion editor/head of accessories before leaving in 1991. In 1993 she and her boyfriend, now husband, Andy Spade launched kate spade handbags, which has grown exponentially over the past decade and has established Kate Spade as a style icon.

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