



Excuse Me, But I Was Next . . .

How to Handle the Top 100 Manners Dilemmas

By Peggy Post

BURLINGTON, VT, October 3, 2006— They are the situations that happen every day: A woman is behind you in line at the supermarket, yakking on her cell phone about her gynecological exam. Splitting the dinner bill with a couple of close friends quickly becomes a headache. You open yet another tacky gift from your aunt. A client sneezes into his hand moments before your boss introduces you. You're suddenly in a panic because your thank-you notes are late. Or are they? The nagging question is “What am I supposed to do?”

In *Excuse Me, But I Was Next ... How to Handle the Top 100 Manners Dilemmas* (Collins; Oct. 24, 2006, \$19.95) etiquette expert Peggy Post comes to the rescue with an indispensable guide to our most vexing etiquette questions. Peggy addresses these perplexing dilemmas as only she can—with expertise and a direct, personal, down-to-earth style. You'll learn how to politely say “no” to difficult requests, how to introduce someone if you've forgotten her name, how to perform damage control for e-mail bloopers, and much more. In *Excuse Me*, Peggy Post distills the essence of etiquette into a portable powerhouse of solutions, answers, and definite declarations on behavior.

Topics include:

- Ten Conversational Blunders

- Dispelling Wedding Myths
- Six Secrets of Successful Hosts
- Eating Out with Kids: A Survival Guide
- How to Cut Ties with Your Hairdresser
- To Write, or Not to Write, Thank-You Notes

“Most etiquette dilemmas arise when people don’t know what to do. This results in a feeling of uncertainty and ultimately a sense that you may do something wrong or offend someone,” says Peggy Post. “I want this book to help alleviate that feeling of uncertainty and empower people to make informed decisions in any given situation. That way they can navigate life’s social waters with confidence and grace.”

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