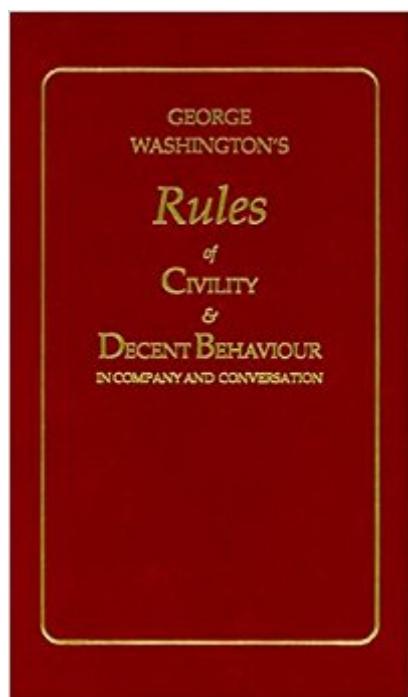


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George Washington's Rules Of Civility & Decent Behavior In Company And Conversation (Little Books Of Wisdom)



Synopsis

Copied out by hand as a young man aspiring to the status of Gentleman, George Washington's 110 rules were based on a set of rules composed by French Jesuits in 1595. The first English edition of these rules was available in Francis Hawkins' Youths Behavior, or Decency in Conversation Amongst Men, which appeared in 1640, and it is from work that Washington seems to have copied. The rules as Washington wrote them out are a simplified version of this text. However much he may have simplified them, these precepts had a strong influence on Washington, who aimed to always live by them. The rules focus on self-respect and respect for others through details of etiquette. The rules offer pointers on such issues as how to dress, walk, eat in public, and address one's superiors.

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George Washington was born in Virginia in 1732. As a young man, he learned the morals, manners, and knowledge necessary to become a Virginia gentleman. He was particularly interested in the military arts and western expansion. At the age of 16, he helped survey Shenandoah lands. At the age of 22, he was commissioned a lieutenant colonel and fought in the first battles of what became the French and Indian War. Unanimously elected as the first President of the United States, Washington served two terms before retiring to Mount Vernon. He passed away on December 14, 1799.

This work is a bit "dated" due to the style of writing and speaking they had at the time, but none-the-less I think most of these lessons would be clear enough for most readers. Most of the lessons are just a few sentences in length. I was able to read it while I was having the dealer rotate my tires, and that took less than an hour! In my opinion, every child should have to read and be tested on this work! It offers general insight on manners and conduct in decent society, and geez do we need that in this country today! Although the writing style might be a bit dated, the concepts and lessons within it are as important as ever!

Beautiful little book and an interesting read. The print is first class. While the wording is not exactly like the original in the Library of Congress, it is closer than any other edition that I have found. The differences are slight and do not detract from the original.

Excellent read! Ideal for any home library especially for your educational library! I wish schools included this in theirs! You won't be disappointed. It is written in the style of its original text and is not updated for an easier to read understanding.

A fine introduction to Washington's personal code of conduct. Most of the rules are common sense and apply to contemporary etiquette, while others are quite dated. The style in this version could have been more appealing, for example by working a little more with the language. The old style can be preserved while at the same time avoiding unnecessarily complicated sentences. A good read, after all.

While helping my young niece with a homework project on George Washington, I mentioned that I owned this book. I had purchased it years ago at a gift shop while on vacation. I fished it out and showed it to her and she liked it so I decided to get a copy for her birthday. I looked it up and bookmarked it but when it came time to purchase it I began reading reviews about all the left-wing diatribes that had been added as commentary. I avoided that version (which looks identical on the cover) and sought out this one. I can attest that it is the same as the version I purchased years ago, with a nice introduction but otherwise free from any extraneous political commentary. It's a small book but it's sturdy, with very nice printing, good quality paper, and nice typesetting.

Recommended.

A MUST for every home, school, and city library!!!! Important truth and history!! You can never learn too much!

Fascinating to read what principals of behavior guided a great president. We need to reintroduce them to our current leaders.

Ha! George would turn over in his grave if he saw the "civil" society of this country today

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