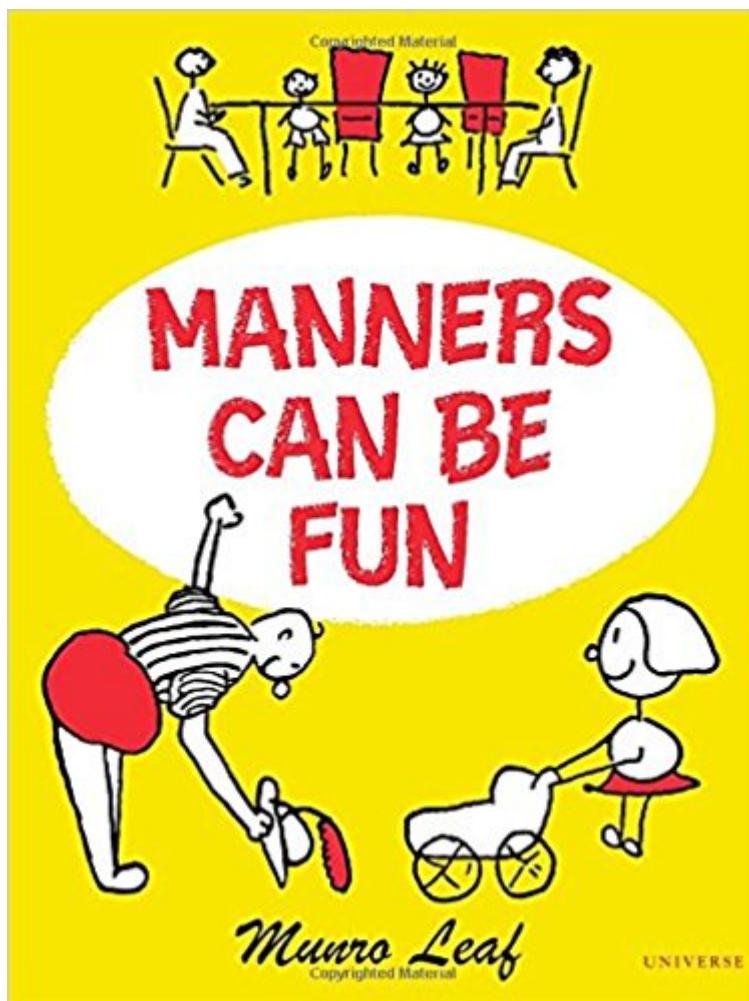


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# Manners Can Be Fun



## Synopsis

Through stick figure drawings and a brief text, beloved and bestselling children's author, Munro Leaf explains why good manners are important. Kirkus believes *Manners Can Be Fun* to be the author's best, both in idea and execution. Manners books are perennials—hardy ones at that—and this makes first steps in etiquette easy and fun. The children's classic begins: "Having good manners is really just living with other people pleasantly." This pleasant book will explain to children why good conduct is essential in the household, on the playground, and beyond. Munro Leaf is best known for *How to Behave and Why* and *The Story of Ferdinand*, which was an overnight international sensation upon its release in 1936.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Monroe Leaf, born in 1905, was the author and illustrator of dozens of children's books. *Manners Can Be Fun* is considered his second most popular book after *The Story of Ferdinand*, the gentle tale of a peaceful bull. Munro Leaf died in 1976 at the age of 71.

I bought this as a gift for my sister, now a grandmother. Our mom had the original of this book, circa 1950s, and it was a humorous way to teach manners and more importantly the beginnings of

empathy and kindness. When a plate of cookies was put on the table, we all remembered Greedy Grabalot, and took just one. Reccommend. Hope its still in print for my grandson when he is old enough to get the message of this book (Ah, the terrible twos!!!)

I love the message and my kids (3 and 5) find it credible and engaging, so it's a win all around. I find the illustrations (which are either done by a 5 year old or an adult as talented an artist as I am) painful but I give the text 6 out of 5 stars so when I take a star off for the over-the-top illustrations we're still at 5/5 ;) Kids who have greater access to exclusively modern media with intense graphics may not be able to relate to the material: the graphics are a big hurdle and the text is pretty dated too. I'm sure an updated version would be even more engaging for my kids but what it lacks in exciting, current graphics it makes up for in specificity and clarity for my two.

"Manners Can Be Fun" covers basics like introductions, please and thank you, being responsible in the home you live in and table manners. It's the illustrations, however, which get the point across and hit the reader over the head. No matter your age, the cute drawings really let one see what others experience when you behave badly. The basics of what's important in life are put into perspective and appreciated all over again. Playing, saying "hello" and so many other topics pertinent to etiquette and consideration are placed on Mr. Leaf's pages in quick, precise prose which encourage action. Munro Leaf's description of The Noisey's, The Pigs, Me First, Whineys, Smash, Rip, Ruin and others assist young and old of what to do around others and what not to do. It's basic, it's short and sweet, it's truly a classic. Like all classics, "Manners Can Be Fun" has not gone out of style. Many thanks to Universe Publishing for placing this wonderful book back on the shelves and into our hands.

What a cute book! I bought it for my 2 and 3 year old boys. We are attempting to teach them simple, common manners in a fun way and they love learning through books. Manners Can Be Fun presents manners in a simple, easy to understand, engaging way. The boys enjoy reading this book and it's a great way to have positive conversations about specific situations they experience daily like sharing toys, picking up after themselves, whining, meal time. It's a fun book!

A great book for small children!

One of my all time favorite books Every generation should have a copy. So happy I was able to still

purchase a hard cover version!!

I have just recently started collecting children's books, which I plan on reading to my grandchildren and great-grandchildren. *Manners Can Be Fun*, a book about courtesy, is my newest purchase. It carries a very simple message about respecting other people, including family members--an essential message young children can easily understand, and should be taught in the home. The illustrations are those children themselves might draw, and I'm sure will relate to and enjoy. I'm very pleased with this sweet little book and can't wait to share it with my family.

Nitwits are the best! I remember reading these in grade school, back in 60's. Very original, effective & timeless writing.

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